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Page 1: Candidate Information

Q1

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Page 2: COVID-19 Response and Recovery

Q8

What steps do you think our state and/or counties should take to aid this recovery? Some examples could include how you think federal funds should be spent, diversifying the state's economy, etc.

The State should pay more attention to local ranchers and food producers. For years the DLNR has hindered the States agriculture industry by not allowing for land transfers (Act 90-2003) - which would allow for farmers and ranchers to have a viable chance in the local food production market in Hawaii. Lowering or removing certain laws and taxes to make it easier for local business to operate in Hawaii, as well as helping those affected by the pandemic to have a chance at survival.

Q9

Please share some of the efforts you have led or participated in response to COVID-19.

In early March I lead the Hawaii Youth Livestock Association to be the First to action in rendering Aid to Molokai Kupuna through collaborative efforts with House Rep Lynn DeCoite my Keiki sent 100 care packages to Kupuna on Molokai immediately after the shut down of the islands only 2 grocery stores. Likewise organized and sent 100 Kupuna care packages to the Hana community. These care packages included masks which at the time were in short supply. I also lead the group to be one of the first groups to provide cloth masks and we are still providing hand sewn cloth masks to the Staff, & Residents at Hale Makua Health Systems in Maui. My Ohana and I have assisted through other venues such as our local church, and community non-profits where needed or as asked. Most recently we assisted with the repair of a security gate for the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust in Waihee which was damaged by vandals.

Q10

Additional thoughts/comments:

As a Native Hawaiian I truly believe in "Kuleana" I believe it is our responsibility to care for our Kupuna and our Keiki, but we can only do that by ensuring our own health and safety. If we fall ill we are of no use to anyone else.

Page 3: Tobacco and E-Cigarette Regulations

Q11

What policies do you think the state and/or counties should enact to reduce tobacco and e-cigarette use?

I believe that implementing a higher tax on tobacco products including e-cigarette liquids would be a great deterrent. Having stricter consequences for retailers caught selling to minors, as well as for children and parents of children caught with items of contraband in schools.

Q12

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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| Apply a tobacco tax to e-cigarettes, such as a percentage of the wholesale cost or taxing e-liquid by volume. | Strongly Support |
| Prohibit the sale of all flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes and flavored e-liquids. | Support |
| Restrict online sales of e-cigarettes to tobacco retailers only, in order to curb illegal sales to minors. | Strongly Support |
| Increase the tobacco tax on cigarettes to help smokers quit and prevent new users from starting. | Strongly Support |
| Funds from the tobacco settlement and tobacco taxes should fund tobacco prevention and cessation efforts. | Support |
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Q13

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

Page 4: Healthy Eating + Active Living

Q14

What steps do you think the state and/or counties should take to ensure food security for all of Hawaii's people, and to significantly increase food self-sufficiency for our state?

Again goes back to supporting our local ranchers and farmers, on Maui there has not been an agriculture land lease from the DLNR in over 20 years yet there are thousands of acres available. The Local Maui District land agent keeps telling the DLNR in Oahu we do not have land available when the lands we did have he has allowed to become tremendously overgrown, creating fire hazards, harboring slugs & other critters known to carry rat-lung worm & other diseases. Although I, as well as other Ranchers and the Hawaii Cattlemans' Association have brought this to the attention of the Department heads many times our voices continue to be ignored.

Q15

In 2019, Hawai'i made a commitment to adopt Vision Zero, an initiative to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. What policies and infrastructure changes should the state and/or counties make to achieve this goal?

We cannot prevent what we cannot control. however awareness, and stricter penalties for those who are caught with illegal vehicles, registration, safety checks, Driving with out a license, DUI's, speeding, does help to deter. This is something I would like to look into more, infrastructure changes would need to be looked into and researched.

Q16

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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| We must significantly increase public investment in food systems workforce development, including programs such as farm to school, agriculture and food systems education (PreK-12 and higher education), and farmer training programs. | Strongly Support |
| The state should continue to invest in a Double Up Food Bucks program, which doubles the value of SNAP benefits when buying fresh, locally grown produce at participating retailers. | Oppose |
| Enact a one-cent per-ounce fee on sugar-sweetened beverages. | Oppose |
| Use revenue from a sugar-sweetened beverage fee for obesity prevention programs. | Oppose |
| Make health and physical education (PE) courses a curriculum requirement, rather than an option, for middle school students. PE is currently a requirement for elementary and high school students. | Support |
| Implement a red light camera program to deter red-light running and help curb traffic fatalities and injuries. | Support |
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Q17

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

Page 5: Oral Health

Q18

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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| Reinstate coverage of preventative dental benefits for Adult Medicaid participants. | Support |
| Fluoridation of community water supplies is an effective way to prevent tooth decay. | Oppose |
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Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

Page 6: Alcohol Regulations

Q20

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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| Increase in alcohol taxes. | Support |
| Repeal of the alcohol takeout laws that allow people to buy and take home liquor-based mixed drinks from restaurants. | Oppose |
| Repeal of alcohol delivery laws that allow restaurants to deliver beer and liquor-based mixed drinks to people's homes. | Oppose |
| Increase in enforcement that helps ensure that youth do not access alcohol through existing laws allowing for alcohol takeout and delivery. | Strongly Support |
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Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

Page 7: Marijuana Regulations

Q22

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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| Do you support legalizing recreational marijuana sales in Hawai'i? | Strongly Oppose |
| If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana be regulated by the Department of Health? | Strongly Oppose |
| If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the price of marijuana be regulated? | Strongly Oppose |
| If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the promotion and advertisement of marijuana sales be regulated? | Strongly Oppose |
| If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana potency be regulated? | Strongly Oppose |
| If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the number and placement of marijuana outlets be regulated? | Strongly Oppose |
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Q23

Additional thoughts/comments:

I do not support any form of Recreational Marijuana use in our Communities.

Page 8: Economic Justice

Q24

What are your immediate plans to help make Hawai'i more affordable for its residents?

Would recommend to immediately remove taxes from the health care industry, make access to health care medical & dental easier for people to afford. Remove many of the zoning restrictions, & permitting fees and laws that make it difficult for developers to build true affordable housing, roll back on many of the other restrictions & taxes that make it hard to open/run businesses in Hawaii.

Q25

What is the role of government in addressing housing affordability issues and what would you do to encourage the production of more affordable homes for Hawai'i residents?

Again rolling back zoning laws and permitting, looking at creating more "affordable rental" programs that lead into "home ownership" to teach young families financial responsibility, perhaps implementing a program similar to Hawaii Habitat for Humanity or a 99 year lease program similar to the Hawaiian Homes program as Maui county did.

Q26

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Increase the state's minimum wage in a series of annual steps to a living wage of \$17 per hour. **Oppose**

Create a statewide Paid Family Leave Program, which would allow up to 12 weeks for employees to provide care for a newborn, bond with a new child, or care for a family member with a serious health condition. **Support**

Q27

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:
