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Page 1: Candidate Information

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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.

In this pandemic, we need to ensure state government is there to help as many people as possible. The state budget cannot and should not be balanced as long as the pandemic continues to suffocate our economy. The state constitution permits an unbalanced budget during times of emergency, which we are clearly in today. Trying to cut the state budget will only exacerbate our economic pain. The good news is that we have more options than ever to access credit, such as the federal Municipal Liquidity Facility and Department of Labor. With these tools, we must protect the continued delivery of services to the most vulnerable in our society.

Q9

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

I have supported efforts to deploy federal CARES Act funding as rapidly as possible. Recognizing that the housing shortage has been greatly exacerbated by the pandemic, I have started a housing webinar/podcast series and newsletter. I hope the conversations we have will set the stage for a rapid recovery in housing construction, which will also assist greatly in the economic recovery process.

Q10

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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?

Tobacco and e-cigarette usage creates long-term health problems and increases state expenditures for medical care. I believe we should reduce demand for harmful tobacco and e-cigarette products through the use of higher taxes and increase social services.

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. | Strongly 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. | Strongly Support |

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?

Hawaii imports 85 - 90% of its food, and I would like to see more local food be grown in Hawaii. The State can serve the local agricultural food sector by providing market and pricing data as it used to pre-Great Recession before funding was cut. This would allow agricultural producers to better coordinate and strategize to maximize growth opportunities. The Department of Agriculture funding makes up less than 1% of the state's budget and that does not provide nearly enough support to help grow this sector of the economy.

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 need additional roadway infrastructure including dedicated bicycle and walkway networks that physically separate those traveling in a vehicle from those traveling via alternative modes of transportation. This investment will encourage usage of cleaner and healthier transportation options while reducing the number of cars on the road. In the long run, Hawaii should continue to research and allow controlled testing of low-speed autonomous vehicles to identify if this technology can prevent accidents and allow mobility to seniors and those not physically capable of driving.

Q16

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

- 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. **Strongly Support**
- Enact a one-cent per-ounce fee on sugar-sweetened beverages. **Strongly Support**
- Use revenue from a sugar-sweetened beverage fee for obesity prevention programs. **Strongly Support**
- 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. **Strongly Support**
- Implement a red light camera program to deter red-light running and help curb traffic fatalities and injuries. **Strongly Support**

Q17

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

Page 5: Oral Health

Q18

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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

Q19

Additional thoughts/comments:

Healthy teeth are an overlooked problem in Hawaii. This can lead to increased health problems for our residents. Each dollar invested in dental care will reap many more through increased labor force productivity and reduced medical care expenses. The anti-fluoridation movement is anti-science, and we must stand strong for public health against these unjustified objections.

Page 6: Alcohol Regulations

Q20

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Increase in alcohol taxes.	Strongly 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

Q21

Additional thoughts/comments:

Under normal circumstances, increasing the availability of alcohol through takeout and delivery services would be a very bad idea. Unfortunately, restaurants have been very hard hit by the pandemic, so takeout and delivery is a critical economic lifeline for them during these difficult times.

Page 7: Marijuana Regulations

Q22

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Do you support legalizing recreational marijuana sales in Hawai'i?	Strongly Support
If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana be regulated by the Department of Health?	Strongly Support
If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the price of marijuana be regulated?	Strongly Support
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 Support
If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana potency be regulated?	Strongly Support
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 Support

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

Page 8: Economic Justice

Q24

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

The largest component of Hawaii's cost of living is the cost of housing. I have developed a comprehensive plan, the ALOHA Homes proposal, to build large scale affordable housing for local residents. It would provide 99-year leasehold housing for \$300,000 near transit stations in high density, mixed use, car-free neighborhoods, which will increase pedestrianism while minimizing car traffic and carbon emissions. It will be available to all Hawaii residents regardless of their income. This plan is based on the Singapore public housing model, which successfully houses 82 percent of its population in well-maintained, attractive homes.

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?

Government is the only entity that can ensure the production of enough housing to meet demand. For decades, Hawaii has consistently built less housing supply than required by even the natural birthrate of the local population, putting aside migration from the mainland or overseas. This is due to the anti-development policies passed by lawmakers in response to communities' justified complaints about increasing traffic, blocked views, noise, congestion, and the loss of inventory to wealthy overseas investors and vacation rentals. For the foreseeable future, the public will not permit private sector developers to produce enough supply to meet demand.

The State is the largest landowner near the rail stations, and it does not need to make a profit. It can dictate the terms of the housing growth in accordance with the consensus of the electorate: a low price of \$300,000 per unit or \$1,500 for a mortgage payment, maximum walkability and minimal car usage to prevent traffic impacts, 99 year leases rather than permanent fee simple alienation of lands, limitation to local residents rather than outsiders, and refusal to urbanize one inch of agricultural, conservation, or otherwise undeveloped land. Through the delicate balance of the dozens of pages of ALOHA Homes provisions, the State can thread the needle of the myriad public concerns that have stymied housing supply growth for decades.

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. **Strongly Support**

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. **Strongly Support**

Q27

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments: