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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.

Fiscal Accountability, eliminate monetary waste and locate missing funds.

We need to prioritize the budget and spending. Our state is in a deficit. We need to be living and spending frugally as a state. Collaboration will be key in diversifying our state's economy. Some ideas I have are Agriculture to promote food security as well in our islands. Also, promoting and incentivizing creativity and innovation will be important. Supporting local businesses more in policies that will help them thrive are also important. Before covid19, Hawaii was last place in the country to run a business.

Q9

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

The Hawaii FoodBank's Drive Thru Food Distribution at Aloha Stadium - Feeding thousands of Hawaii Residents

Hui Mahi Ai Aina - Building tiny homes to get homeless neighbors off of Waimanalo Beach

I helped friends and community members keep updated on how they can apply and follow-up for unemployment benefits.

I took friends on hikes for our mental and physical health.

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?

I am open to suggestions. I think its so sad the tragic stories of teens in ICU due to e-cigarettes.
I think education is important - the risks and dangers of both tobacco and e-cigarettes so that people can make educated decisions.

Also, we can increase the tax for these products, policy-wise.
And honestly, with all of the known risks, I would like to know why e-cigarettes have not been made illegal.
I just got these known risks from the surgeon general's website:
ultrafine particles that can be inhaled deep into the lungs.
flavorants such as diacetyl, a chemical linked to serious lung disease.
volatile organic compounds.
heavy metals, such as nickel, tin, and lead.

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 |
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Q13

Additional thoughts/comments:

I definitely support health in our community.
Without health, we have nothing and can't do anything. Health is wealth.

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?

Definitely supporting policies that encourage growing local and incentivizing agriculture in Hawaii.

I live on Agriculture Land in Waimanalo and I see that so much of the land in our community, that could be growing food, isn't. For many reasons.

I visited Waimanalo Country Farms recently and they are working hard and growing produce. We need to support our farmers. Also, I think we should promote and educate hydroponics and aquaponics as well as gardens in yards and even patios.

Furthermore, someone I know had an idea if we taxed higher, for example out of state bananas, when bananas are in season in Hawaii. That way, our stores and consumers would support local farmers more. And do that for different types of produce and food items. Be self-sufficient as much as we can be and get help where and when we need. Red light camera.

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?

I spoke with a resident in Waimanalo about this today. She said that the street lights on Kalaniana'ole highway need to be repaired and made brighter. Maybe we need more. Also, I know that we need more stoplights and cross walks at major areas where there are many accidents. Reduce speeding and distracted 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:

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| 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. | Support |
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Q19

Additional thoughts/comments:

I don't think fluoridation of community water is the ideal solution to prevent tooth decay. But according to civil beat - Hawaii's population has some of the worst oral health in the nation. And that is worrisome.

Page 6: Alcohol Regulations

Q20

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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| Increase in alcohol taxes. | Oppose |
| Repeal of the alcohol takeout laws that allow people to buy and take home liquor-based mixed drinks from restaurants. | Support |
| 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

Additional thoughts/comments:

I definitely promote policies that help keep youth out of trouble and safe. But for adults, alcohol at bars is marked up 200%-575%. Adults that want to drink will spend the extra money no matter the tax. Especially with places like Costco that has extremely reasonable prices on alcohol. I think we need to address alcohol addictions as a mental health struggle. Because it is usually a symptom of a root issue.

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? | Oppose |
| If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana be regulated by the Department of Health? | Oppose |
| If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the price of marijuana be regulated? | 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? | Support |
| If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana potency be regulated? | 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? | Oppose |
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Q23

Additional thoughts/comments:

This is a biggest issue and topic of discussion, esp for Hawaii.

I would support pure medical marijuana. But I don't like that a lot of the marijuana is laced or spiked with other chemicals which doesn't make it natural.

Also, I would not like to legalize recreational marijuana because growing up in Hawaii, I have witnessed that marijuana doesn't affect every BODY the same way. According to government research reports: many people experience a pleasant euphoria and sense of relaxation with marijuana. Other common effects, which may vary dramatically among different people, include heightened sensory perception (e.g., brighter colors), laughter, altered perception of time, and increased appetite. Pleasant experiences with marijuana are by no means universal. Instead of relaxation and euphoria, some people experience anxiety, fear, distrust, or panic. These effects are more common when a person takes too much, the marijuana has an unexpectedly high potency, or the person is inexperienced. People who have taken large doses of marijuana may experience an acute psychosis, which includes hallucinations, delusions, and a loss of the sense of personal identity. These unpleasant but temporary reactions are distinct from longer-lasting psychotic disorders, such as schizophrenia, that may be associated with the use of marijuana in vulnerable individuals.

Q24

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

Yes, our cost of living is terrible.

I would like to cut tax on food and medicine. On average, Hawaii residents spent such a high percentage of their income on food and groceries, only 2 major other U.S. cities are that high.

I would pursue cutting our electricity/ utility costs. Ours is one of the highest in the nation.

We need to focus on creating REAL affordable housing.

Affordable housing, like those in Kakaako, won only by a lottery system - \$350,000 for 300sq.ft. 2 years ago is not affordable. The units were so small, the bed had to fold up into the wall. Much too small for a family.

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?

We just need to make it happen.

Like when you go into work and you have a goal: Produce Affordable Housing for residents need to be put on the Priority List. Not the one day list. It's been way way way too long. I think we all are tired of the empty promises of our politicians and waiting for years and years while seeing handfuls of multi-million dollar condo building erected on our island, with our limited land and natural resources.

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

Additional thoughts/comments:

Family, Ohana is very important. We need to help and encourage and allow our community members to support their families. I have POA on my grandmother the last few years of her life. Taking care of someone is a lot of work.
