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Do you support campaign finance reform such as publicly funded elections in order to reduce corporate influence on Hawaii politics? – **Yes, of course.**

Do you support the county rights to home rule in regards to the regulation of pesticides and genetically engineered crops? – **Yes I do.**

Do you support policies that protect against invasive species? – Yes and we need to increase our activities to protect against invasive species.

Do you support mandatory labeling of genetically engineered foods at the state level? – **No I do not since** the State does not have the resources nor the person power to implement or verify the labeling. We need to use our limited resources to fight invasive species and leave labeling to the federal government. By doing labeling at the federal level we will cut down on the costs which we know would just be passed onto the consumers.

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Do you support lifting the cap on solar energy and mandating that HECO provide storage for renewable energy? - **Yes**

Do you support legalization and/or decriminalization of marijuana? - Yes, legalization and if we have to do decriminalization as a path to legalization then so be it.

Do you support marriage equality? – Yes, of course!

Will you oppose the privatization of our prisons in order to avoid a for-profit incarceration industry in Hawaii? - Yes I oppose privatization – by privatizing our prisons, it turns prisoners into a sought after commodity. The operators will look to cut corners just to put our tax-payer dollars into the pockets of CEOs and hedge fund managers and in doing so put the public, the staff and prisoner's safety at risk.

What types of policies will you support to encourage local, sustainable food systems? — The amount of fertile ag land that sits fallow while we import so much of our food is unacceptable. We should incentive landowners that are taking advantage of the tax breaks that we give to land zoned for ag to grow food for local consumption — what I am envisioning is only those that use land zoned for ag for production of food for local consumption should receive those tax-breaks. Those that produce food for export pay a higher tax rate and those that produce seed corn and even higher tax rate.

How will you balance requests for non-locally owned luxury developments, development on agricultural land and conversion of hotels and private properties into timeshares and vacation rentals, with the needs of locals for affordable land, housing, food and tourism jobs? Conversions of hotels into timeshares needs to stopped – there is an ordinance that says how many parking stalls if it s hotel, timeshare or condo and they are waiving that ordinance to convert and by stopping waving that ordinance is how we halt the conversion. A for housing – we need to develop along the urban corridor – to keep help control the urban sprawl. I already addressed the food sustainability issue in the above question.

How will you address Hawaii's numerous water struggles and ensure small, local farmers and people have access to water? – I would turn to the experts to hear their solutions. If any candidate thinks they have all the answers then they are misguided, because no person or group has all the answers.

How will you address homelessness? – I support the Housing First model. We need to provide the homeless shelter first and then address the under lining cause. Criminalizing homelessness is not the answer but neither is leaving the houseless on the sidewalk is not answer either.

How do you think issues of political sovereignty and justice for Hawaiians should proceed? – The Hawaiians need to come to a consensus amongst themselves without outside influences, with regards to sovereignty. As for economic justice for the Hawaiian people, we need to ensure that the social service providers are educated and able to handle the specific needs of the Hawaiian people.