

# Walking & Bicycling Questionnaire for Candidates

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the questionnaire point person - Daniel Alexander, [daniel@hbl.org](mailto:daniel@hbl.org), 808-735-5756.

Thank you!  
Hawaii Bicycling League

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Candidate for \*

Honolulu City Council (District 8: 'Aiea, Pearl City, and Waipahū)

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1. I believe that walking and bicycling should be safe transportation options available to all and we need to drastically reduce injuries and deaths of people walking and biking. (YES or NO, and any comments) \*

Yes

No

## Any additional comments?

I believe that walking and bicycling should be safe transportation options available to all and we need to drastically reduce injuries and deaths of people walking and biking. The City and County of Honolulu is updating the island-wide Bicycle Plan and completing the first-ever Pedestrian Master Plan for the County. Implementation of the Bicycle Plan has already begun and the Pedestrian Plan will give us opportunities in improve safety for both walkers and bikers. These plans will give us a roadmap to improving and implementing bicycle and pedestrian improvement, and I am committed to the implementation of both of these plans.

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2. Do you support building a Minimum Grid of 20 new miles of protected bikeways (protected lanes and multi-use paths) and 20 new miles of bike lanes by 2020, which will also make streets safer for pedestrians? (YES or NO, and any comments) \*

Yes

No

## Any additional comments?

These projects might be eligible for at least partial funding with bicycle registration fees. The sooner our island can be truly multi-modal, the better!

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3. Do support strong implementation of Honolulu's Complete Streets ordinance (ROH 14-33) that requires streets to be planned, designed, operated, and maintained to enable safe, convenient and comfortable travel for all modes of transportation throughout Honolulu, including walking and bicycling? (YES or NO, and any comments) \*

Yes

No

## Any additional comments?

We have implemented several Complete Street projects in Council District 8 and intend to pursue more as they not only include improving safety on the roads and sidewalks but they also have significant traffic calming effects and improve efficiency on our roads.

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4. Seventy-nine percent of Oahu commuters drive as their primary way of getting to work and 15% walk, bike, or take public transportation. I support the establishment of specific targets to reduce dependence on private automobile transportation and increase bicycling, walking, and transit use, as Kauai County has done. (YES or NO, and any comments) \*

Yes

No

## Any additional comments?

I support the Honolulu Rail Transit project and expansion of other multi-modal transportation options as these are the best ways to address the expanding transportation needs for our families. This includes expansion/refinement of the bus system, improving bicycle infrastructure, walkability infrastructure, and expanding programs like ride-share, van-share, and car-share.

Council District 8 will have five rail transit stations and transit-oriented development (TOD) areas. I support TOD and smart growth principles because it will help spur the revitalization efforts of older neighborhoods. Developing communities that allow additional residents to live, work, and play in the same general geographic area can significantly reduce car congestion, increase the volume of people using other transportation options and can improve the community's overall quality of life. Like Kauai, Oahu must support neighborhood connectivity.

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**5. Describe ways that you have supported safer walking and bicycling in your community. (short answer) \***

We have completed Complete Street projects at Lehua Avenue, at Aiea High School and are working on implementing projects in on Kaonohi Street and in Waipahu. Perhaps the biggest improvement for bicyclists has been the recent and ongoing improvements to the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail. After many years and many meetings, we were able to sign a long-term lease with the US Navy. This enabled work to revitalize the trail and a pilot project is to improve the bike path/pedestrian path nearest to Pearl Kai Shopping Center is scheduled to move forward. Thank you also to the advocacy of the Hawaii Bicycling League as well for educational classes and advocacy for revitalizing the trail. The trail is truly a diamond in the rough that can become a world-class public facility and an amazing transportation option for everyone to enjoy.

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**6. The City has the Oahu Bike Plan and is in the process of creating the first Oahu Pedestrian Plan. What will you do when elected to implement these plans? (short answer) \***

My intention is to work on implementing the recommendations of the plan and ensuring phased-in funding for Capital Improvement Projects through input, support, and partnerships with all stakeholders and the affected communities.

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