

# Walking & Bicycling Questionnaire for Candidates

This Walking & Biking Questionnaire for State Candidates was developed by Hawaii Bicycling League, Kauai Path, Maui Bicycling League, and PATH - Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii to address current state issues of importance for walking and bicycling. Your responses will be made available online and distributed to our organizations' email networks. Your response will NOT be used as the basis for any endorsements. Your response will be displayed verbatim as you provide. Please respond by July 11, 2018. Late responses will be accepted and will be posted as promptly as practical.

Thank you!

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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 who walk and bike. (YES or NO, and any comments) \*

Yes

No

## Comments?

As the State Representative of Kapolei for the past 12 years, I have witnessed the build out and continued development of the Second City. Unfortunately, when the City of Kapolei was initially built, residential was on one side of Farrington and commercial was on the other, which was not conducive for walking and bicycling to commercial and retail venues. I have and will continue to advocate for smart growth development which includes a variety of transportation choices, including walking and bicycling.

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2. Hawaii received \$178 million in federal transportation funds in 2018, while only 2% of this amount is reserved for walking and bicycling projects, the state Department of Transportation has the option to use larger portions of these funds for walking and bicycling projects. I support increased use of Hawaii's federal transportation funding allocations for bicycle and pedestrian projects to make walking and bicycling safer. (YES or No, and any comments) \*

Yes

No

## Comments

I have always supported a larger earmark of the federal transportation funds for walking and bicycling projects.

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3. The state Department of Transportation's 2003 Bike Plan Hawaii provides a plan for development of a network of bicycle facilities to enable those of all ages to cycle for transportation. The plan has not been fully implemented. I support the immediate updating of this 15-year-old plan in order to integrate new bikeway planning practices and make it more applicable to current conditions. (YES or No, and any comments) \*

Yes

No

### Comments

I support updating the plan assuming the cost is not part of the 2% of the federal transportation funds. In other words, additional funding should be appropriated for the update of the study so as not to abate the 2% allocated to walking and bicycling projects.

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4. Eighty-one percent of Hawaii commuters drive as their primary way of getting to work and 12% 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

No

### Comments

I have lived in major cities such as New York, Boston, Chicago and Washington D.C. and have always used public transportation and walking as my method of commuting. It is unfortunate that Hawaii commuters are so reliant upon their cars which is why I have been an ardent supporter of the rail system, which starts in Kapolei.

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5. Vision Zero is a government commitment to achieve zero traffic fatalities tied with a comprehensive approach and specific actions in engineering, enforcement, and education. I support the adoption of a “Vision Zero” policy at the state level and development of a comprehensive plan with specific actions to achieve zero traffic fatalities. (YES or No, and any comments) \*

Yes

No

### Comments

I am an ardent supporter of Vision Zero. As a drunk driving victim, and the lawmaker who introduced and passed the ignition interlock law, we must continue to strengthen our laws to abrogate traffic fatalities.

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6. Red light and speed enforcement cameras have been proven to improve traffic safety for all roadway users (motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians) by reducing incidents of red light and speed violations. I support the implementation of red light and speed enforcement cameras at high injury intersections and corridors and in school zones. \*

Yes

No

### Comments

I have always voted in support of these bills.

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

In addition to having all of the crosswalks repainted in the Villages of Kapolei, I have participated in numerous Community Transportation Action Plan (CTAP) events in which the community partners with HPD and we signwave to remind drivers to slow down, particularly near our schools.

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**8. The State has the Bike Plan Hawaii (2003) and the Statewide Pedestrian Master Plan (2013) for bicycle and pedestrian improvements. What will you do when elected to implement these plan? (short answer) \***

I will continue to work with HDOT and HHFDC to ensure that the portions of the plan which are germane to Kapolei are in fact integrated, particularly as we continue to have new development.

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