

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, 808-735-5756.

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 walking and biking. (YES or NO, and any comments) *

Yes

No

Any additional comments?

When I was on the Liliha Neighborhood Board, our community experienced a number of tragic incidents where pedestrians and bicyclists were seriously injured or killed by vehicles. In response to these incidents, I led the Board's efforts to call attention to safer streets for all users and convened a permitted action group of the Board and members of the public to identify improvements that could be made on our neighborhood's main arteries. As Councilmember, I will work with the different neighborhoods that comprise District 6 to go through the same process of identifying pedestrian and bike safety needs, and most importantly, work to carry them out.

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?

The minimum grid and interconnectivity between existing bike lanes is very important to ensure that bicycling is a safe and viable form of commuting in Honolulu. I would also add that as a City leader, it's important to solicit and incorporate public comments as part of implementing this plan and work with the community to address any concerns or impacts that may arise as a result of additional bike lanes.

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?

As a private citizen and as a member of the Liliha Neighborhood Board, I submitted testimony on numerous occasions to City departments and the City Council requesting bicycle improvements, more bus shelters, modifications to the layouts of intersections and crosswalks to promote visibility and easier pedestrian access, and pedestrian-activated crosswalk signals on major neighborhood arteries, all of which would help facilitate safe, convenient, and comfortable travel in our community.

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?

As someone who often walks, bikes, and utilizes the bus to get around town, I believe that targets are important to provide benchmarks and data to inform future efforts to increase use of alternative modes of transportation.

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

I led the Liliha Neighborhood Board's permitted interaction group on Complete Streets, convening numerous meetings to promote safer streets for all users in our neighborhood. Over the past several years, I have also been an advocate testifying at the City Council calling for needed improvements to support safer walking and bicycling, including: Resolution 13-243 for electronic speeding signs; Resolution 13-273 for federally funded improvements; Resolution 14-197* for Safe Routes to School; Resolution 14-214* for reporting unsafe sidewalks; Resolution 14-299* for Complete Streets funding; Resolution 15-204 for a study in the Liliha/Nu'uuanu corridor; and Resolution 15-178 for traffic studies on School St. On the asterisked resolutions, I was the only member of the public to submit written testimony.

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) *

Over the course of my campaign, I have knocked on the doors of thousands of members of the community. An issue that constantly comes up - especially in our older neighborhoods - is the lack of safe sidewalks on major community thoroughfares such as 'Aiea Heights Drive, 'Alewa Drive, Houghtailing Street, Kalihi Street, and many others. One of the most critical components to implementing these plans will be funding for both planning and then construction of pedestrian improvements. I'm committed to identifying and funding sources to carry out pedestrian improvements within the plan, including applying for federal funding such as Safe Routes to School, Surface Transportation Block Grants, and more.

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