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1. Do you believe that walking and bicycling should be safe transportation options available to all and that we need to drastically reduce injuries and deaths of people walking and biking?

YES: As a parent that walks and bikes with his children in the community, I personally take bicycle and pedestrian safety quite seriously.

2. We currently have 46 miles of shared use path (pedestrian and bicycle) paths and 51 miles of bike lanes. Do you support building 30 new miles of shared use paths and 30 new miles of bike lanes by 2030, which will also make streets safer for pedestrians?

YES: My platform on dealing with the economic fall out of COVID-19 includes an expansion of CIP projects. These should include infrastructure for future housing growth along the rail line, conservation projects laid out in "Greening Our Economic Recovery" and bicycle and pedestrian paths.

3. Do you support 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: I do support complete streets, however I have concerns with how DPP is implementing it and the sometimes overlapping and cross purpose rules that hang up the construction of needed housing units.

4. Prior to 2020 and COVID-19, seventy-nine percent of Oahu commuters drove as their primary way of getting to work and 15% walked, biked, or took public transportation. However, 55% of Oahu car trips are under 3 miles. Do you support the establishment of specific targets to reduce dependence on private automobile transportation and increase bicycling, walking, and transit use?

YES: I think one of the lessons learned from COVID-19 is that many of us can in fact work form home productively. I plan to work to make some of these changes permanent for City employees and figure ways to encourage businesses to do the same. I have also noticed far more people walking and bicycling in the community when I am out myself. I believe the added time formerly spent commuting has given people more opportunity to enjoy this experience themselves.

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

I volunteered time, labor and equipment to help extend the walking path in Kailua District Park, from the Kailua Rec Center to the sidewalk on the Kailua Road side of the park.

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)

There are many worthwhile goals in the Oahu Bike Plan. In terms of areas the City can focus I think the goals for seamless connections between bikes and transit is key for long term growth and encouragement of weaning people off of personal automobiles.

7. Trees lower temperature during the day, provide protection from the sun and rain, are a nice buffer to cars, and have a calming effect on traffic. Given that trees make it safer and more comfortable to walk and bicycle, do you support adding more trees to your area's inventory?

YES: I am a strong supporter of an island-wide, large scale tree planting program. I believe we need to set aside a specific amount within our CIP budget rather than rely on non-binding goals or initiatives. I am firmly committed to the plan "Greening Our Economic Recovery."