

State of Hawaii Candidate Walking and Bicycling Questionnaire

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1. I 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 who walk and bike.

YES: I believe that we need safer options for walking jogging and bicycling. I would like to see that more areas have dividers installed to better protect people.

2. I support increased use of Hawaii's federal transportation funding allocations for bicycle and pedestrian projects to make walking and bicycling safer. Hawaii received \$156 million in federal transportation funds in 2019, only 2% (\$3.12million) of this amount is reserved for walking and bicycling projects. The state Department of Transportation can deploy these funds and has the option to use larger portions of federal transportation funds for walking and bicycling projects. This year, at least in part due to COVID19, more people are walking and bicycling than ever.

YES: Again as stated above we need to better protect areas. I even know of a few very dangerous streets that could use speed tables, or dividers etc..

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. Considering the fact that this year there has been a dramatic increase in the sales of bicycles in Hawaii to meet the demand in bicycling, 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: Plans like these need to be updated! Especially because I see it as a public safety issue. The allocation of funding cannot be based off of a 15 year old study.

4. Prior to COVID19 and the year 2020, eighty-one percent of Hawaii commuters drove as their primary way of getting to work and 12% walked, biked, or took 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: I was born and raised on Kauai and am proud of that fact! Former Mayor Bernard Carvalho has done a marvelous job with updating his communities and I hope that I can bring many of those same Ideas home to Maui County.

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

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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

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: Yes Especially at School zones and also near Hospital and emergency room entrances. And other emergency vehicle access areas.

7. In large part due to the Stay at Home orders, we have seen a rise in the numbers of people walking and bicycling. Describe ways that you have supported, or plan to support, safer walking and bicycling in our communities. (short answer)

Personally I have begun to carpool with members of my immediate household. As stated above I fully support using similar ideas as Kauai Island did!

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 plans? (short answer)

When Elected, I would like to meet with someone on this to update me and my staff so we can follow up and follow through on the status of this. I am now learning of many pieces of legislation that have been passed by the legislature and the departments such as DOT/DOH/DLNR have never been implemented. We need to do something about these issues and that is why I am Running!

9. 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: YES YES and YES! I am a farmer and Absolutely support any type of natural Agriculture projects including beautification projects and its also helping the environment!