

Homelessness

1. What should the City do about homelessness which is different from what the City is doing now? For example, what is your stance on the effectiveness of sweeps? Would you continue this practice, or use a different method? Do you have an idea for a new program? Should any existing program be expanded or modified? Should any existing program be reduced or cut? How much in additional funding would it take to implement your ideas?

There will always be the poor amongst us. How we treat the most vulnerable reflects upon our society. I personally testified against the first sit-and-lie bill because the city should not criminalize the poor without offering options. Mayor Caldwell has wasted precious city funds raiding and also paying for legal fees and settlements.

I will personally work with the houseless, ACLU, and non-profits to help the houseless off the streets. It's not good for them and not good for the public. We all need our public places and parks to be clean, safe, and vibrant.

Houseless is about not having a roof over our heads. Some simply do not have enough money to pay rents. I will increase rental/shelters through various means. I've been in the residential real estate sector for 34 years. I know what's going on. I will also work with the State and Federal to address the various aspects of homelessness, including mental, drugs addiction and other social services.

I will also not compete or siphon funds such as the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) slated to help with social services and houseless to any other pork capital projects. Millions of dollars from this CDBG funds have been siphoned for many years during Mayor Caldwell's tenure. This is wrong. These funds are meant for non-profit organizations to assist on the front line with such needs and services.

Health

2. Reopening our economy to tourism may bring a second wave of COVID-19 infection that could be worse than the first, and that may necessitate imposing restrictions on business, travel, and activities. What is your assessment of the measures taken so far to keep Hawai'i safe from COVID-19,

and what changes, if any, would you make in approach if a second wave of COVID-19 warrants new restrictions?

COVID19 is a very contagious and fluid situation. I have a family member in Residency at John Hopkins and one in Singapore. We talk about this regularly.

Many Asian countries are successful because there is an effective and efficient infrastructure for testing and contact tracing because they have been through SARS and H1N1 and so forth. Wearing masks is also a culture.

Whatever the Governor decides to do, it's important that we follow through with effective public health protocol and procedures.

When the hotel, schools, and other industry, opens up, they must provide the essential safeguards and working environment for our workers and residents.

On the county level, I would continue to encourage wearing of masks, washing of hands and also physical distancing. I would like to see our

community health centers stocked with sufficient equipment and materials for 6 months. All the public facilities like restrooms and buses and bus stops must be constantly cleaned and sanitized.

The city received \$378M from the CARES ACT. I would like to see majority of the funds channeled to our residents, businesses and non-profits to address the needs of our people.

I would like to see funds go to our farmers who provide food. This is our basic needs. I would like to promote more sustainable communities where farmers and schools and restaurants complement support each other.

I would also like to work with the Hawaii Food Bank and other non-profits to have community food storehouses/essentials up to 6 months' worth. We all have basic needs. The Maslow Hierarchy affirms that our basic needs must be met before more loftier ideas can be achieved.

Public Safety

3. If elected, what is your plan to reform and strengthen accountability within the HPD, and with the larger community? Do you support the concept of community-based policing? If so, what steps would you take to implement it?

We love our HPD and all frontline responders! They are part of our community. We want each one to return home safely each time they leave home.

There are a few bad apples that we need to address. This is so in every organization and groups. HPD has a good slogan: Integrity- Respect -Fairness

We already have community-based policy in Oahu in many ways. HPD has many community outreach programs like PAL that are effective and I would certainly help and support them. We must regularly review to improve.

We need to support more fully Neighborhood Watch which is a wonderful program. This can be further improved. I would personally visit these neighborhoods to support them. We have many

people who are lonely and also alone. We need to have buddy system where neighbors can watch out for each other. There have been cases when our kupuna have been sick and passed away without any one knowing about it for days. We can do better. Post Covid, I would like to see more gatherings amongst neighbors with block parties and so on.

I will work with SHOPO and the Police Commission and Police Commission. As Mayor, I will also have a “whistleblower hotline” for the public to report in confidence so we do not have a repeat of EX HPD Chief Kealoha and his wife’s episode.

I was arrested on October 18, 2019 while documenting the Kahuku Wind Turbines along with a former AP Photographer. We were put into a paddy wagon, and went through the booking process. There are no hard feelings because they were doing their work. But I shared my ideas and comments about the need to balance Free Speech, Free Press, Civil Rights and Law and Order.

I was also cited for documenting old mature trees cutting at the Magic Island Renovation Project.

Rail

4. In light of the shortfalls in funding rail, are you in favor of reducing the length of the rail line, or are you in favor of ending it at Ala Moana Center, as planned? If so, how would you get the funding needed to address the shortage?

I've been attending Honolulu City Council hearings for decades and for the past 12 years, I've been worried about the Honolulu Rail project's runaway costs.

I want to STOP RAIL at Middle Street. Besides the costs and pockmarking of our downtown, the portions of the Middle Street to Ala Moana section will be in the Honolulu Sea Level Rise Inundation Zone. Why are we throwing precious funds into this boondoggle?

As Mayor, I will invite FTA to come to Oahu to effectuate STOP RAIL AT MIDDLE STREET. FTA is not something to be feared. Other candidates continue to parrot the narrative that FTA could punish us or we would lose funds. Logically, how does it make sense to throw in more Billions to get that balance of \$744M approval from the FTA?

Other candidates have talked about not raising property taxes. That's disingenuous. That horse is already out of the barn. The recently created "Residential A" property tax category has tripled on local landlords. In turn, landlords who have not increased rents on their long-term tenants have been forced to increase rents! Other city services have been increased such a vehicle registration fees and bus fares. All these cause hardship on the most vulnerable.

The rail was marketed to us as Traffic Decongestion but it is only providing a 2% relief. We were told 10,000 jobs but in reality, the number is about 1200 for our local workers. We were told "affordable housing", look at all the luxury condos! We are not told "Transit Oriented Development" – TOD. The fact is we don't need Rail to have TOD. TOD can happen around a bus-station. City Council can designate any area as a "Special District".

We need to put our residents FIRST and control this rail boondoogle before more residents are priced out of Hawaii.

Accountability

Please respond with only 'Yes' or 'No' to this question:

5. The focus of today's event is Accountability. Will you commit to provide regular updates for Faith Action and the rest of the community, and meet with Faith Action as appropriate on your progress regarding your commitments made here today?

YES!!! Absolutely!