



ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

1. Will your administration support bills to reduce single use plastics on O`ahu?

Yes No

2. Do you commit to creating a new culturally-grounded, sustainable tourism model that benefits local residents' quality of life? Such a model will prioritize health and prevent overcrowding, root experiences in Native Hawaiian values, and strengthen- not just market or deplete- our natural resources?

Yes No

3. Will your administration do what is necessary to protect O`ahu's main drinking water supply from being contaminated by leaks from the 77-year old US Navy Red Hill fuel tanks?

Yes No

4. Do you commit to increasing jobs aligned with the state's transition to a clean energy economy, especially jobs that meet or exceed the self-sufficiency standard established by DBEDT, which currently stands at \$17.63/hour?

Yes No

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ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS AFFORDABLE HOUSING

1. **Affordable Housing Development.** Aloha United Way published a report which determined that 37% of Hawaii's families are ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) who work but do not earn enough to cover the basic necessities of life. These families earn \$75,000 a year or less and can only afford to pay up to \$1,500 a month for housing.

In view of Honolulu's critical shortage of affordable housing, do you commit to working with the State to use government land and subsidies to develop 10,000 affordable housing units a year for the ALICE population?

Yes **No**

2. **DPP.** The lengthy period of time it takes for the Department of Planning and Permitting to process and approve building permits drives up the cost of developing housing.

Will you support funding for a study of the Department of Planning and Permitting that would accomplish the following: (1) identify the reasons for the lengthy processing of applications and (2) recommend best practices to reduce processing times? If so, will you ensure the implementation of those best practices as well as funding DPP so that it is sufficiently staffed?

Yes **No**

3. **Vacancy Tax.** Wealthy people who live on the mainland or in foreign countries who buy housing on O'ahu drive up the price of housing for everyone. They typically live in these homes for only part of the year. Oakland, California passed a law designed to discourage non-residents from owning homes there. The law imposes a tax, separate from the property tax, on residential properties that are vacant for most of the year.

Would you support a tax of at least 1% of the assessed value of residential properties that are vacant for most of the year?

Yes **No**

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ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTION ECONOMIC EQUITY

1. Congress seems to be moving toward another round of coronavirus relief. In the previous round, different jurisdictions sought different degrees of input from the community to determine how their relief money would be spent. There were also varying degrees of transparency among jurisdictions to show how the money was actually spent.

Do you commit to establishing a task force composed of community members, with substantial representation of ALICE and the unemployed population, to determine how the next round of coronavirus relief money should be spent? Do you also commit to reporting detailed plans for spending the money to the public, as well as a detailed accounting of the actual expenditures?

Yes

No

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CLOSING ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTION

The focus of today's event is accountability. **Will you commit to providing 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

No

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