



## 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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