

ALBERT BOYD FERREIRA

County Council District 2

1. How do you view the role of business in Hawaii?

Business guides the community and provides necessary employment. Working with the community and other businesses provides growth

HOUSING

2. Do State & County of Hawaii regulations encourage development of affordable housing?

Yes - How?

- yes
- no

No - What changes would you work to encourage/create more?

Areas that are close to town should be made affordable without ruiming the environment.

3. If elected would you support locating affordable housing at a different geographical site than the market housing development (this is allowed by state law but not by county law).

yes.

4. If elected would you support setting aside government-controlled lands to provide long-term leases for work force & affordable housing?

yes.

What lands do you see being made available for this use?

State.

5. List 3 individuals, organizations and/or agencies you would contact to gain understanding of affordable and workforce housing for Hawaii County and/or the State.

Realtors	State Housing	County agencies
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Comment

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AGRICULTURE

6. Land – Are you in favor of providing incentives on Important Ag Lands (IAL)?

- a. Yes, 100% in favor
- b. Yes, w/reservations (Explain)
- c. No, 100% oppose

Comments:

I think our ag lands need to be used for sustainability.....
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7. Water – Are you in favor of the State Water Use Commission having oversight of Dept. of Water in regards to giving Agriculture special use rates for water?

- a. Yes, 100% in favor
- b. Yes, w/reservations (Explain)
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Comments:

I believe that no one group should control all the actions of the dept. of Water. Suggestions are good.
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8. Water – Are you in favor of a special fund or loan program to assist agribusiness to borrow and develop its own wells or reservoirs to be more sustainable?

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Comments:

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9. GMO/Biotechnology - Science & technology play an important role in keeping industry competitive in a global market. How do you feel about biotech on non-food related crops, e.g. foliage, flowers)?

- a. Yes, 100% in favor
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Comment:

As long as there is no danger to human, animal, a or the environment..
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10. GMO/Biotechnology - might find solutions to taro and other food crop diseases. In a world of food shortages this might be very important. How do you feel about biotechnology on taro and other food crops?

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Comment:

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11. List or name 3 individuals, organizations and/or agencies you would contact to gain an understanding of agriculture for Hawaii County and/or the State of Hawaii.

Dept of AG..... UH Hilo..... Farmers.....

Comment

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LAND USE

13. Would you support the Land Use Commission changing our Island's less productive ag lands to rural zoning?

- yes leave ag land for ag.....
- no

14. The County is allowed control over ag lands less than 15 acres. Is this enough home-rule control?

Why Yes?

- yes
- no

No? Then how large a tract do you think the county should control?

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15. What is your position on the County's policy to reserve a percentage of the annual budget to purchase lands it deems valuable to acquire?

yes

15a. Are criteria for selecting important lands for the County to acquire sufficient? If not what's needed?

not sure... Will have to research this further.....
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16. The County & State are unable to develop all lands they hold for parks. What would you do to change this?

Have the state help more especially in needed ares that are populated.....
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17. Do you support enlarging the land area of the National Parks in the County, e.g. Volcano National Park, Puuhonua City of Refuge, etc.?

Not at this time.....
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18. List 3 individuals, organizations and/or agencies you would contact to gain an understanding of land use in Hawaii County and/or the State of Hawaii.

State..... County..... Federal.....

Comment

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EDUCATION

19. Do you support expanding Hawaii Community College (HCC) in East Hawaii?

Yes? What do you propose to do to get it going?

yes Get the DOE to encourage VOC TECH in the High Schools

no

No? Why not?

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20. Do you support expanding Hawaii Community College (HCC) in West Hawaii?

Yes? What do you propose to do to get it going?

yes There is a need on both sides for the promotion of the vocational trades.

no

No? Why not?

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21. Do you support breaking up DOE and having separate Boards of Education for each island?

Yes? What have you done or propose to do to make it happen?

yes

no

No? Why not?

Only the rich neighborhoods could benefit from separate boards.

22. If elected, what would you see your role in supporting the University of Hawaii-Hilo?

Supportive.....

23. List 3 individuals, organizations and/or agencies you would contact to gain an understanding of education for Hawaii County and/or the State of Hawaii.

HCC..... UH HILO..... DOE.....

Comment

ENERGY

Oil prices are expected to rise steadily as supply diminishes.

24. Do you support incentives to developers of renewable energy to encourage development?

a. Yes. It stabilizes future energy costs.

Other Response

b. No. Free enterprise should solve.

c. Yes. No matter the consequence.

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25. Do you support expanding geothermal to its fullest potential?

- a..... Yes. It is stable & dependable power.
- b..... No, for cultural reasons.
- c..... No, it could adversely impact the utility.

Other Response

WE DO NOT NEED HIGH PRICED OIL.....
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26. Do you support the County's Energy Sustainability Plan?

- a..... No, it is not aggressive enough.
- b..... Yes, it's based on doable solutions.
- c..... No, it could adversely impact the utility.

Other Response

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27. Energy – Are you in favor of Small Business selling surplus energy (less than 100 KW electricity) back To Helco/Heco for a profit?

- a..... Yes, at the same rate as avoided cost of foreign oil.
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Other Response

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28. List 3 individuals, organizations and/or agencies you would contact to gain an understanding of energy for Hawaii County and/or the State of Hawaii.

DEPT OF ENERGY..... HELCO.....

Comment

HEALTH CARE

29. The whole Health Care system is complex and inter-related in nature. How would you describe your level of understanding of the Health Care System?

- High
- Average
- Low

Comment

30. List 3 individuals, organizations and/or agencies you would contact to gain an understanding of healthcare for Hawaii County and/or the State of Hawaii.

HMSA.....

Comment

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31. It has been suggested that there is a Health Care Crisis in Hawaii County and the State of Hawaii; if you believe this to be true, list 3 things you might do as an elected official to help alleviate this crisis.

- 1. Get another provider to challenge the monopoly by HMSA
- 2.
- 3.

Comment

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- 10%
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What are the implications of that?

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COUNTY GOVERNANCE

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a. Waste-to-energy incineration (i.e. Wheelabrator)

b. Shipping to off-island location

c. Landfills

Other

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34. Divisions between east and west of the island seem to put increasing pressure on county government to split into two. Do you support splitting the east and west county planning into two separate commissions?

yes

Comment

no

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35. If elected, during your term in office, what 2 issues do you feel are the highest priority and are also something you can have the most influence over?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care | Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Coqui frogs | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trash disposal | | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy | | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environment | | _____ |

36. In the event of a budget deficit in 2009, which 3 items would you consider as the best and most feasible options to balance the budget?

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Other _____

DONALD IKEDA

Council Member Hilo District 2

1. How do you view the role of business in Hawaii?

Business is the economic engine for the state. Without business, government cannot survive

HOUSING

2. Do State & County of Hawaii regulations encourage development of affordable housing?

Yes - How?

- yes County currently has a 20% affordable housing rate on new development
- no

No - What changes would you work to encourage/create more?

3. If elected would you support locating affordable housing at a different geographical site than the market housing development (this is allowed by state law but not by county law).

I supported the county housing law that allows affordable housing to be located within 1.5 miles of the development project

4. If elected would you support setting aside government-controlled lands to provide long-term leases for work force & affordable housing?

I supported the project in Waikoloa which will enable the work force to buy or rent housing at an affordable rent

What lands do you see being made available for this use?

See above

5. List 3 individuals, organizations and/or agencies you would contact to gain understanding of affordable and workforce housing for Hawaii County and/or the State.

Ed Taira, Director, County Housing	County Housing	HUD

Comment

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Comments:

I believe it will depend on the location, availability of water, climate, and soil conditions

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Comments:

There should be some monitoring and regulation as to the use of water

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County of Hawaii R&D State Dept. of Agriculture USDA

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- yes (This is not a response to your question, but please note that there is no #12 in this questionnaire.....)
- no

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Why Yes?

- yes
- no

No? Then how large a tract do you think the county should control?

Most land was previously zoned 20 acres

15. What is your position on the County's policy to reserve a percentage of the annual budget to purchase lands it deems valuable to acquire?

I am opposed to a mandated percentage of the budget. There is better use for our money. If land is important enough for the county to purchase, we could float a bond to make the purchase.

15a. Are criteria for selecting important lands for the County to acquire sufficient? If not what's needed?

The commission should only make recommendations to the public. Actual purchase should be up to the voters.....

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Eliminate the subdivision requirement for park land to be set aside.

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Depends on the lands to be acquired and the method of acquisition.

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LUC Planning Department DLNR

Comment

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yes Kind of difficult, since the governor controls the pursestrings. I support whatever initiatives develop to expand all phases of the University.

no

No? Why not?

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Yes? What do you propose to do to get it going?

yes I supported the development of the West Hawaii campus and the building of the 20,000 sq. ft. building by requiring the Pakalenui development to build the campus as part of the conditions of its permit

no

No? Why not?

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Yes? What have you done or propose to do to make it happen?

yes

no

No? Why not?

Unequitable
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22. If elected, what would you see your role in supporting the University of Hawaii-Hilo?

I have previously written testimony in support of various projects and funding for UHH. I included connector roads in the budget to allow access to properties earmarked for different UHH curricula.

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R&D..... Jane Testa..... HELCO.....

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Office of Aging..... Dept. of Human Services..... various providers.....

Comment

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- 1. support agencies and organizations that help provide health care services
- 2. talk to our federal legislators to help
- 3. provide legislation if appropriate to address issue

Comment

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- Other** Incineration is not the only technology available. Wheelabrator is not the only company.
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Other 3. Increase maintenance and repairs of county facilities _____