

ROBERT REED

Hawaii county council Dist. 3

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HOUSING

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Yes - How?

- yes.....
- no.....

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

greater breaks for builders and less restrictions by county.....
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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, housing needs to be located near jobs.....
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What lands do you see being made available for this use?

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LAND USE

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- yes
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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?

County should have control over all land that is not state owned

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?

County should not be in the Real Estate business. The only land county needs to acquire is for future right of way for around island transit system

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

16. The County & State are unable to develop all lands they hold for parks. What would you do to change this?

Allow private development of this land within guidelines

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.?

NO

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.

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 this is States function, but county could help speed up permitting process
- no

No? Why not?

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

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

- yes This is State function, but county could speed up permitting process and do what is needed for speedier conclusion.
- no

No? Why not?

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 State function
- no

No? Why not?

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

ensure needed items from county level are expedited

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Comment

ENERGY

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- a. Yes. It stabilizes future energy costs.
 - b. No. Free enterprise should solve.
 - c. Yes. No matter the consequence.
- Other Response

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Other Response

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26. Do you support the County's Energy Sustainability Plan?

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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 Worked in State Dept. Adult community care and Adult Protective Service

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- 1. _____
- 2. _____
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Comment

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- 10% 40% 70%

What are the implications of that?

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yes **Comment**

no _____

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Other

J YOSHIMOTO

Council District 3

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Hawaii Public Housing Authority.....	Hawaii Community Development.....	Office of Housing and Community.....
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The public must be fully informed about this issue.....

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All of the risks must be discussed publicly first before any decisions are made.....

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Dept. of Agriculture..... Rep. Clift Tsuji.....

Comment

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- yes
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20 acres.....

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The policy should be revised to allow more flexibility during difficult economic times.

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It appears sufficient at this time.....

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Establish partnerships with the community.....

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I am not aware of any plans for expansion or the details related to this issue.....

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Planning Director, County of Hawaii.....

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Valarie Takata, DOE Pat Hamamoto, DOE

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