

ANDRES "ANDY" BACLIG JR.

Council District 4

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

Small businesses are a key part of Hawaii economy. State agencies can foster a climate of entrepreneurial success so that small business continues to create jobs and broaden the tax base.

HOUSING

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

Yes - How?

- yes Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation's working mission is to increase the supply of workforce and affordable housing by providing tools and resources to facilitate housing 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 support affordable housing, but as a councilman the question wouldn't apply to current county law.

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

Yes, I support the current Lingle-Aiona administration's commitment to increase the inventory of affordable homes to Hawaiians.

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

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corp.

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 Hawaii Housing Finance & Development Corp. Hawaii Public Housing Authority

Comment

Comment section with multiple lines for text entry.

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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:

(IAL) are those lands needed to promote the expansion of agricultural activities and income for the future, even if currently not in production.

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)
- c. No, 100% oppose

Comments:

Provided enough water is available to accommodate everyone.

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?

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

Comments:

In a crisis, when agribusiness needs to be more sustainable, special training or a loan program would be of great assistance.

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

Comment:

Yes, but since I am still being educated on this subject, I still have some reservations, although biotechnology is set to make a contribution to human health and welfare well into the foreseeable future.

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?

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

Comment:

Say "No" to GMO. I support local farmers and their taro crop.

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.

Hawaii Dept. of Agriculture UH Tropical Ag. College US Dept of Agriculture

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 The ag district lands are there for potential ag uses and should remain intact... Use of these lands are in the making.....
- no

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

Why Yes?

- yes I believe law amended in 1985 should remain, allowing applicants for land use changes to apply directly to counties.....
- 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?

Continue to set aside a percentage of the annual budget for purchase of valuable lands.

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

yes.....
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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?

Determine first the whereabouts of these lands, then decide the development if warranted, by piority.....
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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.?

If the county purchased the lands, OK, however federal lands, such as naitonal parks, are not covered by staten and county land use laws.....
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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.

Duane Kanuha..... Hawaii Land Use Commission..... Hawaii County Planning Dept.....

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 Remove politics from the picture. Work cooperatively with Governor's Office and Legislators in the release of funds.

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 Same as above comment.

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?

Not immediately, but something to consier. WE need State Administration and DOE to come together and work together, first.

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

I would support the University, which lies in my district. The school recently was commended for its bold vision of service to the Hawaiian community, many of whom also are in Dist. 4.

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.

Gerald DeMello Board of Regents Harvey Tajiri

Comment To include the UHH Chancellor

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.

b. No. Free enterprise should solve.

c. Yes. No matter the consequence.

Other Response

The development of clean and renewable energy on formerly used land offers many economic and environmental benefits.

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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

Geothermal is in good hands under Barry Mizuno

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

I could not attend the public talk entitled "Options for a Sustainable Energy Future in Hawaii," otherwise I could provide more information on this.

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.
- b. Yes, at rate less than avoided cost of foreign oil.
- c. No, 100% oppose.

Other Response

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.

Jay Ignacio Helco Heco

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.

Dr. Jim Donovan Dr. Craig Shikuma Dr. Karen Nakamoto

Comment Had the pleasure of hearing all three address Governor's Advisory Council

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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. Have meaningful discussions and find workable solutions to fix sysem
- 2. Increase funding for medical and nursing schools
- 3. Create an inventive to keep our physicians here.

Comment

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32. Which percentage is closer to the percentage of uninsured people in the State of Hawaii?

- 10%
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What are the implications of that? Those on welfare, low income, unemployed due ot layoffs, cost of insurance are major reasons.

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The following section is for County Office Seekers

COUNTY GOVERNANCE

33. What method of disposing of our non-recyclable trash do you support?

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 I believe and support one planning commission consisting of citizens representing districts on island, but concerning themselves with island-wide issues.

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care | Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Coqui frogs | Economy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trash disposal | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | | |
| <input 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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| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce highways expense | |

Other Hiring freeze on non essential positions

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase public safety services | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase highway work | |

Other

JET HENG

Council District 4

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

Lots of potential to grow but must find new ways to adapt new ideas and keep prices competitive.

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?

Less time to obtain permits for all new dwellings and should build apartments to sell.

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, developers should decide the location.

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

For workforce only.

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

Old military sites, markets and govt. leased homes or property.

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.

Senate Affordable Housing Task Force	Chris Yuen	Office of Housing and Community development
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Comment

With big government intervention, houses will turn out to be more expensive when its ready to sell.

Jet Heng

AGRICULTURE

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Comments:

Grow GMO produce. Are ideal for export.....
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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
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Comments:

We need more environmental watchdogs.....
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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?

- a. Yes, 100% in favor
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Comments:

Only to Hawaii graduates or agriculture students locally.....
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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:

Never stop researching!!.....
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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:

Taro can be kept in the controlled facility to research. Other crops must be produced cheaply for exporting.....
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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.

UHHCAENRM..... Dept. of Agriculture..... Richard Ha.....

Comment

Personal research.....
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Jet Heng

LAND USE

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- yes Replace the areas with hardwood trees.....
- 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?

As large as possible to ensure no illegal use of the land.....

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?

Very positive; the county can sell it later for more profit or for public access.

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

Yes, government is responsible to preserve and acquire valuable lands for better purposes.....

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

Let the Hawaii CC students, community associations, and other non-profit group work on it.....

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.?

Yes.....

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OHA/DHHL..... DLNR..... Chris Yuen.....

Comment Personal research.....

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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 My most beloved project on the island. The new Democratic Governor will release the funds.
- 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 The children in Kona deserve a better school after high school to learn and work locally.
- 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 Lobby Jerry Chang, Norman Sakamoto, Roy Tamaki them to make it happen.
- no

No? Why not?

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

More foreign students, more investment in renewable energies; research & development must expand to attract new industries and quality workforce.

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.

Jerry Chang, DOE, Rockne Freitas

Comment We need to establish our own budgets for UHH and HawCC.

ENERGY

Oil prices are expected to rise steadily as supply diminishes.

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

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| <input checked="" type="radio"/> a. Yes. It stabilizes future energy costs. | Other Response |
| <input type="radio"/> b. No. Free enterprise should solve. | Solar, geothermal, wind, nuclear, hydro and anything else other than liquid based fuels. |
| <input type="radio"/> c. Yes. No matter the consequence. | |

Jet Heng

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

Only if is fiscally sound.
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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

We can always beef up the benchmarks.
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Other Response

Small biz should not have to deal with Helco: a state sponsored energy monopoly.
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House EEP committee Senator Hooser Dr. Alton Okinaka

Comment Personal research
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HEALTH CARE

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- High
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Comment Need more insurance companies to compete.
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Dr. Josh Green Dr. Robert Irvine Senator Ige

Comment Doctors deserve more pay period.
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Jet Heng

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. Tort reform is possible if only less than 1/3 of the legislature are not lawyers.
- 2. Invite more insurance companies to the state.
- 3. Encourage buying drugs online from foreign countries; it's the cheapest way.

Comment

People must eat right and exercise more to prevent seeing a doctor in the first place.

32. Which percentage is closer to the percentage of uninsured people in the State of Hawaii?

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What are the implications of that? It's normal. I make enough \$ not to qualify for Quest but not enough to buy any health insurance. The "upper" lower class are the victims: \$8,500-\$30,000 salary. We are hopeless, helpless and the only way out is to get a government job that provides healthcare.

The following section is for County Office Seekers

COUNTY GOVERNANCE

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- a. Waste-to-energy incineration (i.e. Wheelabrator)
- b. Shipping to off-island location
- c. Landfills
- Other** It's the best way for now.

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 We are one island, one heart. We have the potential to share our resource evenly.

Jet Heng

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Other Open more doors to Chinese tourists

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase highway work | |

Other Buy more solar panels!!! We need to invest until our oil imports are down to 30% from today's consumption