

WAYNE "BIG DOG" JOSEPH

Council District 5

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

Business drives the economy's engine. The most important factor that determines the level of growth in any community.

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?

We need to do more to encourage the development of low cost housing in Hawaii.

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).

Affordable housing should be placed in the geographical sites unless adequate alternate site can be found.

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

Yes, this makes good sense.

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

Hamakua sugar lands that were turned over to Hawaii County could serve this purpose.

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.

Country House: Comm Dev Kulaimina Elderly Housing HI Public Housing Auth.

Comment

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Wayne "Big Dog" Joseph

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:

We need to do more to help our farmers survive and expand.....
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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:

The state Water use Commission needs to serve as a guide in water.....
use but both departments need some autonomy.....
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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:

Provide these tap in reservoirs aren't already in use for residential.....
development.....
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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)?

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Comment:

Public safety comes first.....
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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:

Provided it is safe for consumption.....
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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.

US.DOA..... UHH Ag Dept..... Farm Assoc of HI.....

Comment

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Wayne "Big Dog" Joseph

LAND USE

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

- yes If it is underdeveloped to make greater use.....
- no

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

- yes
- no

Why Yes?

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

County needs complete home rule in all cases of land use.....

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 mandated to spend any part of its budget. This should be taken on a case to case basis.

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

More input on a case by case basis.....

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

Discontinue buyng more lands until we can develop what we have.....

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 we cannot afford to deelop what we currently have why would we want to acquire more?.....

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.

DLNR..... Forestry & Wildlife..... Hi County Resource Center.....

Comment State Land and Natural Resources.....

Wayne "Big Dog" Joseph

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 Lobby the Legislature
 - 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 Lobby the Legislature
 - 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 Each county should have its own education board that would be more in tune to home rule issues.
 - no
- No? Why not?

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

the county needs to develop a working partnership with UHH. I would take the lead on this dialogue.

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.

Rose Tseng Gerald DeMello Rockne Freitas

Comment all three of whom I know personally.

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. We need to explore and utilize other sources of energy.
- c. Yes. No matter the consequence.

Wayne "Big Dog" Joseph

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

Expansion of geothermal is long overdue.....
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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 should support county and community based energy sustainability plans.....
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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.
- b..... Yes, at rate less than avoided cost of foreign oil.
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Other Response

I support all alternatives to foreign oil consumption.....
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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.

Billy Jean Leithead-Todd..... Curtis Beck - HELCO..... Puna Geothermal.....

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.

Admin. Hilo Hosp..... Admin West HI Hosp..... Admin Lucy Hendricks Hosp.....

Comment Also speak with professor of nursing UHH.....

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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. Overweight & obese is key problem with health care
- 2. Lack of exercise -- reduced PE classes in our schools
- 3. Poor eating habits all contribute

Comment

Hawaii does quite a bit to have all families insured with medical coverage. A 100% universal care system would be important.

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

- 10%
- 40%
- 70%

What are the implications of that? Hawaii has one of the best rates of insured in nation, but we can still do more.

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** I would support private buiding and operation of waste-to-energy facility

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
 - no
- Comment: This would place a double burden onto county resoruces and open the door to future splits

Wayne "Big Dog" Joseph

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 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 Cut govt expenses by reducing CRF and refusing 22% wage increase. Do not continue use of bond debts.

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

Other Wishful thinking :) _____

KANIU K STOCKSDALE

County Council District 5

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

Business in Hawai'i is pivotal. It brings a kuleana to balance employee's rights, encourage/raise environmental conscientiousness, support creative/innovative energy sustainability and improve the quality of life for Hawai'i's citizens.

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?

Flexibility in zoning and permits; ease of obtaining permits and decrease approval time.

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, the more flexibility in locating housing decreases costs and increases efficiency. The county should not be in the housing business. Voucher system is a better transitional role for govt.

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

Yes, this land could help reduce costs and increase housing opportunities.

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

Any where that makes sense.

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.

Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF)	The Power of Jane Jacobs	Edward Glaeser
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Comment

Kaniu K Stocksdale

AGRICULTURE

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

Comments:

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Loans YES Grants NO

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Comment:

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Modern science can safely make our lives better.

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Comment:

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Culturally this is difficult for me. Safe guards would be implemented. Outright bans based on fear or ignorance would need to be addressed.

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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.

Richard Nelson

Comment

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Kaniu K Stocksdale

LAND USE

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- yes Increased flexibility of our land use, decreases the costs to our community.....
- no

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Why Yes?

- yes
- no

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

All sizes. Other islands do not know our needs. Why let political deals off island affect our needs and uses?

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?

This is unwise on a regular basis as mandated. The budget should have flexibility and priorities year to year.

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

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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?

We can only do what our budget allows. Some areas may have to be developed slowly, if at all.

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 need to protect special areas is present, or if desirable.

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.

Cooper/Daws..... Marle, Yamauchi & Okimoto..... Differential Assessment of State Land Use.

Comment

Kaniu K Stocksdale

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 Lobby and Advocate. We have great need especially in further vocational training.
- 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 Also great need for vocational training. Lobbying for this is important.
- 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 Each island know their needs. State BoE know little or not enough to support the individual island.
- no

No? Why not?

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

An advocate. A strong active advocate. UH-Hilo recieves crumbs from UH-Oahu centered system.

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.

Our Local Principals Governor Lingle Local Charter School Directors

Comment

ENERGY

Oil prices are expected to rise steadily as supply diminishes.

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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

We cannot afford to subsidize energy at the County level. Our citizens need affordable energy, not unfordable solutions.

Kaniu K Stocksdale

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

- a..... Yes. It is stable & dependable power.
- b..... No, for cultural reasons.
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Other Response

The more energy the better; the more efficient we become.....
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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.
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Other Response

We need to allow full diversity of energy sources and suppliers. HELCO monopoly should have flexibility to allow in other providers.....
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- a..... Yes, at the same rate as avoided cost of foreign oil.
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Other Response

Refer to #26.....
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US Dept of Energy..... Assistant Secretary Alexander Karsner..... Gov. Lingle.....

Comment

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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

Dr. short supply, work really hard, sued and taxed too much. Health insur. expensive, over restrictive state laws and regulation's. ON COMPETITIVE COMPANIES.....
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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. Padepta Chowdhry..... Dr. Linda Rosen..... Dr. Edward Gutteling.....

Comment

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Kaniu K Stocksdale

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- 1. Lobby/advocate for Hilo Medical Ctr. so Physicians stop leaving the hospital.
- 2. Lobby advocate for State wide trauma system and medical capability
- 3. Lobby for HMSA to concentrate on insur. not spend millions on non-insurance related projects.

Comment

Do whatever the County can to decrease costs to Doctors and health providers in our community.

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What are the implications of that? The poor are covered. The working poor or self employed may not be.

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Waste to energy may alleviate energy needs for our county.

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- yes **Comment**
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GARY SAFARIK

Council D-5

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HOUSING

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yes, yes, yes

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

former Hamakua sugar lands in Paauilo

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.

HUD	Rural Development	County Housing Agency
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Comment

Gary Safarik

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UH extension services..... Hawaii Farm Bureau..... State Dept of Ag.....

Comment

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county planning Land Use Comm Planners like Sidney Fuke

Comment

Gary Safarik

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- 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?

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

As a councilmember I have always lobbied effectively at the state level. Also by supportive resolutions from the council.

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UH Manoa State DOE Board of Ed

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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

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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.

State Healthcare System..... AMA..... HMOs.....

Comment

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Gary Safarik

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. Federal reimbursements to physicians must be increased
- 2. incentive to attract doctors to Hawaii
- 3. Private healthcare insurance providers must increase reimbursements. Mutual Benefit -

Comment

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

- 10%
- 40%
- 70%

What are the implications of that?

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**

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 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"/> Increase taxes | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce health, education & welfare expense |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase licensing & permit revenue | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce culture & recreation expense |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase revenues from use of money & property | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce sanitation & waste removal expense |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase intergovernmental revenue | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce debt service expense |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase charges for services | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce pension & retirement expense |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce general government expense | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce health fund expense |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce public safety expense | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce highways expense | |

Other _____

37. In the event of a budget surplus 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 taxes | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase health, education & welfare services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce licensing & permit costs | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase culture & recreation opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce revenue from use of money & property | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase sanitation & waste removal services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce intergovernmental revenue | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase debt service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce charges for services | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase pension & retirement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase general government expense | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase health fund benefits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase public safety services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase highway work | |

Other _____

