

GUY ENRIQUES

Hawaii County of Hawaii County Council District 6

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

Business is the foundation of economic development in Hawaii. Diversified and balance business opportunities is critical to the long-term sustainable economic future of Hawaii.

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?

Though I am not familiar with the State or County regulations on affordable housing, my answer is no because I believe we are currently lacking sufficient affordable housing units.

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?

I am not familiar with regulations governing long-term leases for work force and affordable housing. However, I would support well thoughtout measures using government land that would increase the availability of affordable housing.

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

I do not have enough knowledge in this area to comfortably answer this question.

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.

Hawaii County Housing Department State Housing Department

Comment

Research individuals with extensive experience with workforce housing and affordable housing and get their input.

Guy Enriques

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 will support incentives that are well thought out and will produce desired results for the majority.

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 do not have enough knowledge to comfortably answer this question at this time.

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:

I need more information on this topic before making a comfortable decision.

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:

Science and technology is and will continue to be a major part of our lives. We should proceed with intelligence and reservations.

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:

We must move ahead with research in biotechnology but emphasize the protection of our natural strains and cultural concerns.

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.

County Ag Dept. _____ State Ag Dept _____ State Rep. Clift Tsuji _____

Comment

Guy Enriques

LAND USE

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

- yes Not at this time... Ag lands are important for a sustainable future.....
- no

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

Why Yes?

- yes I do not have enough knowledge to comfortably answer this question.....
- 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?

I believe it is missing a key component that is the financing required to care for new assets.

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

I am not familiar with the criteria.....
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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?

I suggest we allocate a % of funds to purchase lands and earmark it for care and maintenance.....
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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.?

I support increasing our National Parks, so long as it is a desirable choice by communities closely located and affected.....
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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.

Land Use Commission.....

Comment

Guy Enriques

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

Unable to answer at this time.

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

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

Need more research to answer.

no

No? Why not?

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

I am a supporter of education... I would need to visit with vital players before making this decision.

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.

State DOE UHH

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.

Guy Enriques

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

Yes so long as it keeps our utility company in good standing.....
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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

I believe it has some real solutions.....
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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.
- c..... No, 100% oppose.

Other Response

Yes at a rate that keeps our utility company healthy and.... lower customer prices.....
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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.

HELCO..... Geothermal..... PUC.....

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.

County Health Dept..... State Health Dept..... Jessie Marques Kau Rural Health.....

Comment

Guy Enriques

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. I am not able to answer at this time.
- 2.
- 3.

Comment

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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?

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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** Wheelabrator is not the only option of waste-to-energy method of disposing.

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. The fastest way to divide a county is to divide the county.

Guy Enriques

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?

- Traffic
- Affordable housing
- Trash disposal
- Energy
- Environment
- Health Care
- Coqui frogs

Other

Advocate for a County Council that works together with respect for each other and has the interest of their constituents and the majority at heart. Solving above problems would be more productive.

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?

- Increase taxes
- Increase licensing & permit revenue
- Increase revenues from use of money & property
- Increase intergovernmental revenue
- Increase charges for services
- Reduce general government expense
- Reduce public safety expense
- Reduce highways expense
- Reduce health, education & welfare expense
- Reduce culture & recreation expense
- Reduce sanitation & waste removal expense
- Reduce debt service expense
- Reduce pension & retirement expense
- Reduce health fund expense

Other I do not have enough information to comfortably decide at this time.

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- Increase public safety services
- Increase highway work
- Increase health, education & welfare services
- Increase culture & recreation opportunities
- Increase sanitation & waste removal services
- Increase debt service
- Increase pension & retirement
- Increase health fund benefits

Other

FRED FOGEL

County Council, District 6, Ka`u

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

Employ people and protect the aina.

HOUSING

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

Yes - How?

- yes Developer contributions.
- 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).

Sure.

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

If there would be little impact on the aina.

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

Land around Kulani prison (and, of course) any other land meeting the aina impact criteria.

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.

Dept of Housing DLNR Yellow pages

Comment

Fred Fogel

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:

If used, incentives should focus on the small farmer and not encourage rezoning for development.

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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)
- c. No, 100% oppose

Comments:

Aren't there already special rates? Sure, but ag water should come from reservoirs and other gravity sources whenever possible.

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

Comments:

Loan program preferable.

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Comment:

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

Comment:

But GMO food should be clearly marked.

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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 DLNR yellow pages

Comment

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Fred Fogel

LAND USE

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

- yes as long as it doesn't increase the potential for development.....
- 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?

none - less government, not more.....

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?

need more money in the fund for preservation

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

the committee does a good job...unfortunately the politicians don't always listen.....

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

why? improvement does not mean adding cement and removing trees. Reed's Bay is a prime example of runaway governmental "improvement.".....

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.?

Of course. It might keep people from dumping trash in the great crack.....

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DLNR..... Planning Department..... yellow pages.....

Comment

Fred Fogel

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 Fire the DOE administration and put some of the savings towards all public schools.
- 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 see 19.
- 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 Absolutely! Actually it is up to the voters to elect people that think the way I do. Then it might happen.
- no

No? Why not?

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

Let them control their own destiny. Keep the money flowing.

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.

Dept. of Education governor yellow pages

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?

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| <input type="radio"/> a. Yes. It stabilizes future energy costs. | Other Response |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. No. Free enterprise should solve. | but HELCO must be required to purchase ANY alternate energy created by any source, at a fare rate. |
| <input type="radio"/> c. Yes. No matter the consequence. | |

Fred Fogel

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

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Other Response

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Other Response

if the plan encourages alternate energy, yes.....
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Other Response

yes, but shouldn't have anything to do with the cost of.....
foreign oil.....
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DLNR..... HELCO..... yellow pages.....

Comment

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Comment

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hospitals/clinics..... dept. of health..... yellow pages.....

Comment

Fred Fogel

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- 1. encourage young MD's to build a practice
- 2. eliminate red tape and governmental fees
- 3. tort reform - limit on suits

Comment

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What are the implications of that? people don't get the care they need

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- c. Landfills
- Other waste to energy that doesn't cost the taxpayers anything

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- yes Comment
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Fred Fogel

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"/> Affordable housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Coqui frogs | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase public safety services | |
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Other what's wrong with saving money for a rainy day?

HAWAII COUNTY COUNCIL
MEMBER BOB JACOBSON

Hawaii County Council District 6

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

Business in Hawaii is and will be the prime creator of new jobs across the state. As such, business health is of crucial importance to residents.

HOUSING

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

Yes - How?

- yes Workforce housing at Wailoloa is a good example of how we can create permanent affordable housing units. We should change rules and policies as needed.
- 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).

Yes as long as the housing are within 5 driving miles of the project.

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

Yes, especially if the Waikoloa model for permanent affordable housing is followed.

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

Each project and site must be individually evaluated using information on infrastructure, environmental considerations, and cultural impacts.

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.

County Housing director Ed Taira	HUD US Housing and Urban Development	Hawaii Public HOusing Authority
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Hawaii County Council Member Bob Jacobson

AGRICULTURE

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Comments:

We need incentives to promote sustainable food and energy production.....
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Comments:

Yes, if residents are promoting effective and responsible sustainable food and energy production.....
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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.

USDA..... Hawaii Department of Agriculture..... various Hawaii Farming organizations.....

Comment

There are so many faarmer membership organizations I consult with that I can't name them all here.....
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Hawaii County Council Member Bob Jacobson

LAND USE

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

- yes We need to preserve ag lands to survive sustainably... We need food and energy to survive importing 99% of food and fuel cannot continue forever.
- no

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

Why Yes?

- yes I like the checks and balances provided under current law.
- 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?

I supported and voted for this important program.

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?

Public private partnerships cn be a part of the solution.....
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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.?

Yes.....
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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.

Hawaii County Planning Department..... State Land Use Commision..... varios private organizations.....

Comment

I make an effort to work with and/or listen to all organizations and agencies.....
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Hawaii County Council Member Bob Jacobson

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 I work with State and Federal officials to support and expand HCC services. Continuing dialogue with local businesses to see which workers they need.

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 Continue working with State DOE, HCC officials, State Legislators and the Governor.

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?

Smaller poorer communities or those with special needs would suffer.

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

Continue working with State DOE, Rose Tseng and other officials, State Legislators and the Governor.

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State DOE Hawaii Deaseach and Development Individual Schools and PTSAs

Comment

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ENERGY

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Other Response

b. No. Free enterprise should solve.

Sustainable energy is important

c. Yes. No matter the consequence.

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Hawaii County Council Member Bob Jacobson

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

Other Response

Before any further development we need to fully understand what its fullest SAFE potential is. We need to protect residents' health.

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- c. No, 100% oppose.

Other Response

We need to revamp PUC policies to make power cheaper here in Hawaii. Some US residents get their power for \$.08/kw not \$.42/kw like here.

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.

US Department of Energy Hawaii County R&D various private groups

Comment various private groups like the Kohala Center, Hawaii Chamber of Commerce or national associations like National Assoc of Counties help me understand problems and solution

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 I have been a Registered Nurse for 30 years working 25 years for the State of Hawaii and was state president of the State Nurses Unit 9 HGFA

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.

HHSC State Department of Health professional organization for doctors and nurses

Comment I've been working in this area for 30 years and can't list all the organizations and individuals I rely upon for information

Hawaii County Council Member Bob Jacobson

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. Encourage disbanding of HHSC and return control to the DOH and a local hospital governing board
- 2. Award discretionary funds to dental or health needs
- 3. Support local health clinics

Comment

Hawaii County currently has a very limited role in health but I would encourage the formation of a Health Department within the executive branch

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? I believe that 70% are underinsured or uninsured. The cost of this is enormous human suffering, homelessness and a disruption of our society.

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** Prohibiting import of certain nonrecyclables, backhauling by companies. Landfilling of nonrecyclables if we recycle/divert 85% is practical.

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**
Dividing the county will result in enormous bureaucratic costs as well as increasing inefficiencies.

Hawaii County Council Member Bob Jacobson

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?

- Traffic
- Affordable housing
- Trash disposal
- Energy
- Environment
- Health Care
- Coqui frogs

Other

Mass Transit and energy sustainability are part of the same category

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?

- Increase taxes
- Increase licensing & permit revenue
- Increase revenues from use of money & property
- Increase intergovernmental revenue
- Increase charges for services
- Reduce general government expense
- Reduce public safety expense
- Reduce highways expense
- Reduce health, education & welfare expense
- Reduce culture & recreation expense
- Reduce sanitation & waste removal expense
- Reduce debt service expense
- Reduce pension & retirement expense
- Reduce health fund 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?

- Reduce taxes
- Reduce licensing & permit costs
- Reduce revenue from use of money & property
- Reduce intergovernmental revenue
- Reduce charges for services
- Increase general government expense
- Increase public safety services
- Increase highway work
- Increase health, education & welfare services
- Increase culture & recreation opportunities
- Increase sanitation & waste removal services
- Increase debt service
- Increase pension & retirement
- Increase health fund benefits

Other Increase public transportation expenses increase support for affordable housing