

KEN FUJIYAMA

House of Representatives District 1

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Yes - How?

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I believe that partnerships such as in the current Waikoloa development would seem to be a better way to insure.....
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Hawaii Public Housing Authority.....
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Comments:

I am concerned that the current 15/85 percent mix as enacted by the...
last legislature may have great consequences on the Hamakua Coast
where much of the land is owned by large land owners.

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University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture Hawaii Farm Bureau Local Farmers

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LAND USE

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- yes I would need to know the circumstances for the lack of productivity and if this was in line with master planning efforts.....
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Why Yes?

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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?

I am concerned that breaking up the governance structure will eventually result in a lack of necessary resources to build and maintain the school infrastructure. I would propose a restructuring of the bureacracy with a return to district superintendents who are appointed by the board and are held directly accountable for the issues and

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I would work with the University to developing a plan of action and common goal.

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- 1. Promote a medical residency program on Hawaii island.
- 2. Seek legislative review of the medical liability issue.
- 3. Develop strategies to allow for support of home nursing and family care of elderly relatives.

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Yes - How?

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

Partnerships between County, State, Federal, and private industry need to be formed to create more affordable housing opportunities

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, all options for affordable housing need to be explored. The housing should be located anywhere appropriate to maximize the amount of housing created with the dollars spend to construct

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

Yes, I have already worked on legislation at the county level as an aide to Councilmember Dominic Yagong to set aside county owned lands in Hamakua for the possibility of creating affordable housing

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

All County and State lands should be reviewed to determine their appropriateness for affordable housing developments

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.

Comment

I would not limit myself to three individuals or organizations. I would bring all interested and concerned people to the table to chart out the best course in solving our affordable housing crisis

Steven Offenbaker

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Comments:

I support incentives and I agree with SB.2646 that allows land owners to develop 15% of IAL and put the rest into active production

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Comments:

the Department of Water Supply can do this without State oversight there is no need for the state to have its hand in this aspect of water rates

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Without water there is no agriculture. We must help get water to the ag lands

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Comment:

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Comment:

Food crops must be carefully evaluated to ensure that their are no unforeseen consequences to eating GMO food. Again, special attention must be paid to the cultural aspect of this issue and we must be respectful to those affected cultures

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 Ha Charles Ensey William Steiner

Comment

I would also bring to the table anyone that in involved in agriculture production that would want to participate in hte process of strengthening agriculture in Hawaii

Steven Offenbaker

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- yes I would also support the dissolution of the Land use Commission all together.....
- no

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Why Yes?

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

I believe the County should have control of all zoning and land use issues.....

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?

While I recognize that diverting 2% of real property tax revenue takes away funds for needed projects, an overwhelming majority of the people support doing so and I support that mandate from the people

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

No...The recommendations of the land use commission are not set in stone. As we have seen this year the County Council can make changes as it sees fit, producing resolution after resolution requiring the mayor to pursue the purchase of properties not ranked as top of the list. The Priority list should be set by the commission, approved by the council, and then be set for a 2 year period until reviewed by the open space commission thus removing the political

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

On a state level, I would drastically increase the licensing fees for hunting and fishing for out of state residents. All those fees should then be placed into DLNR to fund parks maintenance and development. I would also seek to expand "friends of the park" relationships to get more community involvement in the parks.

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.?

It would depend on who was paying the bill. If someone was donating land to the park i would gladly accept. If the taxpayers were having to pay for the land then I would be very reluctant to expand.

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State Office of Planning..... County Planning Department..... Steve Lim.....

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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 YES. I propose to place the question of local school boards on the ballot and allow each county to decide for themselves if they would like to create an island school board.
- no

No? Why not?

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

Ensure UH-Hilo receives enough funding to manage its programs. I would support exploring the option of separating Big Island Colleges from the UH system creating a second independent institution of higher learning. I would work to maximize private funding sources and work to create more community buy in to the college and its programs.

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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.

Jay Ignacio..... Mike Kalikini..... NELHA.....

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 I think a majority of people have an average amount of knowledge of teh health care system, there are very few people that can understand fully this system and that's one of the reasons it has so many problems.....
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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.

Hawaii Medical Assn..... Earl Bakken..... Gary Okamoto.....

Comment

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Steven Offenbaker

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. Seek TORT reform
- 2. Reduce burden of unions on public hospitals
- 3. require fair reimbursements from HMSA, Medicaide, Medicare to doctors

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? A large portion of insured are under state quest insurance meaning the taxpayers are footing the bill

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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

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

Steven Offenbaker

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