

STACY HIGA

Mayor

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

Very important. Public/private partnerships, economic generator/stimulator, really the pulse of our community. Healthy community equals healthy business environment.

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?

Economic incentives ie: tax breaks... Extending the mileage distance affordable housing requirements may be built.

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, this is what I mentioned in #2.

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

Either thru leases or outright sale or exchange of land... I think this is better handled in the private sector.

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

Whatever suitable land we have in our inventory... Hamakua, Kaunaha, etc.

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.

Keith Kato	Habitat for Humanity	

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Stacy Higa

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 clearly define IAL. We need a comprehensive AG plan to ensure farmers/rancher can be successful

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 believe in home rule. Each island should be working on water for consumption and ag use.

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:

The Board of Water Supply and local government should work public/private partnership, then possibly fund or have programs. Water is a precious resource.

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:

Techonology is vital to keeping our crops viable. We need to safeguard everything, including other crops from contamination. It has to be safe.

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
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Comment:

I believe each industry should decide for themselves. If taro farmers don't want the help, don't support.

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.

UH Manoa Ag Dept. UHH Hilo State Dept.

Comment

US AG

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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 It should be decided by local government.....
- 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?

County should decide.....

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?

Acquiring land should be on a case by case basis. Voters ratified 2% so we need to live with it or have it repealed.

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

It's sufficient.....

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

We should work @ public/private ventures. County needs to be creative in building and repairing park facilities.....

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 would support IF federal gov. opens up more access to shore and mountains.....

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Comment

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Stacy Higa

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 Support chancellor and better plan our bike, walking paths and student housing.
- 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 Same as above.
- 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 Encourage Leg and people to dismantle DOE and go for local control and board
- no

No? Why not?

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

support chancellor and better planning for future expansion and growth of UHH

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

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.
- b. No. Free enterprise should solve.
- c. Yes. No matter the consequence.

Other Response

Working with HELCO and others to make sure we are ALL working together

Stacy Higa

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

Again with HELCO.....  
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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

It is a plan. We should again work together to create win/win scenarios.....  
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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.
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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.

HIEDB..... State DBED..... Hoku Scientific.....

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
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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. Craig Shikuma..... Director Fukino..... Ron Schurra.....

Comment .....

Stacy Higa

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. Work on Dr. incentive package (county sponsored)
- 2. Encourage and support regional health care clinics
- 3. work with university of Hawaii to accept local students who make commitment of return to our community to work

Comment

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

- 10%
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- 70%

What are the implications of that? A community at risk

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### 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 Would be a mistake

Stacy Higa

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coqui frogs | ..... |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trash disposal |   | ..... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy                    |   | ..... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment               |   | ..... |

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Other .....

**BILLY KENOI**

Mayor

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

Business is the backbone of our economy in Hawaii. It creates jobs and economic opportunity for our Island residents, it provides a stable tax base for our economy and our government to provide critical programs and services, and it allows our community to thrive in a safe and healthy environment.

**HOUSING**

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

**Yes - How?**

- yes Yes and No. Yes in that we finally have a more equitable system to set aside affordable housing units when large developments are proposed.
- no

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

No in that we have not seen any affordable housing units built in the County of Hawaii in decades.

**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).**

Within a reasonable geographical range, yes. For example, if a development occurs in S. Kohala, say Mauna Lani, then I would support locating affordable housing within that geographical area (Waikoloa, Kohala, Waimea, N. Kona) but not in Ka'u, Puna, or Hilo.

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

We are already looking at 1,200 units being built under this structure in Waikoloa. We need to look very closely at government lands or acquiring lands in areas where residents are unable to live and to build homes in those areas because of high land/home prices (Kohala, Hamakua, and in West Hawaii). Housing is an important policy objective and this is an appropriate use of government lands but the process and implementation are challenging and need to be carefully thought through.

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

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**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.**

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**Comment**

I would not limit the input I would receive on understanding affordable housing and workforce housing because so many entities input is critical to having a clear and comprehensive understanding of this issue. Besides the housing agencies at the federal (HUD), state (HCDA), and county (Housing, Water), there are the chambers, the contractors association, the building and trades unions, and local companies. This does not exclude entities that have implemented affordable/workforce housing in other municipalities in our country.

Billy Kenoi

AGRICULTURE

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Comments:

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We must provide incentives to keep IAL's in productive agricultural use.....  
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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?

Comments:

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

NOTE he did NOT say 100% oppose, just said no.....  
We need to have special use rates for Ag but I am in favor of keeping that decision at the local level and within our community. We do not need another layer of government dictating decisions for our community. We can advocate for Ag better here at home.....

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?

Comments:

- a. Yes, 100% in favor
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We need to give Ag all the assistance we can to achieve sustainability for the industry.....

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)?

Comment:

- a. Yes, 100% in favor
- b. Yes, w/reservations (Explain)
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: I would be in favor IF the cut flower and nursery industry here on Hawaii Island was in favor of it and it was conducted in a controlled environment. Our ag industry is critical to our economy. I would not allow in our County any activity that would threaten that industry.....

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Comment:

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I am opposed to GMO and Biotechnology in our natural environment. We live in one of the most pristine natural environments anywhere in the world. That environment allows us to grow untainted and disease free food crops. If there is testing that will assist us in food production, then let that testing occur in labs and controlled environments, not testing in our natural.....

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.

Comment

: I would speak with all of our farmers and our ag specialists who live in every geographical area on our Island and who deal with different commodities. They each have their own challenges and their own unique concerns (flowers and foliage, coffee, macadamia nuts, fruits and produce, ...). I am currently meeting with as many different.....

Billy Kenoi

LAND USE

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

- yes Yes, in certain circumstances. The land use laws in our state and our county are very challenging and can be very frustrating at times. However, we are still trying to map and determine what is "productive" ag lands and I would not want to see a wholesale change from ag to rural without clear criteria and guidelines.
- 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?

Obviously, NO. The County should have greater input over decision making that impacts our farmers and our residents in our community. We should have the ability to make timely decisions that directly impact our community. I would defer to farmers and ag producers on a specific amount but 50 acres or less sounds reasonable to me.

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 share the commitment to acquire important lands for the public to enjoy in perpetuity but I am not comfortable dedicating a specific amount of the budget for that purpose because it hampers the county's ability to address other and sometimes unforeseen needs of the community that might have a higher priority.

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?

I would forge partnerships with community businesses, non-profits, and community organizations to adopt our parks and enter into collaborative partnerships that allow us to share resources and develop our parks for our families to enjoy for generations.

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, as long as the Federal government has the ability to maintain and care for the expansion of the National park lands that they acquire.

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 Again, there are multiple individuals, agencies and organizations. I have always been one to keep an open ear to all stakeholders and those with the experience, talent, and expertise in the subject matter. Everyone has valuable input. No one should be excluded from this list.

Billy Kenoi

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 Yes, absolutely. I have been a teacher at HCC for the past 4 years. Expansion of HCC means expansion of higher education opportunities for our residents which means an educated workforce and a higher quality of life for our families. I would continue to work with our federal, state, and local leaders to make this happen.
- 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 Absolutely. This is critical. Our residents in West Hawaii have very limited educational options and opportunities forcing many young folks to leave home. We must encourage our UH and Board of Regents to advocate for this expansion and work with our State Legislators and Governor to implement planning and resources to make this happen.
- 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 : I would like to see greater control and decision making and allocation of resources for our 3 schools complexes on our Island (W. Hawaii, Hilo, Puna) and allow our 3 complex area superintendents that authority. I have worked closely with all 3 in addressing educational and community based issues around education for many years.
- no

No? Why not?

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

: I would continue to be a champion and an advocate for higher education and for the continued growth and expansion of programs for our UH that is the economic engine for our community. I would advocate for more student housing and assist in development of that housing as this is the only limiting factor in growing our UHH.

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.

Comment So many folks know so much about this area. UH, UHH, HCC, DOE, State Legislators, Teachers, Professors, Students, and Businesses. We all are a part of the solution.

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.

Absolutely, Positively, YES.

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Billy Kenoi

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, it has been proven to be a stable and dependable power source worldwide.

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

- a. No, it is not aggressive enough.
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Other Response

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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

We need to work closely with HELCO and the PUC to encourage small businesses and IPP's to sell surplus energy either back to HELCO or to neighbors and others at a favorable rate

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.

Comment Again, it would be HELCO, our IPP's (PGV, Windfarms, ...), the PUC, Kohala Center, Richard Ha, Guy Toyama, Taka Wada, Dustin Shindo, ... too many to limit to 3

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 agree it is complex...I have been working on this issue for the last 2 years and am a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii State Rural Health Association. I would rate it as high but I still am learning a lot as I go along

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.

Comment Too many again. There are doctors, healthcare administrators, nurses, long-term care specialists, DOH, mental health specialists, agencies and organizations statewide, insurance providers, they all need to be involved and contacted, and of course, the consumer.

Billy Kenoi

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. Establish Hawaii Island Rural Residency Program to train doctors in our community that has two positive impacts – encourage them to stay here and brings specialists here to train them and serve our community.
2. Establish more long-term care facilities in our communities that addresses \$110 million the state loses annually because of lack of long-term care beds and provides jobs and incentives to take care of our elderly in the communities they call home.
3. Work with our congressional delegation to change reimbursement for Hawaii to the same rate as Alaska which allows 20% premium for medicare/Medicaid reimbursement and encourages more healthcare providers to work and stay in Hawaii.

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? Hawaii's Prepaid Healthcare Act of 1974 ensures that we have one of the lowest uninsured healthcare rates in the entire country. We still need to ensure that every child has access to healthcare.

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### COUNTY GOVERNANCE

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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** : We lost our opportunity for waste-to-energy. We now must truck to puuanahulu or ship off Island in the short-term and pursue other options (wte, landfilling) in the long-term. We need to collectively address this issue and commit to a long-term strategy. We cannot continue changing course in mid-stream. The options will not get any cheaper. It looks like we will have to bale and barge in the short-term and then find an alternative or expand our current landfill.

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**

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Other Increase highway projects and mass transit

**SENATOR LORRAINE RODERO  
INOUE**

*Hawai'i County Mayor*

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

Business is a vital part of our island's economic survival. Business provides the goods, services and jobs needed by our community.

**HOUSING**

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

**Yes - How?**

- yes The State recently gave more autonomy to the HHFDC. Loans are available to non-profit developers; State lands have been made available and partnerships with the State have been successful.
- no

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

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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. I will continue to support this. I will work with the developers and the communities to insure we maximize affordable housing opportunities.

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

Yes. We must insure that our lands are put to the best possible use. Workforce development and affordable housing are two high priority items.

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

We can request the transfer by Executive Order of State lands in upper Waiakea, Kaumana and Puna. We can use County lands in Hamakua.

**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, Office of Hawai'i County Housing and Community Development	Keith Kato, Hawai'i Island Community Corporation	Janice Takahashi, Acting Director, Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation
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Senator Lorraine Rodero Inouye

AGRICULTURE

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Comments:

My record as State Senator speaks for itself in my support of agriculture and my commitment to agriculture. Please refer to my web page for more information... www.Lorraineonline.com

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- c. No, 100% oppose

Comments:

This is a home rule issue. The County of Hawai'i has oversight over the quasi-autonomous Department of Water Supply. It should remain that way.

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:

During the last session, I supported legislation that enables the PUC to provide special agricultural rates for water for agribusinesses that obtain their water from private water sources.

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:

I support GM/Biotechnology for non-food crops. My only reservation is: we must insure that current agribusinesses are not adversely effected by invasive GM/BT plants or organisms.

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:

There is no "one answer fits all" solution to this issue. The advantages and disadvantages of GM/BT must be weighed when considering the use of this technology on specific food crops.

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.

Margareta Hopkins, County of Hawai'i Research and Development  
 Sandy Kunimoto, State of Hawai'i Department of Agriculture  
 Calvin Sewake, UH, CTAHR

Comment

Senator Lorraine Rodero Inouye

LAND USE

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

- yes
- no

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

Why Yes?

- yes The County of Hawai'i must first identify important agricultural lands and then revise the General Plan before looking for control over larger parcels.
- 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 have reservations with this policy. It is not good fiscal policy to require tapping into the budget for items such as this. Especially during uncertain economic times.

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

Yes...In particular, I support the provision that requires public hearings on all lands considered for purchase.....  
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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 should develop these lands for parks when funds are available, and we should insure that we have adequate funding to preserve our current parks.....  
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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 would consider any proposals to enlarge these parks. I would solicit community input and make decisions accordingly.....  
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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.

Mary Lou Kobayashi, State Office of Planning Dan Davidson, Director of the State Land Use Commission Norman Hayashi, Planner, County of Hawai'i

Comment .....

Senator Lorraine Rodero Inouye

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 will continue to work with university officials, the legislature and the community to make this happen.
- 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 I support the Palamanui project to build the campus for HCC West.
- 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?

DOE is not financially sound. The system should remain one until such time that a clear purpose and policy is developed addressing autonomy, funding and other issues.

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

As your Mayor, I will work in cooperation with the university system, the State Legislature and the Governor to continue the growth and development of our outstanding university programs.

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, Chancellor, UHH Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent, DOE Dan Sakai, retired District Superintendent, Hawaii's Island

Comment

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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

Hawaii Island has lands available to increase our use of renewable energy. We already lead the State in our production of non-fossil fuel energy.

Senator Lorraine Rodero Inouye

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 energy and geothermal energy byproducts have the potential to be used for additional needs, such as transportation.

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

As Mayor, my administration will review this plan and make changes if necessary.

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

With the cost of foreign oil steadily rising, I believe we can utilize the lower costs of renewable energy to provide some relief to HELCO and it's customers.

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.

Max Goldberger, HCEOC, Maurice Kava, Strategic Energy Consulting, Elizabeth Cordin, State of Hawai'i, DBEDT

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 Please visit my website: [www.Lorraineonline.com](http://www.Lorraineonline.com) for specifics on these issues.

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. Chiyome Fukino, State of Hawai'i, HHSC, Hawai'i Island Boards, JABSOM at UH, NHH

Comment

Senator Lorraine Rodero Inouye

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 will assist in lobbying the legislature along with the Health Care industry in support of more funding and other legislation to provide needed services.
- 2. I will continue to support and fight for the initiatives relating to health care listed on my website.
- 3. My Administration will partner with the Department of Health to create educational brochures to be distributed to the public through our County agencies.

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? Uninsured people contribute to rising health care costs by: delaying needed treatment; insufficient preventive care; and, eventual overutilization of medical services [hospitals, emergency rooms, etc.]

## 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** The new Mayor must address landfill issues upon taking office.

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: It would be cost prohibitive. We may be facing an uncertain economic future and it would not be appropriate to have duplicate commissions at this time.

Senator Lorraine Rodero Inouye

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 | _____ |
| <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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                           |
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| <input checked="" 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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**K. ANGEL PILAGO**

Mayor

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

I view it as a partnership. Government's role is to create an atmosphere for prosperity; business provides investment capital and competitive entrepreneurship for society to thrive.

**HOUSING**

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

**Yes - How?**

- yes Hawaii County added 20% affordable workforce housing requirement and moved ahead on Kamakoa Project at Waikoloa Community Facilities Districts are in place for funding.
- 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).**

Existing County law requires affordable housing be built within a 15 mile radius.

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

Yes.

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

Kamakoa in Waikoloa and Palani Rd. above Henry Street for the State affordable housing project.

**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 Public Housing Authority	U.S. Dept. of H.U.D.	Catholic Charities Office of Social Ministry
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K. Angel Pilago

AGRICULTURE

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

Comments:

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

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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?

Comments:

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

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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.

Hawaii Dept. Of Agriculture ..... U.H. College of Tropical Ag. .... Local Farming Associations .....

Comment

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K. Angel Pilago

LAND USE

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

- yes I believe we need to protect our ag lands to assure sustainable food production.....
- 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?

1,000 acres. Control over large tracts of land will promote "home rule".....

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 support the County 2% Land Fund to acquire valuable parcels of land/open space.

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

I agree to the criteria... I would like to have the ranking and priority system refined.....

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

County needs to facilitate partnerships with community management groups and private industry.....

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.....

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.

Trust for Public Lands..... State Land Use Commission..... Dept. of Hawaiian Homes.....

Comment .....

K. Angel Pilago

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 would encourage the Governor to release money for upgrades. U.H. Board of Regents are already moving to make improvements to HCC.

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 Yes. I would encourage Governor Lingle and the U.H. Board of Regents to secure and support funding for the expansion of the Palamanui Campus.

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 Yes. I have always been an advocate of Local School Boards and I strongly support decentralization. I also strongly support Charter Schools.

no

No? Why not?

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

Continue to promote the quality and diversity of education. Provide opportunities to bring the university and students closer into cultural, community business and local government.

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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 Dept. of Education ..... University of Hawaii ..... Hawaii State Teacher's Assoc. ....

Comment

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ENERGY

Oil prices are expected to rise steadily as supply diminishes.

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Other Response

b. No. Free enterprise should solve.

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K. Angel Pilago

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. Provided it is safe, culturally respectful, and its full potential will be utilized.

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 funded the Plan developed by Kohala Center. As Mayor, I will designate a cabinet level advisor to implement/enforce the performance measures of the Plan.

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.

NELHA Gateway Center State P.U.C. Private industry-Kohala Center

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 I helped start the Wai'ane Comprehensive Health Center and understand the need to support community health clinics offering alternative, culturally based Health Care.

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.

Health Care Assoc. of Hawaii State Rep. Josh Green, M.D. Private Healthcare Providers

Comment

K. Angel Pilago

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. Utilize existing County lands available for partnerships to build new facilities.
- 2. Commit County to provide infrastructure to these facilities.
- 3. Expedite approvals and permits.

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? The steady growth of uninsured people places a heavy burden on social and volunteer services as well as hospitals and doctors who absorb uncompensated costs.

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COUNTY GOVERNANCE

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- a. Waste-to-energy incineration (i.e. Wheelabrator)
- b. Shipping to off-island location
- c. Landfills
- Other** I also support some types of incineration and would consider gasification, plasma arc and other waste to energy systems.

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. Two Planning Commissions will help facilitate a better business climate and enable the C.D.P.'s to be implemented. Two Commissions does not equate to splitting the County.

K. Angel Pilago

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

Traffic  
Energy  
(wasn't able to check box)

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- 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

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- 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 Reduce taxes (not able to check in the box)