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#### Platform Statements

1. Careful stopping tourist Lockdowns! Honolulu/Hawaii has done a good job with the virus but should open the Economy slowly and carefully. The process currently in process may be acceptable, but my recommendation is to slow down a bit. Especially with the current plan of letting tourists come to Hawaii August 1st without a 14-day lockdown upon arrival. Testing on the mainland does not give any indication of the person's health with this virus upon arrival. The person could catch the disease before boarding the plane, especially depending on how many hours or days before departure the test was made. Further, there is no full-proof test to determine if a person has the disease, or is asymptomatic. The better approach is to test before and after departure and mandate a 14-day lockdown to protect our citizens, other tourists, and the tested tourist, upon arrival. In this day of crises (and the virus is increasing around the World and especially on the Mainland), the tourist should understand that this is a safe way to come to Hawaii, protect his family, and the people of Hawaii, and still enjoy the wonderful climate and aloha atmosphere even from the balcony of his hotel room. Yes, our tourist business wants to open as soon as possible; they are losing money and need to start soon to stay in business. But, let's bring the services- be it food, drink, music, shopping, whatever to the tourist in a seamless and safe manner. My main concern here is that if the pandemic picks up steam here, not only will our crowded narrow corridor city create an ideal place to spread the disease, but Hawaii's image of "Pure Hawaii", the land of safety and health could be destroyed for some time to come.

Diversifying the Economy and using Federal funds in an appropriate manner all falls within my Sustainable, self-sufficient, and circular economy model detailed on my web site: Duke4Mayor.com . Each person striving for self-sufficiency with

our own food and energy production would solve much of our living expenses while circulating money for exchange locally and not seeing money leave the State to outside interests. The plan also depicts an investment in creating a tech industry and a design industry in Honolulu centering on our elementary and high school students and monitored and educated by the University and Private sectors. Part of any Federal money approved for Hawaii should go into a community fund to directly promote this sustainability project along with basic services like meals, health services, and local production of goods and services to become more self-sufficient against any continuing or worsening crises in the World today.

2. My participation in the Community during the Pandemic has been mostly research, analysis, and communication to the People about the health and economic crises before us today. Some phone consultations and community discussions also help our community and the development of a plan to move forward.

3. Additionally, this plan of sustainability and marketing Honolulu as 'Pure Hawaii' addresses the environment and climate change by cleaning our environment from pollution and growing our food organically. Value-added products all coming from this "Pure Hawaii" is a brand that will become more profitable as time passes and the World becomes more crowded, polluted, and unsafe.

4. Reduce tobacco smoking and E-cigarette smoking by doubling taxation and placing an age control of 25 years to 65. Young people do not understand the health compromise to their bodies and the people around them by smoking. And apparently, E-smoking can be even more harmful. Place an outright ban on E smoking. So protecting our young by restricting consumption, while increasing the cost to all will help reduce this addiction.

5. Additionally, Promoting a Sustainable, Healthy and Clean Honolulu includes being pure to the environment and to our own body environment. This means eliminating tobacco as much as possible and creating our own industry of herbal and healthy smoking products. Also good for export.

6. Honolulu can support the Sustainability Program where each one of us grows our own food organically to save money, improve our health, create this circular economy, and become self-sufficient. Community farms like [greenverdefarms.com](http://greenverdefarms.com) and cooperating with gentlemen farms can make Oahu green and profitable. We promote an organic vegan diet, or at least moving toward this healthy and environmentally just system is the goal. Exercise from gardening, along with promoting bicycling and other activity further promotes health and sustainability. Increasing the use of taxes on unhealthy foods should move people away from eating and drinking sugar, chemical-laden foods, and unnatural products. Good opportunity to substitute locally made natural and organic products for these unhealthy products imported for profit.

7. Honolulu should dramatically move toward a Vision Zero City with less traffic, a RAIL down King street from downtown to Kaimuki, a sky train from King to Ala Moana into Waikiki, limited use of the permission to drive in the city starting with three days a week driving permit stickers during busy hours, reducing the buses in the City and using perimeter terminals to direct busing into the valleys and country routes, moving our bike routes to quiet side streets without cars, creating mall-like avenue or pedestrian corridors for easy quality of life living without cars and bikes, creating a cable internet system down King Street while protecting citizens from electromagnetic radiation, creating mini-parks, tree planting, agriculture, and street business and fun for all ages.

8. The tax on sugar should be higher. Sugar should not be so cheap that young children can buy without supervision from their parents. Exercise should be required of all students, with support to adults to keep in shape with gardening, bike transportation, and monitoring by a State-run natural health program to help people with their diet, exercise, supplements, and other means to promote the health of our community. Like privacy, but with cameras everywhere monitoring our movements, application for traffic infractions should be acceptable.

9. Fluoridation of water is an unnatural way to keep teeth cavity-free and in fact, reports say this reduces the strength of teeth

overtime defeating the purpose of oral cavity prevention. Better to work on eating habits, eliminating sugar, promoting dental brushing, and public dental clinics under a natural healthy prevention program.

10. Alcohol should be controlled because of the negative effects on the health and social dialogue of the community. Higher taxation and a limitation on sales to buyers.

11. One way to regulate marijuana is to require the product to be strictly organic. The State can monitor through HOFA or some farm organization like the UH, that all farms do not use any chemicals, unnatural fertilizers, or GMO strains with their production. The product can then be analyzed by the farmer to give the quality of natural ingredients, reviewed by HOFA. Let people grow and sell quality products to the local Community and to the World Economy for income and sustainability. State control over quality is to ensure the brand 'Pure Hawaii' is recognized and practiced so as to promote all products and services from Hawaii as clean, natural, organic, and healthy. De regulate.

12. Keeping Honolulu's budget down and balanced, thus keeping taxes on property reasonable, promoting self-sufficiency, and creating greenverdefarms.com projects or sustainable living on country farms, promoting self-sufficiency with all citizens growing food, promoting energy self-sufficiency from developing our own solar industry and solar farms, will go a long way to making Honolulu more affordable and a better place to live.

13. More affordable homes require more money to produce these housing projects. A bond project could raise some money, But I believe creating greenverdefarms.com projects, promoting rural farming cooperatives, creating areas where the building standards are lower for people of rural or limited income levels can create a home for themselves, is a viable way to bring more people to living in their own home. Sustainability, home farming, value-added products, supplementing our income with our work from home is important in a time when more people want or have to work from home.

14 . Let's raise the minimum wage and let's consider paid time off, but let's be careful about raising expenses to government and businesses. Who pays for this? Either the homeowners pay higher property taxes, we all pay higher sales tax, and business has higher costs. The Business situation today in Hawaii is struggling to stay alive. And Government is in financial crises too. Let's come back to this later when we are self-sufficient and can afford the cost.

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