

Written Response Questions (please attach a separate piece of paper):

1. What is one of your top priority county issues, and *what will you do* to address this issue? Please be specific.

**Future development on Kaua'i to me has to include affordable housing to help alleviate the ever worsening problem of over-crowding and our "invisible homeless". I would also like to see future development support job creation in green industries like sustainable agriculture and clean, renewable energy alternatives.**

**Our quality of life is being diminished by our planning process's failure to direct and control growth. It's crucial that we work to protect our island lifestyle. Let's require adherence to smart growth principles. Let's pass a "Use it or lose it law" so unused development rights expire and not remain in effect indefinitely. And, let's amend the coastal setback laws based on the scientific results of the Coastal Erosion Study.**

2. What will you do to diversify our economy to move away from our overdependence on tourism? Please be specific.

**I'll support investing in local small business, Eco- & Agri-Tourism, Agri-Business and in the creation of more Kaua'i products and services by promoting partnerships that create business incubators, community certified kitchens, outdoor markets & events, tech centers and more. Job creation support should focus on Green, Renewable Energy, High Tech and Sustainable Agriculture businesses.**

3. Mayor Baptiste proposed a package of four land use bills to address the loss of agricultural land to non-agricultural uses, including (i) imposing a one-year moratorium on agricultural subdivisions; (ii) reducing density in lands zoned open (iii) requiring agricultural subdivision go through a Class IV permitting process; (iv) treating the permitting of CPRs like the permitting of subdivision. Do you support all, or any, of these bills, and *what are your top priority solutions to address the issue of loss of agricultural lands?*

**I'm in full support of what the late Mayor Baptiste was attempting to achieve with all four land use bills. We must protect our agricultural lands because our ability to grow our own food will be one of our biggest challenges in the very near future due to peak oil.**

**I support identifying our "important" and all our agricultural lands, regulating how those lands are used and preventing non-agricultural uses. Agricultural lands should be used for agriculture.**

**One of my top priority solutions to address the issue of loss of agricultural lands is to make sure we provide attractive, generous and effective tax**

**incentives to jump start a doubling or more of agricultural activity on our agricultural lands. I support tax incentives for agricultural landowners who farm or ranch or lease to others who farm or ranch. I support even larger tax incentives for the growing of food and other crops {bio-fuels} for local Kaua`i markets and consumers.**

**Another top priority solution would be looking at land use designation zoning changes for land swaps between land owners to achieve a win-win situation where we'd have better lands for agriculture and for residential development like affordable housing. As an example, I heard a 3<sup>rd</sup>-generation rancher from the Northshore state that he would prefer to be herding his cattle on mauka lands that sloped than on the flat lands that he's currently herding on near the coast. The flat coastal lands he's herding on would be ideal for a residential subdivision.)**

4. What will you do to promote local farming of food?

**We must do whatever we can to promote the local farming of food because our ability to grow our own food will be one of our biggest challenges in the very near future due to peak oil.**

**I support...**

- **tax incentives for local farming of food large and small**
- **reduced lease rent rates for farmers on county leased land**
- **access to water assistance**
- **farm worker housing assistance (must meet basic public health standards)**
- **establishing neighborhood farming or gardening cooperatives**
- **providing assistance to local growers in getting their produce to local markets and consumers**

**I support working with the State of Hawai`i to...**

- **establish local small farming, gardening & food sustainability education and training programs**
- **establish programs for small commercial farmers to maximize business viability and success**
- **assist taro farmers in need to help preserve the cultural legacy of taro farming for future generations**

**I support working with residents to push for Sustainable Agriculture including...**

- **protection of taro lands and lands for organic agriculture**
- **increasing opportunities for small taro farmers and other small farmers**
- **lobbying the State Leg. & Governor to provide the same kind of financial and planning support to agriculture that's given to tourism and high technology business initiatives**

- **obtaining resources for the development of marketing plans, financial incentives and educational initiatives in support of agricultural alternatives to our economic dependence on tourism**

5. Would you support an ordinance to limit or even ban the growing of genetically modified crops on Kaua`i, and, if not, what do you propose to do to protect crops from GMO contamination and support the public's right to know where GMOs are being grown?

**GMO companies have been allowed to set up shop without first having to prove that our people's health would not be diminished by their operations. Until we have conclusive scientific evidence showing GMOs are safe, we must operate from a place of caution; especially on behalf of our children.**

**Currently, it's critical that our County leaders fully address the health and safety concerns of our people on the Westside; particularly since the State has not. It's our County's responsibility to see this through since no one else will. In the end, the County may need to go after the State and the GMO companies to get relief for our people.**

**Because many of our people are dependent on GMO jobs, we also have to think carefully before implementing a full ban on GMOs.**

**The next Mayor and Council need to look closely and carefully at GMOs and take immediate action on protecting our people from any potential health hazards; as well as protecting our crops from contamination. Additionally, the County should ensure "public right to know" regarding the location and nature of all experimental and commercial GMO field sites on Kaua`i.**

6. What will you do to protect the public and the environment from pesticide exposure?

**I'm willing to introduce or support legislation banning or limiting pesticide use in all County public areas in order to protect the public from harmful chemicals.**

7. The most recent draft of the Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan Update recommends adopting an aggressive Max 3-R program, including phasing in curbside recycling, before building a waste to energy facility. Would you favor the fast tract development of a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHARM) and the establishment of a centralized multi-organic material composting facility *prior to taking actionable steps towards construction of an incinerator*? Please give us an overview of your solid waste management plan and proposed solution to the landfill issue.

**Our landfill is reaching capacity and expansion could cost as much as \$26m. I support updating and implementing the Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan (ISWMP).**

However, I don't think I can support the Waste-to-Energy Plant at this time because projected capital cost is \$92m and energy production is only 10%. Also, this "hopeless" option seems to assume we won't change our ways to more recycling and less consumption; that we'll always have the large volume of trash needed to feed the incinerator.

Instead, I support curbside recycling and other aggressive islandwide approaches to maximize reduce, reuse & recycle programs. I also support community volunteer Zero-Waste efforts.

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8. What specific actions will you take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the areas of transportation, waste management, and energy use?

I'll support upgrading our buses, haul trucks and other county vehicles to clean, renewable energy alternatives; perhaps beginning with hybrid or electric vehicles.

I'll support centralizing our new landfill and upgrading our waste collection systems to minimize hauling.

I'll support implementing aggressive energy conservation programs throughout our County system.

Our County must lead by example and work with KIUC and other community groups like Apollo Kaua'i to do exhaustive and effective community outreach, education and incentive programs for energy conservation and efficiency.

9. How do you propose the concept of "green building" be addressed by our county?

The County must lead the way on "green building" by building, renovating and retrofitting green. I would look at supporting tax incentives and expedited permitting for affordable housing and other developers who adhere to "green build" and "smart growth" principles.

10. What immediate steps will you take to insure that our potable water system is not reliant on electricity derived from imported fossil fuels?

Together with the help of the Mayor, the Council, a citizens advisory group (renewable energy alternatives and energy efficiency), KIUC and the Dept. of Water; I'd work on designing and implementing upgrades to our potable water system to lessen our dependence on electricity derived from imported fossil fuels.

11. If you are elected, would you support the bills that have been pending before the County Council for two years that would ban new gated communities and would

require that developers provide lateral shoreline access to the public as conditions for resort development and subdivisions? Is there other legislation you would introduce or support to insure public shoreline and/or mountain access?

**I support protecting our land, culture and lifestyle. I'm willing to work with our leaders and citizens to achieve a ban on new gated communities, as well as to require developers to provide lateral shoreline access.**

**I also support developing a long-term program for acquiring shoreline lands and access-ways to shoreline areas for public use.**

**I'm willing to introduce or support legislation that would strengthen our public shoreline and/or mountain access rights, strengthen our Native Hawaiian gathering rights and protect our special places like the Hanapepe Salt Ponds, Koke`e and all our river valleys and agricultural lands.**

12. If you are elected, would you support an annual limit, consistent with the General Plan, on the number of new tourist units that can be approved by the county every year? What, if any, other solutions do you propose to address the issue of long-term, sustainable, tourist development?

**I support limited, controlled growth as a part of overall smart growth planning. Our quality of life continues to be diminished by our planning process's failure to direct and control growth. It's crucial that we work to protect our island lifestyle.**

**As for long-term, sustainable, tourist development; I support Eco-Tourism and Agri-Tourism and would also promote incentives that increase the creation of authentic Kaua`i products, services and experiences. I also believe supporting Sustainable Agriculture will not only provide us with more locally grown food – but, will also preserve our “Garden Island” visitor destination by keeping our island green, lush and beautiful.**

13. Are there specific amendments you would make to the current “tax reform” bill? Please describe the specific provisions in the bill that you support or oppose.
- **I don't support eliminating the 2% residential cap; it's an assurance against drastic increases that taxpayers want**
  - **I don't support the 600% increase to the household exemption (Revenue losses would have to be made up by businesses or by severe program cuts)**
  - **I do support the incentives for affordable housing, farming activities, open space and rural ag lands**
  - **I also support adding incentives for small business, Kaua`i products & services, Sustainable Ag, Renewable Energy, Green and High Tech businesses.**

14. What will you do to increase resident's access to affordable housing, including rentals?

**I would build on the existing Affordable Housing Initiative that allows the County, in partnership with the State, to provide attractive incentives for developers to build affordable housing. I would also support purchasing lands for affordable housing, strengthening laws to ensure developers complete affordable housing timely and prioritizing affordable housing projects for expedited review.**

15. What do you propose to do about the loss of access to, and development over, sacred Hawaiian sites, including burial grounds?

**I would work with community to push for access rights to sacred Hawaiian sites including burial grounds similar to beach and mauka access rights, as well as Native Hawaiian gathering rights.**

16. Recognizing that enforcement is primarily the duty of the administration, what specifically would you do to address the problem of lack of enforcement of ordinances, and to achieve accountability of department heads to enforce ordinances?

**Working with the new Mayor, I would push for a new Code Enforcement division that would create new positions and hire highly qualified individuals to work specifically on enforcing our codes including the issuance of citations.**

17. What do you feel is the most eco-friendly aspect of your lifestyle?

**In a small home garden, I grow some of the food that I eat and share with extended family and friends. My mom has told me that my papayas were the best she even had. I figure it's because of the wild chickens that roam my yard. I also compost all that I can from my household and my parents' household. Of course, I compost our yard waste too. Lastly, I try to limit my driving by walking when I can and by combining trips as much as possible.**

**“Support”/ “Do Not Support” Phrases** (please answer directly on sheet):

1. Temporary agricultural subdivision moratorium – **Support; exempt longtime families; ensure legality**
2. Reduced density on open land – **Support; protect and promote open space**
3. Ordinance to limit resort permitting – **Support; require smart growth principles**
4. Ban on new gated communities – **Support; protect our culture and lifestyle**
5. Mandated solar water heating on all new residential construction – **Support; help families get tax credits**

6. Raising AC temperatures in county buildings – **Support; County should be conservation leader**
7. Superferry return without full EIS - **Support; must address legitimate community concerns**
8. Curbside recycling - **Support; start immediately; high-density areas**
9. Construction of a Material Recovery Facility – **Support; ensure central location**
10. Construction of Waste to Energy Incinerator - **Do Not Support; too costly; aggressive 3Rs instead**
11. Ban on plastic shopping bags - **Support**
12. 7-day extended hours Kauai Bus services – **Support; upgrade to energy-efficient buses**
13. Living wage ordinance – **Support; make “universal” (include “housing cost”)**
14. Regular ambient air sampling at Waimea and Kekaha schools – **Support; protect our families and children**
15. Ban county spraying of pesticides at parks – **Support; allow only limited safe use**
16. Ban on GMO growing/testing – **Support; unless safety assurances are provided**
17. Make County Attorney opinions public – **Support; as long as legally prudent**
18. Live cablecast of council meetings – **Support; community access is critical**
19. “Three to one” building-to-land tax – **Support; need deterrent to land speculation**
20. Repeal residential 2% land tax cap - **Do Not Support; taxpayers want assurance provided**

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