

Eco Roundtable Answers to Questionnaire

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1. Although there are many issues of importance, Solid Waste because of its Public Health & Safety Issues. We must move quickly to set up a Material Recovery Facility in Place, working on Reuse , Reduce & Recycle Waste. A State of the Art Landfill Site for non-toxic and non-recovery waste must be created along with Curb Side Recycling.

2. We must work to create sustainable jobs in Ag, Alternative Energy & Local business that will work within our Natural Environment. We must realize that with the end of cheap oil, our lifestyle will have to change. Keeping more of our dollars local (stop the leakage) will help our economy. One dollar spent in a local business circulates 4 to 5 times locally.

3. I support all 4 Bills and believe a moratorium should be in place until all Bills are in place accompanied by affective enforcement provisions.

4. With the end of cheap oil, we will need all of our Ag. Land. New rules and regulations will be needed. The county will need to take an active role in restoring our water supplies to Ag. Lands. An Agricultural Moratorium will be need until all new rules & regulations are in place with affective enforcement provisions.

5. I support an ordinance that limits or bans the growing of GMO on Kauai. GMO on Kauai, presently, must be faded out.

6. Work to pass new rules & regulations which include set-back from schools and large residential areas.

7. I support fast tracking of Material Recovery Facility and a Center for hard to recycle

Material & the establishment of a centralized multi-organic material composting facility

Prior to taking actionable steps towards construction of an incinerator. See idem # 1

8. First, we must establish an Environmental Management Policy (EMP)/Environmental Management System(EMS). This should be done as part of the Solid Waste Management Division. I further believe that everything Solid Waste does is for the environment; from trash collection to recyclables, operation of transfer stations to oil-recycling.

This new activity would also look at the entire County of Kauai, committed to implementing & continuously improving county-wide Environmental Management

Practices to become a Model of Environmental Performance. A healthy and sustainable environment is important to all of Earth's Citizens, the economy and the Future.

Our goal: Making environmentally friendly decisions and purchases in all County Departments and that the process is part of our Organization's Culture.

9. Require that all new building be green with Rules & Regulations in Place.

10. The Water District currently uses about 40% of the County's Electric use. I propose Solar Panels to run all pumps and equipment. Placing tanks at higher elevations to collect water from Solar Run Pumps. This higher configuration of tanks will allow gravity feed (no energy use) back into the system, allowing the Water District to go completely off the grid.

11. Five Bills which have already been before Council, sent by the late Mayor Baptiste, have been stalled at council, stalled at the County Attorney's Office and stalled at Planning.

a) Bill 2150: Lateral Access within resort Districts.

b) 2151: Relating to public access-ways (lateral access).

c) 2152: " subdivisions (Gated Communities)

d) 2152 " CZO (Recordation)

e) 2153 " CZO (Use it or Lose it)

I firmly support all bills and will work with the Council Members to ensure that they are all put in place in a timely manner.

12. I support Annual Limits on all New Construction. Tourism is not sustainable. It is time to wake-up to the fact that the end of cheap oil is going to change the way we live. The sooner we get started, the better off the future will be for all of us.

13. I agree with Walter Lewis' assesment: "The Kauai Property Tax is important as the principal source of revenue for the county, but its provisions should be well considered and fair. The proposed Bill #2274 contains some worthwhile reforms. In its present form, however, its adoption would be disastrous. The Bill services the Tax Collector, not the Taxpayer." A Cap is a major, missing component of this Bill. More time will be needed to rewrite the 112-plus page Bill.

14. Housing prices are actually determined by a host of interacting factors, such as the price of land, the supply & types of housing, the demand for housing & the amount of residential choice & mobility in the area. Further complicating this is a great amount land

controlled by a small amount of land owners. Business owners, developers and the County must work together, along with non-profits to solve this problem .

15. We need to work with State & Local Hawaiians to better protect these sites. I believe that the County could even put better rules & regulations in place that would not let development take place on these sites.

16. First and foremost, I would, at all times, strive to have a good working relationship with the Major. Doing what is right for the People of Kauai is everything. Changing the Form of Government to a Management Style of Government, I believe, would lead to much needed accountability in all Departments of Local Government.

17. I drive a hybrid auto. I recycle yard waste back to garden, I compost household waste, recycle plastic, glass and paper, I try to conserve electricity and water. I use low power light bulbs.

1. Temporary agricultural subdivision moratorium.

I support, UNTIL NEW RULES & REGULATIONS ARE FIRMLY IN PLACE.

2. Reduced density on open land.

I support.

3. Ordinance to limit resort permitting.

I support.

4. Ban on new gated communities.

I support.

5. Mandated solar water heating on all new residential construction.

I support.

6. Raising AC temperatures in County buildings.

I support.

7. Superferry return without Full EIS.

I do not support. Need Full EIS.

9. Construction of a Material Recovery Facility.

I support.

10. Construction of Waste to Energy Incinerator.

I do not support.

11. Ban on plastic shopping bags.

I support.

12. 7-day extended hours kauai Bus Services.

I support.

13. Living Wage Ordinance.

I support.

14. Regular ambient air sampling at Waimea and Kekaha Schools.

I support.

15. Ban county spraying of pesticides at parks.

I support.

16. Ban on GMO growing/testing.

I support.

17. Make County Attorney opinions public.

I support.

18. Live cablecast of council meetings.

I support

19. "Three to One" building-to-land tax.

I support.

20. Repeal residential 2% land tax cap.

I do not support..