

# **STAR BULLETIN QUESTIONNAIRE**

\*\*\* ALL ANSWERS (6) CANNOT EXCEED 100 WORDS \*\*\*

## **1. What qualifies you to be a state representative?**

Nine years at State Capitol creating legislation and solutions that benefited Ewa and Waipahu residents. Previous work involved bringing Weed and Seed to district and park improvements with Vision Team. Co-founder Ewa Pedestrian Coalition. Presently serving as Director since 2001 on the Oahu Resource and Conservation Development Council and member of Ewa Neighborhood Board since 2003 as Chair of its Legislative Committee. Volunteer on Rules Committee for Kalaeloa Advisory Team to create requisites for that region. These experiences have given me the ability to lead, listen, and understand the issues that are important to the people of my district.

## **2. What is the most important issue facing your district and, if elected, what will you do about it?**

Traffic. I cannot think of another major metropolitan city other than Honolulu that has only one way in and one way out. If an emergency evacuation were necessary within my district, we have a problem. All over the world, where topographical features have prevented expansion of their own highway network similar to ours, planners have determined that: A) Either you stop building/expanding development that's exasperating the situation; or B) Deploy the latest technology to build reversible expressways or tunnels to keep the ratio of lane miles at par with the level of population growth. My solution, build the roads first.

## **3. What is one thing you would do in office to improve the local economy?**

Cease tax collections on food and clothing. Also, hold public hearings to determine if businesses would thrive better in conditions whereby our state exercised a federal exemption to the Jones Act which in turn could enhance the transfer of goods and freight at a lesser cost benefiting the consumer. It's time Hawaii fully examine the potential of utilizing the ocean as a super highway in which to be more conducive to the needs of those businesses that are constantly seeking more viable ways to get their goods to the marketplace as efficiently and inexpensively as possible.

#### **4. Do you support convening a Constitutional Convention? Please explain.**

Yes. The degree of technological advances over the last thirty-years could play a significant role in how government could be more efficient. It's time to re-examine what has been working and what hasn't. We tune up our cars, get medical check ups and evaluate our own allotment in life regularly when we can. So fine tuning the engines of government would be a sound practice to administer for Hawaii's constituency. My recommendation would be to mandate what the Legislature would not pass out, and that is to prohibit the Legislature from ever raiding the state's Special Highway Fund ever again.

#### **5. Do you support Oahu's planned rail-transit system? Please explain.**

Yes, so long as rail operations do not hinder us from being able to advance a new highway to augment the H-1 freeway. A pro rail position should not translate into an anti-highway position. We are severely lane deficient and need to increase highway capacity since rail will not bring resolve to traffic conditions on the H-1 as a stand alone solution. For those of us who cannot take rail, government's social engineering us out of our cars is not the American way; especially when cars of the future will be eco-friendly and their popularity soar more so than today.

#### **6. What can the Legislature do to improve Hawaii's public education?**

Air condition the schools in need and offer the same quality of environment we expect from our employers when working in an office setting to excel and increase productivity. Return to the basics by providing each student with the textbooks necessary to call their own and make libraries throughout the state more accessible by expanding their hours of service to cater to those with a yearning to learn beyond a school's closed doors.