

## **Honolulu Star Advertiser Candidate Questionnaire 2010**

### **Occupation and employer:**

Councilmember  
County of Kauai

### **Job history past 10 years:**

Council Since 2006, Executive Director- Leadership Kauai, Community Response- Mayor Bryan Baptiste, 25 years as a Marriage and Family Therapist and Social Worker - YWCA- Childrens Advocacy Center, etc

### **Ever run for public office? When? Outcome?**

Council 2004 - out of the running  
Council 2006 - 3rd of 7  
Council 2008 - 3rd of 7  
Council 2010 - time will tell.

### **Other civic experience or community service:**

Coordinator, Kamalani Playground and Kamalani Bridge projects, Founder-Friends of Kamalani & Lydgate Park. Coastal path committee, Kapaa Business Assoc. Ka Leo O Kauai facilitator.

### **Anything else you'd like voters to know about you?**

On Council I've cast every vote based on what I believe in my heart and mind is in the best interest of our community regardless of the political consequence. I've been active, calm and respectful.

### **What qualifies you to be a member of the council?**

I have been active in the community for 20 years; I work hard and do my homework. In 2002 I worked for Mayor Baptiste and have been on the Council resulting in perspective, understanding and experience. I have learned how the County works and where it needs to improve. We have much unfinished business. I have taken initiative on key issues and pressed to make decisions, not defer and wait while things get worse.

### **What is the biggest problem facing your district and what would you do about it?**

1. Our County needs to be open and transparent to value and ease citizen involvement in decision-making. Access to info must improve.
2. Land use policy that honors our shared vision to preserve our rural character (we are at least a decade behind - we are not Maui).
3. Sustainable and environmentally sound economy that allows our children to stay home and prosper (housing, food and energy security)

**Where do you see the county 15 years from now in job opportunity in private industry and how would you encourage job growth?**

Kauai is the most desirable and unique visitor destination in the world with its focus on culture, the active and health conscious. Growth in the sector has been managed and incremental, it compliments the niche ag industry that Kauai has become famous for. Kauai is a haven for the high tech, entertainment, and creative arts businesses now technologically un-tethered from large population bases.

**What would you do to improve transportation infrastructure and services?**

First expand bus frequency including nights and Sundays to serve the increasing % of people dependent on public trans. Improvement will allow more to choose to be one or no car family (save \$). With basically one-road and short distances Kauai is set to benefit from less emphasis on roads more on alternatives (smart growth, public trans, hybrid & electric cars, ride and car share programs etc.)

**If you had to cut county government services, which services would you reduce first and why?**

In these tough times we have cut the work force with attrition without cuts in public safety (furloughs are a bad idea that save less, impact public services more and reduce productivity). We have delayed equipment replacement and deferred maintenance, which are effective short-term measures. Public health and safety should not be cut; other cuts will impact popular services (no easy choices).