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Indivisible Hawai‘i Endorsement Process for Lieutenant Governor Race

Purpose of this Document

Central to the Indivisible Hawai‘i Statewide Network (IHSN) endorsement process is ensuring the candidates we endorse align with us on values, policies and messaging. Before announcing our endorsement, we would like to ensure the candidate agrees with the IHSN positions below. Following an endorsement, we expect these priorities and positions to guide the endorsee’s actions and votes. We will use this as a report card to assess our endorsee’s performance once in office.

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Personal Priorities

The candidate must:

- Disavow, refuse support and not benefit from dark money, i.e. funding from undisclosed sources, including Super PACs.
- Recognize that the United States’ democracy is in the worst peril of our lifetime.
- Commit to use the full power of the State of Hawai‘i to protect the constitutional and human rights of all residents against federal overreach.

Ethics

The candidate has to demonstrate and have a record of impeccable personal ethics. To the extent there are any prior missteps, the candidate must make a full public accounting.

Policy Positions

1. Recognize the Unique Place, People and Cultural Traditions of Hawai'i and the Specific Protections of the Hawai'i Constitution

- **Hawai'i-first policy:** Ensure policies to protect Hawai'i's unique geographic, environmental and cultural heritage and needs, instead of employing a "continental-centric" approach. This specifically includes embracing the Spirit of Aloha in actions, programs and policies as mandated by the Hawai'i State Constitution.
- **Ensure equity:** We are committed to addressing the racial inequities and systemic biases that continue to affect Native Hawaiians and other marginalized groups throughout the islands.

2. Reclaim Democracy from the Billionaires

- **Eradicate dark money:** Vigorously defend and uphold Act 11-2026 to purge the corrupting influence of untraceable money in our elections and block the effects of *Citizens United*.
- **Fight public corruption:** This includes bribery, emoluments, insider stock trading by public officials, personal use of government resources, and undue corporate influence.
- **Prioritize affordability.** All residents are entitled to housing, healthcare, food, education and other basic necessities. We need to ensure that the wealthiest residents and most profitable businesses pay their fair share.

3. Defeat Authoritarianism

- **Renew and protect voting rights:** Aggressively defend and promote the right for all eligible voters to vote, including by mail-in or dropoff ballots. Also actively support non-partisan voter education and access.
- **Impose strict legal limits for all technology use in law enforcement.** No artificial intelligence (AI) models should be permitted to use force or deprive people of rights without meaningful human control and accountability. Further, AI models, facial recognition and data collection systems must not be employed to assign people a score based on their behavior, traits, or predicted behavior.

4. End Economic Tyranny

- **Expand upon and ensure a truly progressive tax system.** a wealth tax on the ultra-rich to ensure they finally pay their fair share.
- **Enshrine worker dignity:** Every worker deserves a living wage and the absolute right to unionize and collectively bargain without fear.
- **Protect human services programs:** Preserve and fund all programs that protect children, elders, veterans, disabled and the poor, despite cuts in federal aid to the state.

5. Proactively Support Climate Survival: Transition Hawai'i Off Fossil Fuels

- **Facilitate total energy transition:** The climate crisis is a declaration of war against our future. We must form and adopt a plan to achieve carbon neutrality statewide, including implementation of the 100% renewable energy goal for essential baseload power.
- **Deliver environmental justice:** Demand an end to the poisoning of our air and water, insist that corporate polluters be held criminally liable for negative externalities, and implement appropriate tax, permitting and investment incentives to foster environmental restoration. Prioritize investments in remedial projects for communities that have borne the brunt of industrial neglect.

6. Ensure Human Rights Without Compromise

- **Protect healthcare access for all:** Healthcare is a non-negotiable human right, not a profit center. Dismantle the predatory private insurance system and implement a single-payer program that covers every person in this country.
- **Recognize education is a human right:** Quality Preschool, K-12, and post-secondary education are a necessity in the 21st century. Educators must be paid fairly and schools must have trained social/emotional support services provided for students.
- **Continue state protections for healthcare, reproductive freedom, same-sex marriage, gender-affirming care and equal protection for LGBTQIA+ Persons.** Treat any attempt to control a person's body as a fundamental violation of civil rights.
- **End gun violence:** Support amnesty programs to reduce the number of guns in circulation and do not relax "safe carry" regulations, while also protecting "safe spaces." Support banning ownership and possession of military-grade weapons by general public. Prevent interstate or out of state movement or sale of ghost guns or parts used to make such weapons.
- **Recognize housing is a human right:** We must end the state housing crisis by strengthening programs such as first-time home owner credits, streamlining the permit process, and encouraging development of affordable housing that reflects our workforce's needs. Support/expand availability of publicly funded rental housing and secure funding to help build personal financial management skills to ensure secure

housing. Bolster wrap-around services to prevent houselessness and address homelessness.

- **Food security.** Recognize healthy affordable food and water are also human rights and support funding and programs to prevent food scarcity.
- **Civil rights without regard to documentation status.** Recognize that state and federal constitutional protections apply equally to all residents including migrants. Take all available measures in state law to protect Hawai'i residents against federal overreach.