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For the special election to fill the vacant U.S. Representative seat for District 1, Pride At Work Hawai'i surveyed candidates about the organization's priority issues as they relate to federal legislation and advocacy. Pride At Work Hawai'i works to mobilize support between the labor movement and the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer (LGBT) communities as we seek full equality, greater openness, and dignity for all workers. Our membership represents a wide range of working people, labor unions, and other organizations, and we are an official constituency group of the Hawai'i State AFL-CIO. By way of disclosure, please note that while Pride At Work Hawai'i does not endorse candidates, the State AFL-CIO has endorsed Colleen Hanabusa in this election.

Our Special Election Candidate Survey asked about LGBT equality, immigrants' rights, workers' rights, women's equality, military issues, health care rights, and budget priorities. Of the 14 candidates, 7 responded: Jim Brewer, Vinny Browne, Rafael Del Castillo, Douglas Crum, Colleen Hanabusa, Karl F. Moseley, and Kalaeloa Strode. The other candidates were contacted several times via mail and telephone and did not submit a survey response.

We share the survey results to assist voters in making an informed decision. Please forward the survey to others whom you believe would be interested in this information. If you have questions about the survey or would like more information about Pride at Work Hawaii, please contact us at prideatworkhawaii@hawaiiantel.net.

In solidarity,

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2010 U.S. Representative District 1 - Special Election Candidate Survey

LGBT Equality #1

Do you support allowing
LGBT people to serve
openly in the U.S. military?

If yes, would you co-sponsor
and advocate for passage of the
Military Readiness
Enhancement Act of 2010 (S.
3065, H.R. 1283), which would
repeal "Don't Ask Don't Tell"?

Brewer, Jim	YES	YES
Browne, Vinny	YES	YES
Case, Ed	No Response to Survey	No Response to Survey
Crum, Douglas	YES	YES
Del Castillo, Rafael	YES	YES
Djou, Charles	No Response to Survey	No Response to Survey
Hanabusa, Colleen	YES	YES
Moseley, Karl F.	YES	No Answer
Strode, Kalaehoa	YES	NO

Comments

Crum: May 31, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

Del Castillo: ! [exclamation point]

Moseley: Would have to read legislation first.

Strode: I support allowing LGBT people to serve openly in the US military, but must wear proper uniforms, facial hair, hair cuts, shoes, etc. as other servicemen and women wear in their respective military branches.

I haven't read the Military Readiness Enhancement Act of 2010 (S. 3065, H.R. 1283) so I cannot comment on it specifically, but in general I can say that the "Don't Ask" half of the status quo is sufficient. People should NOT be punished to violating the "Don't Tell" part. Freedom of Speech must be extended even to military personnel.

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LGBT Equality #2

Do you support federal recognition of same-sex relationships sanctioned by individual states?

If yes, would you co-sponsor and advocate for passage of the Respect for Marriage Act (H.R. 3567), which would repeal the Defense of Marriage Act?

Brewer, Jim	YES	YES
Browne, Vinny	YES	YES
Case, Ed	No Response to Survey	No Response to Survey
Crum, Douglas	YES	YES
Del Castillo, Rafael	YES	YES
Djou, Charles	No Response to Survey	No Response to Survey
Hanabusa, Colleen	YES	YES
Moseley, Karl F.	YES	No Answer
Strode, Kalaeloa	YES	NO

Comments

Browne: As a person who is married to a same-sex partner, this issue is of special importance to me. Marriage was legally performed in Massachusetts.

Crum: May 31, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

Del Castillo: I support the repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act because it is unconstitutional. I do not believe Federal recognition legislation is necessary because Federal recognition of laws within the exclusive province of the states and which are not preempted or unconstitutional is required.

Moseley: Would have to read legislation first.

Strode: I am a believer in State's Rights and the original idea that sovereignty rests not in a king or queen, but in the people—all people. This sovereignty is delegated to representatives who sit in a House of Representatives expressing the sovereign will of the people. This being said, if a sovereign state chooses to recognize same-sex relationships and sanctions them, I am in favor of that. The cloudy area here is the separation of church and state. Is marriage a church definition or a state definition? The rights, privileges, and responsibilities encoded into our property laws are state related, yet are defined within the term "marriage." The religious idea of "what God has joined together, let no one pull apart" is a church definition.

This being said, I believe there should be a special word that distinguishes between the two, perhaps MARRIAGE (meaning the church definition) and Marriage (the state definition). The first involving ecclesiastic traditions and expectations and the second involving all legal and property rights, traditions, and expectations. So, I would instead propose this wording to be used and would support a bill for this purpose. If this sounds like an odd proposal, just note that all names used by the Federal Government in legal documents are always capitalized. This creates a defined Federal person who can be taxed and registered with a Social Security number. Check it out.

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LGBT Equality #3

Do you support full equality for transgender and gender non-conforming individuals?

If yes, do you agree with and would you advocate in support of the Obama administration's finding that Title IX protections against sex discrimination protect individuals from discrimination on the basis of gender identity and expression?

Brewer, Jim	YES	YES
Browne, Vinny	YES	YES
Case, Ed	No Response to Survey	No Response to Survey
Crum, Douglas	YES	YES
Del Castillo, Rafael	YES	YES
Djou, Charles	No Response to Survey	No Response to Survey
Hanabusa, Colleen	YES	YES
Moseley, Karl F.	YES	No Answer
Strode, Kalaeloa	YES	YES

Comments

Strode: I support full equality for transgender and gender nonconforming individuals, limited only by such military standards as uniforms, hair cuts, etc., and such limitations as it applies to any occupation where a uniform must be worn.

I'd have to say that I agree with the Obama administration concerning the blanket application of Title IX to gender identity and expression. If challenged in court, then the application would need include genetic information and would have to consider combinations of x and Y chromosomes as they appear in nature such as xxy and xyy. Further court challenges may have to involve molecular chemistry and functional MRIs etc. But however this idea is challenged, it boils down to this: gender is a subjective entity often supported by genetics and biochemistry, but not limited by them and one's subjective definition of one's gender should be sufficient for all purposes, limited perhaps by certain customs such as the use of restrooms.

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Immigrants' Rights #1

Do you support and will you advocate for a workable path to citizenship for undocumented U.S. residents?

Brewer, Jim	YES
Browne, Vinny	NO
Case, Ed	No Response to Survey
Crum, Douglas	YES
Del Castillo, Rafael	YES
Djou, Charles	No Response to Survey
Hanabusa, Colleen	YES
Moseley, Karl F.	No Answer
Strode, Kalaeloa	YES

Comments

Browne: *I support the right of foreign nationals to immigrate to the US via legal channels. I am also open to making that path easier. I am also open to making it easier for those already here to gain citizenship, provided they show they are making a positive contribution to society. But I do not support a blanket reward for anyone that enters the country illegally.*

Crum: *Undocumented residents are working here now. They should pay taxes to support benefits they receive.*

Del Castillo: *I will work for equitable legislation that united families promptly and is humane and accords dignity to immigrants who work and contribute to making the country strong and diverse.*

Moseley: *Maybe. Would have to read legislation first.*

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Immigrants' Rights #2

	Do you support equality for LGBT bi-national same-sex couples under immigration law?	If yes, would you co-sponsor and advocate for passage of the Uniting American Families Act (H.R. 1024)?
Brewer, Jim	YES	YES
Browne, Vinny	YES	YES
Case, Ed	No Response to Survey	No Response to Survey
Crum, Douglas	YES	YES
Del Castillo, Rafael	YES	YES
Djou, Charles	No Response to Survey	No Response to Survey
Hanabusa, Colleen	YES	YES
Moseley, Karl F.	YES	No Answer
Strode, Kalaeloa	YES	YES

Comments

Crum: Failed in 109th & 110th congress.

Moseley: Would have to read legislation first.

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Workers' Rights #1

Do you support prohibiting employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity and expression? If yes, would you co-sponsor and advocate for passage of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2009 (H.R. 3017)?

Brewer, Jim	YES	YES
Browne, Vinny	YES	YES
Case, Ed	No Response to Survey	No Response to Survey
Crum, Douglas	YES	YES
Del Castillo, Rafael	YES	No Answer
Djou, Charles	No Response to Survey	No Response to Survey
Hanabusa, Colleen	YES	YES
Moseley, Karl F.	YES	No Answer
Strode, Kalaeloa	YES	YES

Comments

Crum: [Checked "YES" emphatically]. *Sep 23, 2009: House Education and Labor: Committee Hearings Held.*

Del Castillo: *In its present form, I support it. I frankly am still evaluating some of the enforcement issues based on my experience with employment -related claims, and I may decide to support an enforcement scheme that differs from the one in the initial draft. I am envisioning a streamlined alternative that avoids sensationalizing complaints vis-a-vis sexual harassment.*

Moseley: *Would have to read legislation first -- but this is mandatory from my life experiences.*

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Workers' Rights #2

	Do you support a worker's right to join a union without employer coercion or retaliation?	If yes, would you co-sponsor and advocate for passage of the Employee Free Choice Act (H.R. 1409)?
Brewer, Jim	YES	YES
Browne, Vinny	YES	YES
Case, Ed	No Response to Survey	No Response to Survey
Crum, Douglas	YES	YES
Del Castillo, Rafael	YES	YES
Djou, Charles	No Response to Survey	No Response to Survey
Hanabusa, Colleen	YES	YES
Moseley, Karl F.	YES	No Answer
Strode, Kalaeloa	YES	YES

Comments

Crum: [Checked "YES" emphatically]. *Apr 29, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.*

Moseley: *Would have to read legislation first.*

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Women's Equality #1

Do you support a woman's right to access the full range of reproductive health care, including safe, legal abortion services, effective birth control, and emergency contraception? If yes, would you co-sponsor and advocate for legislation to repeal the Hyde Amendment restrictions on abortion funding?

Brewer, Jim	YES	YES
Browne, Vinny	YES	YES
Case, Ed	No Response to Survey	No Response to Survey
Crum, Douglas	YES	YES
Del Castillo, Rafael	YES	No Answer
Djou, Charles	No Response to Survey	No Response to Survey
Hanabusa, Colleen	YES	YES
Moseley, Karl F.	YES	No Answer
Strode, Kalaeloa	YES	NO

Comments

Del Castillo: *In principle, I certainly will advocate for repeal. I would like to provide you with complete clarity on my position, but I do not have a ready-for-prime time position statement on this issue yet. The issue is not either or for most people, so I intend to work to bring some rationality to the debate and some problem-focused incentives to generate constructive and workable positive supports and remedial measures. It is time some less principled politicians were deprived of the opportunity to make political hay out of the issue.*

Moseley: *Would have to read legislation first.*

Strode: *I am in favor of health care for all, including reproductive health care and if that involves birth control and contraception I have no objections. Abortion is a very limited application unless it is explicitly a health care, life of the mother, situation. Again we are in a church versus state dialectic with all its moralistic and socialistic implications. I don't think gray areas should be publicly funded. To fund is to support and to define. This depends on one's world view – so I remove myself from this funding question.*

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Military Issues #1, 2, & 3

Would you oppose the use of a preemptive military strike by the U.S. against other countries? Would you support ending the U.S. military presence in Iraq by the end of 2011? Would you oppose efforts to expand the U.S. military presence in Afghanistan?

Brewer, Jim	YES	YES	YES
Browne, Vinny	YES	YES	YES
Case, Ed	No Response to Survey	No Response to Survey	No Response to Survey
Crum, Douglas	NO	YES	NO
Del Castillo, Rafael	YES	YES	YES
Djou, Charles	No Response to Survey	No Response to Survey	No Response to Survey
Hanabusa, Colleen	No Answer	YES	No Answer
Moseley, Karl F.	No Answer	YES	YES
Strode, Kalaelo	YES	YES	YES

Comments

Browne: *I support the immediate withdrawal of troops.*

Crum: *Well it depends. I can't say YES or NO without knowing the specifics. I do NOT like war but here we are. I am assuming that we are still there in 2011. I believe that we need to finish our objective and get out.*

Hanabusa: *I generally oppose the use of preemptive military strikes by the U.S. against other countries. However, if good, verifiable intelligence indicates imminent action and harm directed toward our country and our citizens, I would support a preemptive strike as an action to prevent such action against us.*

I did support President Obama's effort to surge the number of troops on the ground in Afghanistan, principally because I believe we do need to bring political and economic stability to the country before we can hand it back and pull out. The second qualification to my support of the surge is that it not be open ended and realistic goals are set to achieve the hand back to the Afghani people.

Moseley: *Maybe -- generally yes. I served in Peace Corps Smallpox Eradication. Would have to read legislation first. Sure -- marry the populace; Peace Corps rebuilds with them, and military protects the rebuilding.*

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Health Care Rights #1

Do you support a single-payer health care system for all in the U.S.? If yes, would you co-sponsor and advocate for passage of the Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act (H.R. 676)?

Brewer, Jim	YES	YES
Browne, Vinny	YES	YES
Case, Ed	No Response to Survey	No Response to Survey
Crum, Douglas	NO	NO
Del Castillo, Rafael	YES	YES
Djou, Charles	No Response to Survey	No Response to Survey
Hanabusa, Colleen	YES	YES
Moseley, Karl F.	YES	No Answer
Strode, Kalaeloa	YES	YES

Comments

Del Castillo: *I want to be clear that, based on my extensive experience fighting for better health care that there are many issues that have not been addressed by single-payer advocates. I will work to make sure that they are because I am convinced that they must be addressed if single payer is to succeed to the extent we all hope (and need).*

Moseley: *Would have to read legislation first. I am a naturopath.*

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Health Care Rights #2

Do you support providing a public option for health insurance?

If yes, would you co-sponsor and advocate for passage of the Public Option Act (H.R. 4789)?

Brewer, Jim	YES	YES
Browne, Vinny	YES	YES
Case, Ed	No Response to Survey	No Response to Survey
Crum, Douglas	YES	YES
Del Castillo, Rafael	YES	YES
Djou, Charles	No Response to Survey	No Response to Survey
Hanabusa, Colleen	YES	YES
Moseley, Karl F.	No Answer	No Answer
Strode, Kalaeloa	YES	YES

Comments

Del Castillo: *Absolutely! The public option is necessary to rein in health care insurers and provide a yardstick for benefits as well as premiums.*

Moseley: *Single Payer. Would have to read legislation first.*

Strode: *In any case, I would not be in favor of taking anyone's health care benefits, or limiting them. Employer-side paid health care should not be taxed. It should not appear as income to the health care recipient.*

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Budget Priorities #1 & 2

Do you oppose efforts to extend the Bush-era tax cuts (e.g., Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003) once they expire this year?

Would you support and advocate for reallocating funds currently spent on the military toward repairing and expanding government programs to help working people and their families?

Brewer, Jim	YES	YES
Browne, Vinny	NO	YES
Case, Ed	No Response to Survey	No Response to Survey
Crum, Douglas	NO	NO
Del Castillo, Rafael	YES	YES
Djou, Charles	No Response to Survey	No Response to Survey
Hanabusa, Colleen	No Answer	No Answer
Moseley, Karl F.	No Answer	YES
Strode, Kalaeloa	YES	YES

Comments

Browne: *I believe that any change to the tax code should be based on budget need. So, we should first cut money where it is wasted, reallocate funds where they are needed and lacking, then determine what is needed in taxes to make such a budget a reality. This may or may not include a repeal of the Bush tax cuts.*

Crum: *Honestly we need to give our military the resources to do their job quickly and safely and come home in one piece.*

Del Castillo: *Do I ever! We are facing an enormous task recovering from the deficit that is due in no small part to the Bush-era tax cuts. I will work diligently for efficient government instead of tax cuts that put the most vulnerable in society at high risk of harm.*

This is a long-term but worthy enterprise which I believe will require thoughtful evaluation of both domestic and international policies and long-range planning. I am not satisfied that expenditures can be characterized as effective or efficient to an acceptable degree in most programs and certainly in the military. Other nations have demonstrated that reallocating funds from military endeavors returns great dividends in both domestic and international realms.

Hanabusa: *I oppose efforts to extend the Bush-era tax cuts for the very wealthy, those earning \$250,000 or more. However, I do support the tax cuts for individuals and family's in the low and moderate income levels, and would work to extend the cuts at those levels.*

[Re #2] *Yes, provided that any new expenditures repairing and expanding government programs to help working people and their families be deficit neutral.*

Moseley: *Would have to consider seriously rather than this litmus test questionnaire.*

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Additional Comments from Candidates:

Brewer: *I am firmly for ACTUAL-needs and pay-go budgets and progressive ability-to-pay taxation. When I was a boy the top marginal income tax rate was 90%. A big part of the Clinton deficit reductions came from raising the top marginal income tax rate to approximately 40%. Recently David Stockman, Reagan's Budget Director, stated that we, of necessity, are coming into a decade of tax-raising. This person used to be known as the stingiest man on the planet. Ability-to-pay taxation means not only revoking the GW Bush tax cuts; it means re-taxing the rich and the filthy rich and bringing back the public quality of life of some former times. The New Deal was based on shared prosperity.*

Browne: www.VoteVinny.com

Moseley: *I AM A TRANSSEXUAL (SINCE 1974 POST OP). There is not a day of my life without discrimination and I have never managed to get hired. [Double page break] I have overcome obstacles unknown to all except transgender transsexuals. You don't even know me and your "litmus test" of q&a are abhorrent to a truly thinking person. I have NEVER been supported by LGBT Anywhere!!!*