

HAWAII DISTRICT 6

Candidate Q&A



Enriquez, Guy

Candidate biography

Date of birth: (No response)
Place of birth: (No response)
Residence: (No response)
Job/profession: (No response)
Fun fact: (No response)

1) Why are you running for County Council?

I am running to provide a more balanced and representative voice for communities throughout District 6. I will provide leadership that truly represents the constituents, by making myself approachable, open to all and acting on the majority. I am an advocate of teamwork and building strong relationships and will work hard at creating a unified County Council.

2) What is the biggest problem in your district, and how would you fix it?

The biggest problem facing District 6 is vog as it presents an immediate health risk. Unfortunately it cannot be fixed, but the impacts on health issues can be addressed through constant updating of warning systems, emergency plans, community education, and providing a safe house for community residence on days with extreme vog levels.

3) What is your solution for disposing of East Hawaii's garbage, once the Hilo landfill is closed?

We need to instill the will and the desire of the people of Hawaii to take recycling seriously. I would support combining state-of-the-art recycling facilities, a recycling program that creates strong financial incentives for residents to recycle, and a less costly waste-to-energy solution. Look for public/private partnerships on all of the above.

4) What would you do to improve emergency services in rural areas?

I would encourage Civil Defense to establish a radio station in rural areas to broadcast emergency notifications as vog levels or tsunami warnings for fishermen/campers in remote areas. Rural communities in Ka'u are the farthest anywhere in the state from any critical emergency care. I would support research and establishment for on-demand air ambulance at Ka'u Hospital.

5) Hawaii County's unemployment rate rose to 6 percent this summer. What would you do to create jobs on the Big Island?

I would increasing the funding to the county's Research and Development Department and task them with the role of establishing innovative incentives to encourage new business in agriculture (farming, ranching, bio-fuel) and sustainable natural energy resources (wind, geothermal, solar, wave, hydro). Creating new business in these areas will decrease unemployment and the heavy dependency on fossil fuel.

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