

HAWAII

Voters in Hawaii will elect a Governor this cycle. The Attorney General is appointed by the Governor. All 51 House seats will be on the ballot as well as half (12) the Senate seats. Democrats are expected to maintain control of the Governor's Office, Office of Attorney General, and the legislature.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

Lt. Governor Josh Green

Lt. Governor Josh Green (D) is looking for a promotion this fall after serving in his current position for the past four years. Green is running for the Governor's seat, after a long tenure in public service. Prior to his current position, Green was a former member of the Hawaii House of Representatives from 2004 to 2008 before becoming a member of the Hawaii State Senate where he represented District 3 from 2008 to 2018 and served as the majority floor leader.

Green has drafted an emergency <u>10-point plan</u> to address the state's housing crisis that would start on day one if elected. He believes the housing crisis as the most challenging issue Hawaii will face in the coming years.

Also atop the priority list for Green is quickly shutting down Red Hill, the U.S. Navy Underground bulk Fuel Storage Facility. The projected timeline for clean up is two years, which Green maintains is too long. If elected, he says he would approach Red Hill similar to the COVID-19 response, with a command of leaders from various departments and briefing the public regularly.

On the environmental front, Green is highlighting his renewable portfolio from his time as a State Senator. He also has promised to implement the "most ambitious plan in the nation" to take on climate change. It is a 10-point plan that addresses job creation, renewable energy, and zero-emission standards.

Tackling the issue of <u>health care</u> on the island is also a central point for Green's campaign. He supports the expansion of the Hilo Medical Center, which currently operates with a shortage of beds and staff and supports the process that will over time create a new hospital in Kona. He is advocating for the creation of workforce housing to attract and retain staff.

At the end of the August <u>reporting</u> period, Green had a little over \$515,000 cash on hand. Since the beginning of the election period, Green has brought in close to \$3.5 million for his campaign.

Trivia: Apart from his current role as Lt. Governor, Green continues to work as an Emergency Room doctor on weekends.