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CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE 2014

Candidate Name: *Nicole Lowen*

Candidate for:  House  Senate

District Number: *6*

Party: *Democrat*

Name of Campaign Committee: *Friends of Nicole Lowen*

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Hawaii Center for Food Safety Action Fund is a non-partisan, not-for-profit, non-candidate committee engaging in education and electoral activities, including legislative advocacy, voter education, and grassroots organizing.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [office@hawaiiCFSAF.org](mailto:office@hawaiiCFSAF.org).

1. Do you support and, if elected, will you vote to require all agrichemical companies to disclose the pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers they apply and the GE crops they grow to adjacent land-owners, businesses, and residents?

Yes  No  No Opinion

2. Do you support, and if elected, will you vote to increase financial and programmatic support for organic and sustainable farming?

Yes  No  No Opinion

3. Do you support funding state programs that expand support programs (including loans, business-planning, safety-certification, education and grants-in-aid) for farmers growing food crops?

Yes  No  No Opinion

4. Do you support legislation that would preserve and protect native species, including pollinators, adversely affected by increased pesticide use in the state?

Yes  No  No Opinion

5. Do you support the labeling of foods that have been genetically engineered?

Yes  No  No Opinion

6. If elected, will you vote to preserve the home-rule of counties over agriculture?

Yes  No  No Opinion  
*To me, this isn't a yes or no question. I support the counties' jurisdiction over planning & zoning, which was how they addressed these issues in the past. But I also think the state has a role to play in creating agricultural policy. "Home Rule" is*

7. Do you support increasing the amount of food that is grown in the state of Hawai'i?

Yes  No  No Opinion

8. Do you support legislation that would improve and increase access to locally grown food?

Yes  No  No Opinion

Hawai'i Center for Food Safety Action Fund strongly encourages candidates to champion these issues "above and beyond" maintaining a 100% record voting record. Below is a list of ways that endorsed candidates could champion Hawai'i Center for Food Safety and the thousands of members it represents across Hawai'i. Responses to the statements below are a means of gauging a candidate's commitment to food issues and will not factor into the endorsement process. Please check boxes below that indicate your commitment to the Hawai'i Center for Food Safety.

I will speak out publicly in support of Hawai'i Center for Food Safety.

I will speak out publicly in support of Hawai'i food issues.

I will attend a Hawai'i Center for Food Safety function or event.

Candidate Name (please print): Nicole Lowen

Candidate Signature: Nicole E. Lowen

Date: 5/17/14

*I'm a policy-maker from the higher level of government. What if the counties were pushing a more conservative agenda - would you then be in support? In many ways, it's a very Republican stance. For the record, I didn't sign or support last session's "Right to Farm" Bill, and I do support the actions that Hawaii & Kauai Counties have taken, and I support their continued jurisdiction over planning and zoning.*