

# the abercrombie advantage

We have a President who loves and understands Hawai'i.

We have powerful members in Congress.

Now we need a Governor who can bring it all together here at home.  
One candidate has the experience and connections to make this happen.

## Neil Abercrombie *A Governor To Bring Us Together*

What the people of Hawai'i need right now is a bold and decisive leader who can fight the status quo, has strong ties to the White House and Congress, and has clear convictions and commitment.

Throughout his distinguished years in Congress, Neil has helped bring needed investments to Hawai'i. But too often, opportunities have been squandered at the state level. We need someone in the Governor's office who can take advantage of every opportunity.

Despite all his best efforts in Washington, problems remain here at home—too many families struggling to make ends meet, over dependence on outside food and fuel, widespread frustration about public education,

threats to the environment left to future generations, fractured communities, and a loss of aloha. Hawai'i has become more divided, more gridlocked, and more doubtful about government.

Neil knows we can do better. As one of the first people to support the candidacy of Barack Obama—back when no one gave him a chance—Neil campaigned across the country and saw something phenomenal: people started to care again, people began to hope again, and people committed to do something about it.

Neil saw this happen throughout the nation, and he knows it can happen again here at home. Now is the time we need Neil Abercrombie. He'll be a Governor for all of us.





## What He Will Do

### Save and create **GOOD JOBS**

- Aggressively take advantage of federal recovery dollars
- Partner with local small- and medium-sized businesses
- Support new green and high-tech industries side-by-side with traditional sectors

### Invest in **EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE**

- Start with quality preschool for all
- Create higher expectations and more innovation in K-12 education
- Nurture the university system as a full partner in developing Hawai'i's economy



### Invest in **GOOD HEALTH**

- Improve our public health infrastructure
- Make preventive care accessible to all so we avoid costly and painful treatments down the road
- Honor and meet the needs of our rapidly aging population

### Sustain our **DIVERSITY**

- Invest in culture and the arts—the glue that binds us to each other and makes us who we are in Hawai'i
- End discrimination in all forms and protect the civil and human rights of all



### Construct a **NEW INFRASTRUCTURE** of

- Well-planned modern transportation systems
- Energy efficient buildings
- Housing that is affordable
- A smart and secure energy grid

### Become **ENERGY INDEPENDENT**

- Develop homegrown wind, solar, ocean and other technologies
- Recapture billions of dollars spent on foreign oil every year to invest back into our own economy

### Grow our own **FOOD**

- Resolve land and water issues that have been ignored for too long
- Promote locally grown food and products

### Restore and be a good steward of our **ENVIRONMENT**

- Enhance the cultural and recreational value to our 'ohana
- Give visitors positive opportunities to experience and honor our precious water, land, species, and ocean

### **END POVERTY** in Hawai'i

- Target the primary causes of homelessness, suffering and abuse
- Re-engage people by offering a hand-up instead of a handout

### Restore **CIVIC VITALITY** and the public trust

- Free our public investments of corruption and waste
- Rebuild a vibrant democracy where people know that their participation counts

### Resolve long-standing **NATIVE HAWAIIAN** issues

- This is not only about the past
- Hawai'i's future will be brighter if our host culture thrives

### Bring **NEW LEADERSHIP** and voices into government

- Give Hawai'i's young people more significant roles in public affairs
- Broaden opportunities and expectations for civic engagement and volunteerism