

## ABOUT NEIL

Neil Abercrombie is a public servant and a leader. His accomplishments as a city councilman, state legislator, and member of the U.S. House of Representatives are unrivaled in Hawaii. His real life experiences as a teacher, waiter, custodian, construction program director, and probation officer allow him to connect with everyday people like no other candidate can. He has been shaped by Hawaii—his home for over fifty years—and is guided by the values and people that make Hawaii special.

He calls his run for Governor the culmination of a lifetime of public service at a time when Hawaii is confronted with some of the biggest challenges we have ever seen. He is dedicating all his energies, his relationships in Washington, and his experiences in public office to the task of leading Hawaii to a more promising future. Learn more about Neil and his background at [www.neilabercrombie.com](http://www.neilabercrombie.com).

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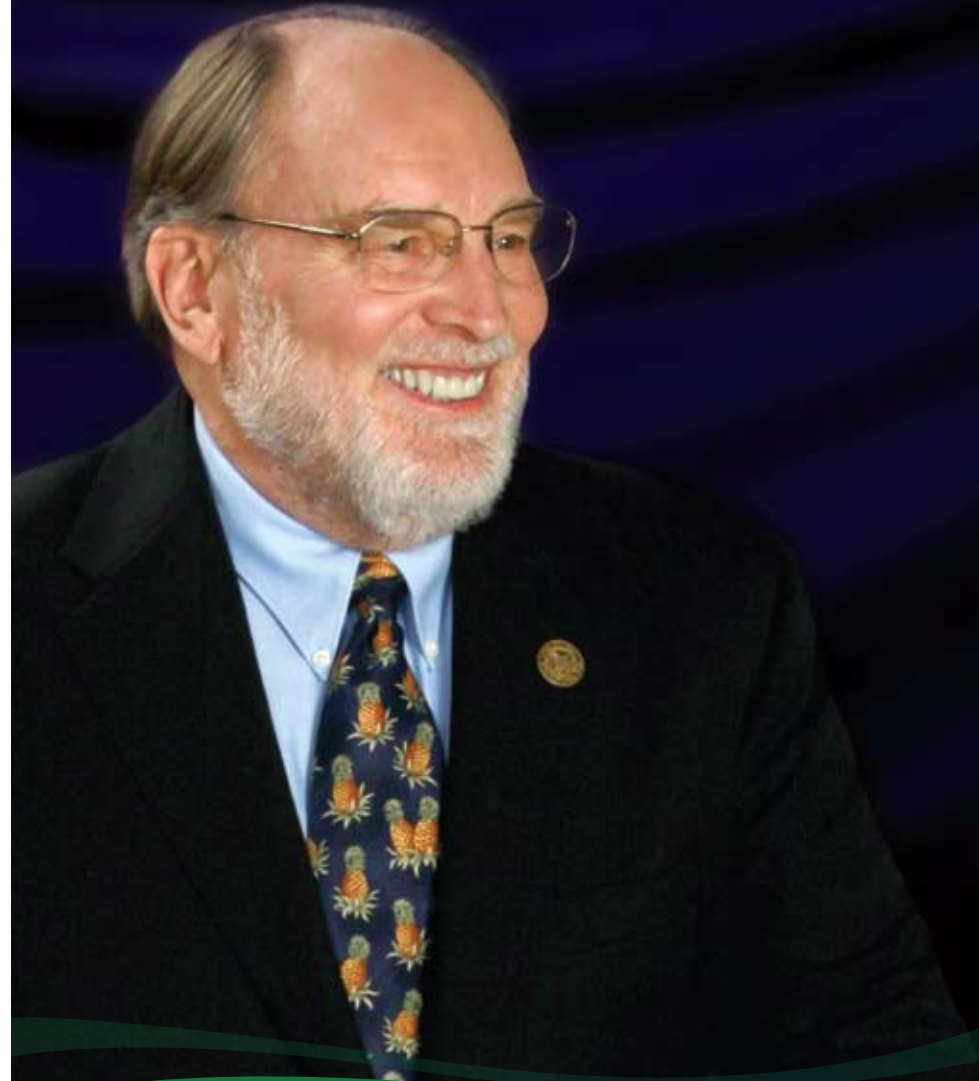
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# LEADERSHIP WE CAN TRUST



Hawaii is our home. And in this time of unprecedented crisis, Hawaii needs a Governor with a track record of leadership at all levels of government—local, state, and federal.

We need an independent thinker who will always put the interests of everyday people first. We need a Governor who can utilize his close relationships with the Obama administration and Members of Congress to Hawaii's advantage. We need a listener *and* a fighter. Few are both. Neil is.



Neil has a plan to rebuild Hawaii's economy, making it more resilient and sustainable, and creating good paying jobs here at home.

The key is restoring people's shattered confidence in government. People are frustrated with the status quo at the state and local levels. They want to know that their tax dollars are being spent wisely and purposefully, guided by a leader with a clear vision.

In these difficult times we need a leader who can bring people together to make tough decisions and set priorities based on these timeless values:

### INVESTING IN THE FUTURE – PUTTING CHILDREN FIRST

- Ending Furlough Fridays and restoring cost-effective programs like Healthy Start
- Overhauling the public school system, empowering principals and teachers
- Making Hawaii a national leader in early childhood policy
- Committing to the establishment of technology and innovation to stop the brain drain and create more good jobs here in the islands

### HARD WORK

- Securing every possible federal dollar to preserve and create jobs and build our transportation, information, energy, and agricultural infrastructure
- Creating public-private partnerships to build housing that people can afford
- Removing burdens on small businesses, and helping them thrive to create high quality local jobs

### PROVIDING FOR OURSELVES

- Becoming energy independent by producing clean renewable energy here at home
- Producing more of our own healthy food to keep dollars in our economy and preserve rural lifestyles
- Being a good steward of our precious natural resources so they can be enjoyed by future generations

### CARING FOR KUPUNA AND PEOPLE IN NEED

- Finally addressing our rapidly aging population to ensure productive, dignified living after retirement
- Rebuilding the safety net and giving people a realistic hand up out of poverty and toward family self-sufficiency

**These traits set him apart from his opponents, but there is much more to the man:**

## **COMPASSION.**

Neil Abercrombie has always been driven by his deep-seated desire to help the people of Hawaii. He listens with an open mind and he cares with an open heart.

## **COMMITMENT.**

Running for Governor is the culmination of Neil's career. He is not going to run for the U.S. Senate or any other political office. If elected Governor, he will complete his term with no hidden agenda. No one will work harder to fulfill that commitment. No one.



## **COLLABORATION.**

Hawaii has never been so divided and gridlocked. Neil will end the "my way or the highway" approach that is paralyzing state and local government in Hawaii. He will get people working together again and form partnerships as he did in Congress where he created bipartisan, public-private partnerships to protect our environment, move toward energy independence, empower Native Hawaiians, and support our soldiers and their families.

## **CANDOR.**

Neil speaks his mind. He doesn't mince words. He doesn't participate in the political double-speak that accomplishes nothing. He will restore the public's trust in government because Neil speaks with one voice: the voice of the people.

