

Sovereign Councils
of the



Hawaiian Homelands
Assembly

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**SOVEREIGN COUNCILS of the HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS ASSEMBLY ENDORSES
CONGRESSMAN NEIL ABERCROMBIE FOR GOVERNOR**

The Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly (SCHHA) at its November Quarterly Meeting unanimously voted to endorse Congressman Neil Abercrombie for Governor, citing his continuing efforts to better the conditions of the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homelands Trust and the interests of all indigenous peoples of our nation.

The SCHHA is a statewide organization consisting of 28 homestead associations which represent over 30,000 beneficiaries living on Hawaiian Homestead lands. Established in 1987, SCHHA provides lessees with a unified way in which to (1) advocate for the protection of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1921 as amended and the land trust that the act established and (2) to provide for a voice for the beneficiaries of said Trust when decisions that are being made by federal, state, and county governments impact upon our lives.

Kamaki Kanahale, SCHHA Chairman, stated, "the SCHHA shall press forward in full support of Congressman Neil Abercrombie for Governor knowing full well that his election will bring us a renewed and brighter future for the 23,000 member beneficiary wait-listers to finally come to the lands and be able to live in an affordable "green-energy" home."

The SCHHA shall continue to endorse the following great leaders: US Senator Daniel Inouye, US Senator Kaniela Akaka, US Representative Mazie Hirono and State Senator Colleen Hanabusa for the US House of Representatives.

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