



A kama'āina of Hilo, father, grandfather, coach and experienced leader, Neil Azevedo announced his candidacy for Hawai'i County Mayor.

The values he grew up with, his experience in leadership and public service, and a sense of responsibility to serve the community that raised him led to Neil's candidacy based on three principles: keep it simple, spend wisely, and get the job done.

As the youngest of 11 siblings, Neil was taught to understand that community and 'ohana are one and the same. Neil built a career of leadership based on this foundation.

As Highways Division Chief for the County of Hawai'i since 2015, Neil led a team that delivered long-awaited improvements to make our public roads and facilities safer, like paving Ho'olulu Complex parking, widening shoulders on Waikoloa Road, and the Queen's Lei multi-modal path alongside Ane Keohokālole Highway.

Neil's leadership was critical in disaster response and recovery, working side by side with federal, state, and county emergency management under two mayoral administrations.

Neil worked to build evacuation routes and close access to unsafe areas, and even went door-to-door to ensure everyone evacuated safely.

As a dedicated father of five and a proud grandfather of one, Neil knows that the decisions we make to build a healthy and thriving Hawai'i Island community is not just for us – it's for future generations.