

**Newspapers praise Maldonado's nomination as Lt. Governor and his ability to achieve results.**



***"If confirmed which seems likely this is great news for the Republican Party in California."***

SAN DIEGO UNION TRIBUNE, November 29, 2009

***"Sen. Abel Maldonado is the kind of lawmaker ordinary people say they want representing them: Not too politically partisan. Not afraid to exercise independence."***

LOS ANGELES TIMES, Opinion Page - George Skelton, August 09, 2007

***"We urge legislators of both parties to confirm Maldonado, a moderate legislator who has demonstrated an ability to put pragmatism ahead of party ideology."***

CONTRA COSTA TIMES, November 26, 2009 - Editorial Page

***"...a political career on the rise...achieving results over obstructionism."***

LA OPINION, November 25, 2009

***"He appeals to a broad swath of constituents - rural, Latino, political centrist."***

NEW YORK TIMES, FEBRUARY 19, 2009

***"Maldonado represents progress for Californians who seek more moderate, independent-minded voices in leadership roles."***

***"He leans right more than left but always has shown an independent streak."***

SAN JOSE MERCURY EDITORIAL, November 24, 2009

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*"Maldonado is a smart and courageous solon with a compelling personal story."*

GARRY SOUTH, Chief Campaign Strategist  
for Janice Hahn's Lt. Governor Campaign  
Los Angeles Times, November 28, 2009



## FROM FIELD FARM WORKER TO LT. GOVERNOR NOMINEE



The oldest son of immigrant field workers, Abel worked in the fields picking strawberries alongside his father to help support the family.

After majoring in Crop Science at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, Maldonado returned to a half-acre family farm and helped grow it into a company with over 250 employees that now farms over 6,000 acres.

Elected to the Santa Maria City Council at 26 and as Mayor two years later, Abel was elected to the Assembly in 1998 and the State Senate six years after that.

Abel makes his home on the family ranch with his wife, Laura, and their four beautiful children Erika, Nicolas, Marcus, and Galdino.

In the legislature, Abel earned 100% ratings from the California Taxpayers Association and California Chamber of Commerce. He cast the decisive vote to stop the use of IOUs and enacted reforms that saved taxpayers billions of dollars.

Named "Legislator of the Year" by the California Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Electronics Association, Crime Victims United, and the California League of Middle Schools Association, Abel was recently nominated to fill the vacant Lt. Governor's position by Governor Schwarzenegger.

## UNIQUE APPEAL TO CALIFORNIA'S FASTEST GROWING DEMOGRAPHIC GROUP

Senator Abel Maldonado was the first person to address a national political convention in the Spanish language.

A regular on Univision News shows, Abel Maldonado is the face of the Republican Party in the Spanish Speaking media.

As such, Abel is uniquely positioned to win cross-over votes from the 21% of California voters who share his heritage. Identified as a rising star in the Republican Party by astute politicians ranging from former Senate Republican leader Jim Brulte to former Speaker Willie Brown, Abel is a rare Republican who can identify with the state's burgeoning Latino population.



## DUTIES OF THE LT. GOVERNOR

The Lieutenant Governor sits on the following boards and commissions:

- UC Board of Regents
- CSU Board of Trustees
- Ocean Protection Council
- The California Emergency Council
- The State Lands Commission – This group issues permits for, monitors and regulates all California state land holdings and navigable waterways.
- Serves as an ex-officio member of the California State World Trade Commission.

## THE LT. GOVERNOR ALSO:

- Serves as President of the State Senate. In the event of a tie, the Lt. Governor casts the deciding vote.
- Appoints five members to the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine Commission

## REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP TO TURN CALIFORNIA AROUND

- **A BUSINESS OWNER TO BUILD THE ECONOMY**  
Abel's advocacy for a better business climate has earned him repeated ratings of 100% from the California Chamber of Commerce. Abel was also named Hi-Tech Legislator of the Year three different times and honored with the Hi-Tech Legislator Lifetime Achievement Award for his commitment to the technology industry.
- **RESPONSIBLE BUDGET POLICIES**  
Senator Maldonado's tough negotiating on the state budget crisis helped avoid permanent tax hikes.
- **AUTHORED WORKERS' COMPENSATION REFORMS**  
Wrote reform package to fix California's broken workers' compensation laws, save tens of thousands of jobs and reduce costs for state employers by billions of dollars.
- **TAXPAYER WATCHDOG**  
The Senator's investigative efforts helped expose government officials who were using tax dollars for exorbitant salaries, mansions for state officials and even a "dog run" at an administrator's home.
- **A FISCAL CONSERVATIVE TO OPPOSE HIGHER TAXES**  
Abel earned a rating of 100% from the California Taxpayers Association in 2005, 2006, and 2008 and has helped defeat billions of dollars in new tax hikes.
- **A TAXPAYER ADVOCATE TO DEMAND MORE FROM GOVERNMENT**  
Abel authored legislation to establish the Office of the Independent Auditor and require a comprehensive audit of state government.

## THE OPPOSITION:

Currently declared candidates include Republican State Senator Sam Aanstad, Democratic State Senator Dean Florez, and Los Angeles City Councilwoman Janice Hahn.

