# WHY VOTE FOR AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE?

Your Vote is guaranteed to you under our constitution. No one has the right to tell you or to assume how you should use it. If you believe that Party Politics have lost their way and has forgotten that their purpose is to represent <u>all</u> the people, then your independent vote is of great importance.

Vote with your neighbours to make a <u>Balanced change</u> to make Bermuda great again.

Let's restore Bermuda's greatness !!!



This is your world. Shape it or someone else will. - gary lew

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- Check the Voters Register be sure you are on Constituency # 8
   Smith's South as a Voter
- Be sure your photo ID is current

   acceptable ID: Passport,
   Driver's License or Voter ID

   Card that are current
- Advanced Polling is on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Sevent-Day Adventist Church Hall on King Street, Hamilton
- Polling Day is on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012
- The Polling Station is at the Whitney Institute Gym
- Poll Opens at 8:00 A.M.
- Poll Closes at 8:00 P.M.
- Institutional Advance Polling is on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at their respective locations

NOTE: All details are on www.elections.gov.bm

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### Why I Am running for a seat in Parliament

I have entered into the race for this Constituency to offer you, the voter, a *balanced choice* in Candidates. Since the advent of Party politics, the voters of this constituency have spoken with a clear and independent voice of what it is they want from their MP.

It has become increasingly clear that Party politics has failed to keep pace with the changing demands and needs of today's voters. The opposition Party has been through three changes since being elected in 2007 and have seen their numbers dwindle from 14 to 10 members.

### Ready to serve this community .... again.

Right now, Bermuda needs all of her people to work for the common objective of rebounding from this economic malaise. This is not the time to blame one another. That is why Bermudians need the option of an honest broker capable of evaluating both sides and promoting the side that represents the best interests of all of Bermuda. *An independent candidate provides for that option*.

#### My Background

I am a small-business owner, a husband, a father, a grandfather and homeowner. I live, work, buy family groceries and have the same expenses and concerns of everyday life.

I have been involved in politics since the late 80's and have served as a branch chairman and an approved candidate for elected office. I have been directly involved in four election campaigns, a bye-election and three general elections.

I strongly believe in the policies of strong social conservatism and I do not believe in buying what I neither can afford, nor have any idea how I am going to pay for it. In many ways I am just like you.

## What I stand for as an Independent Candidate for Smith's South Constituency #8.

**Constitutional Reform** — designed to improve parliamentary representation.

**Social and economic bill of rights** — regarding access to (a) relevant education, (b) affordable healthcare and housing, and (c) establishing a minimum living wage.

**The economy** — designed to ensure competitiveness, developing tourism up to a minimum of 20% of GDP, and reducing the dependence on Government funded programmes.

**Public Safety** — designed to develop policies that are comprehensive, relevant to today's environment and adequately funded.

### We've worked together before. Let's work together again — for a better Bermuda.

My first duty as your Member of Parliament will be to the people I represent — by staying in touch, keeping an ear to the ground and being available at

all times. I will have clinics where we can discuss what is on your mind. My aim is to bring a stronger focus to the needs of Smith's South through working with local activists on specific plans to meet social needs and advance community projects.

#### My immediate concerns are:

- The state of education in our island home.
   There is no greater gift a parent can give a child. Education, therefore, must be removed from its current style of management and placed in the hands of a national Education Board made up of key stakeholders.
- Our economy and financial controls.
   Auditor General department to undertake a complete review of Government collections and expenditure now and report to the legislature recommendations required to set our financial affairs back on course.
- Our growing crime problem. The rise in crime is inextricably linked to education.
   When a person has nothing — they have nothing to lose. The police are the first line of defence. They require the full support of the community at large, the judiciary and Government.

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