

Good morning Bermuda, One Bermuda Alliance colleagues and members of the media.

I am Robin Tucker and I am excited to be the OBA candidate for Hamilton South, Constituency #7. Some may be wondering, who is Robin Tucker?

I have no political history and prior to joining the OBA and agreeing to represent the OBA in the upcoming General Election, I had no political affiliations.

I am just like many of you, a concerned citizen affected by the decisions of whichever Government is leading the country.

I am a wife, mother and grandmother who is worried about the mounting debt that our children, grandchildren and possibly our great-grandchildren will have to repay.

I am worried about our children receiving quality education and whether they will be adequately prepared to compete for job, locally and overseas.

I am worried that so many Bermudians, even pre-Covid, are out of work and are unable to provide basic necessities for their families.

While I don't live in Constituency #7, I have worked in the area for almost 5 years.

Someone asked me "what do you know about this area?" While I have not met with the constituents, I know we share some common concerns.

We all want a thriving economy and fair-paying jobs. We all want to live in healthy and safe communities.

People with children want them to be educated and prepared for their futures.

How can we do this? We must provide equal support for our educators and parents to ensure that teachers have the skills, professional development opportunities and resources needed to deliver quality education for every child.

We must work to bring about more collaboration between parents and teachers as the health of that relationship can significantly impact a student's long-term success.

I also care deeply about protecting our children.

Educating them is important, but if they are hungry and neglected, we can have the best education system in the world but if our children are not safe and properly taken care of, we have no hope of having a healthy society.

I end my time today with a promise to Constituency #7, that is to turn my words into action.

My pledge to you is that I will not politicize issues.

I will remember that as a Public Servant I work for you. You do not work for me.

I promise to show my commitment to representing Constituency #7's interests by carrying out my work as a Public Servant with integrity, thoughtfulness and with professionalism.

Lastly, thank you, Craig and the OBA selection committee for giving me this opportunity to be part of the new and revitalized OBA team.