



Premier & Party Leader

C19 & C25

Candidate Announcement Remarks

Good morning,

Today, I'm pleased to announce two incredible candidates in two Important constituencies in the upcoming General Election - Jache Adams in Constituency #19, Pembroke West and Senator Ianthia Simmons-Wade in Constituency #25, Warwick North East.

This election is about leadership - and, which leader and team are best equipped to see Bermuda through these difficult times. We ably managed Bermuda through the worst of the health crisis making sure that we expanded financial support to see Bermudians through the worst times.

Bermudians all know the economic record of our opponents. 2,000 Jobs were lost and our national debt doubled. They saddled our country with a bad airport deal that is likely to result in tens of millions of dollars shipped overseas this year.

Conversely, before the pandemic, the PLP created over 700 new jobs, and, yes, the nascent FinTech sector has created 60 jobs right here in Bermuda. During the pandemic, we took swift economic action to expand financial support and to allow Bermudians to access funds from their pensions. In the recovery, we quickly instituted the work from Bermuda program which has already received hundreds of applicants to allow remote workers to temporarily come here and spend money in our economy, and we will be moving up capital projects to get our people back to work.

Over the coming weeks, we will continue to outline our vision for the recovery of our economy, but, I want to remind Bermudians that as we enter the season when politicians make promise after promise, to remember what Forbes magazine reported, and, I quote "past behaviour is the best predictor of future behaviour and the same is true of success."

You've seen our record. And, you've seen what the OBA did when they were in government. I invite you to compare them and then decide - do you want the PLP Team and I leading our recovery, or would you prefer Craig Cannonier see us through these difficult times? That is the fundamental question of this election.

Jache Adams is our candidate in Constituency #19 Pembroke West, and he can win the seat. He is an experienced banker and currently serves as an advisor in the Ministry of Finance. He manages real estate and also started a small business in information technology. The PLP will continue to bring new candidates into the fray to contest seats, and as we push forward with economic recovery, Jache Adams will be an important part of the economic team that will ensure our PLP team sees us through these difficult times.

Jache...

Ianthia Simmons-Wade spent her career in health care and long term care. She is one of our leaders in the Senate who is committed to improving the quality and affordability in healthcare. She is also a champion for our seniors. She served Junior Minister of Health, Communications and the Cabinet and also as the Chair of the Ageing Well Committee. And, not only is she dedicated to building a healthier community where seniors can live long healthy lives, but, politics flows through her veins. Her great-grandfather, William Joell, was the first elected black Parliamentarian and her late husband, L. Frederick Wade is an icon who committed himself to building a better and fairer Bermuda for all.

I have worked with Senator Simmons-Wade over the past few years and I can speak to her commitment. Senator Simmons-Wade, I speak for many that your presence on this stage makes our team even stronger.

I know that with the announcement of Senator Simmons-Wade, there is going to be intense speculation about what happened to the Incumbent MP in constituency 25, our Finance Minister, Curtis Dickinson. I can confirm that the Executive Branch of Constituency 21 has met MP Dickinson and he will be moving to C21 to contest that seat for the PLP in the upcoming General Election with the full support of the sitting MP Rolfe Commissiong.

We have a strong team in Constituency #21, Pembroke South East. While Minister Dickinson and the C21 team will be focused on communicating with the voters in that seat, he will also have time to focus on executing the economic recovery plan aimed at creating jobs and opportunity that he outlined yesterday.

We will be rolling out Curtis with all the sitting MPs who will be running for re-election next week.