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Every child deserves a quality education that gives them the tools for success. That's why I am committed to stand up for our kids and will work to strengthen our schools. Together with fellow parents and teachers, I want to be your voice on the Capistrano Unified School Board for our kids.

I was born and raised in California where I attended public school and was blessed with great teachers. I studied hard and graduated from an Ivy League University, earned an MBA degree and received a CPA license. In my professional career I applied the lessons I learned as an Eagle Scout to my business. Hard work, accountability and integrity are indispensable to achievement.

Having spent a career conducting financial audits, I take the stewardship of your tax dollars very seriously. As your trustee I will hold government accountable and make sure that your tax dollars get to the classroom where they belong. I've done it before, and I'll do it again.

I served for 12 years as Trustee of Irvine Unified School District and was twice elected President. I know firsthand how to manage a highly successful district, and how to keep it successful. I helped find more than \$20 million in savings in Irvine, and I can do it for our schools too. My colleagues know that I'm not afraid to challenge the status quo.

My wife and I have two young children in Capistrano Unified elementary schools, and 2 older children that are out of college. The solid public-school education our oldest kids received provided them with the tools necessary for success in today's job market. My son is now a cybersecurity expert at the Pentagon. My daughter works for a developer in Orange County.

Capistrano Unified needs an experienced leader who gets things done. We need a strong voice for responsibility, not a politician pushing empty rhetoric. Our kids and schools need a trustee with a proven track record of delivering results. We need a parent who will prioritize school safety and give our kids quality learning opportunities that prepare them for the future. That's who I am, and that's why I'm asking for your support.

I pledge to keep children at the forefront of any decision. Teachers, parents and business leaders throughout our county endorse and trust me. I hope to gain your trust as well, and I would be honored to have your vote.