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Parent/Businesswoman

As a 33-year Laguna Beach resident, I've spent 26 years raising four kids while heavily investing time in our schools volunteering, participating in and running various District, school and PTA programs, acting as LBHS PTA President and as a school board watchdog.

In 2020 I previously ran for School board when our Board refused to respond to community demands to open our secondary schools during COVID closures, thereby disrupting student learning, further contributing to increasing social and emotional student struggles, declining test scores and social development. Unfortunately, I was not elected and during the last 4 years, the board majority maintained its self-proclaimed "weak board" status and watched idly as our community's voice, stakeholders concerns, and students needs are ignored.

Today, issues our stakeholders and students face are even more concerning. Our voice at the table has been marginalized or dismissed. Our property taxes continue to fund 87% of our Districts budget, we spend a record \$33K per student compared to the \$18K state average, yet our Advanced Placement class offerings continue to diminish, and unique programs are cancelled, Special Needs students are underserved, and innovative new offerings are rarely considered.

Stakeholder voices continue to be disregarded, including planning of recent District development projects, which ignored the spirit of Design Review guidelines every other neighborhood project must follow. Recent state mandated testing indicates only 54% of students are testing at grade level standards for math, our enrollment continues to decline and transparency in our District is at an all time low.

These results are not acceptable. We must stand up for our students, schools, and community. Our unique, small town and our kids are worth fighting for! We must lean into smaller class sizes, creating dynamic, forward thinking curriculum, not call it a liability. We must reclaim and strengthen our voice at the table. I'm that voice for you! I will stand up for our students, community and taxpayers, our future.

Empowering voters to collaborate various community perspectives and bringing together a common vision the citizens of Laguna Beach wish our schools to be, is my promise to you. Through town hall style meetings, committee efforts, transparent sharing of information, data and reports, we can work together to bring our schools back to the "private school education in a public school setting" our schools had been known for. I'm that voice and asking for your vote. Thank you.