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My name is Liz Monti-Hall and I began my four year term as SGUSD Trustee in December, 2018. It is quite a responsibility and I promise to work hard and do my very best.

I am the first generation born in America, from my father's, Renato Luigi Monti, side as he was born in Genoa, Italy in 1916. My father was a very brave man who had integrity, was compassionate, a hard worker, and he was loved unconditionally, especially by his daughters. My precious mother, on the other hand, was all-American. She was born Shirley Ann Mullanix in Pueblo, CO. in 1937. My mom's values included a sense of compassion and openness. She gave everybody the benefit of a doubt and she was a happy and positive person. I try every day to be just like her. My parents had three daughters including me, my sister Debbie and my younger sister, Lisa. Both of my sisters are my mentors and are like gems to me.

My family and I eventually moved to East San Jose, where my mom and dad opened a pizza parlor. We were raised that, "family comes first". My childhood was amazing as I learned the value of a hard work ethic along with a life filled with love, happiness and fun. Eventually my parents opened another pizza parlor and I worked there learning the necessary skills of operating a successful business. During my early 20's, while I was working at one of our pizza parlors, I walked in the man of my dreams, Craig Hall, and we have been together ever since. Marrying Craig meant I also got a darling step-son, named Sean.

On a personal note, I will share that in 1996, I gave birth to a baby girl that did not survive. Another shattering event happened just ten days after losing her, my precious father suffered a massive stroke. It was the saddest time in my life. There are no words to describe this time; nor, shall I try. Although this time was devastating, five years later, Craig and I were blessed with a beautiful baby girl, my Gia. Through these experiences, I feel as though I truly know the value and worth of children. To be a parent is truly the greatest gift!

In addition to the business training I received while running our family pizza parlors, I am also a professional realtor and have real estate licenses in both Nevada and in California. After we moved back to California, our daughter, Gia, went to Sunol Glen from the fifth through eighth grade. I can happily share that Sunol Glen prepared my daughter for high school where she is thriving. I cannot say enough wonderful things about the school! I am truly thankful for the individual attention the teachers and staff provided. I believe every child deserves an education. Because I also believe, knowledge is power. Education + hard work = solid citizens. It is up to school board members to always have their students' best interest in mind while making decisions. It is our duty to speak for them - and when needed, we must fight for them.

My values are simple and straightforward: I believe that family comes first, your word is everything, respect others, that character and Integrity are earned, and if possible, always give back. This desire to "give back" was a major motivation for me to run for the School Board. Volunteering in this role, allows me the opportunity to give back to our community at our precious Sunol Glen School - I am very proud to serve in this capacity!

I look forward and welcome what this seat has to offer. I will face every matter always with our children's best interest in the forefront.

Sincerely,
SGUSD Board of Trustee
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