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I believe the Booster program must continue to be led by strong leaders who don't look for self-accolades, but rather lead by example, understand the scope of the program's needs and operations, and jump in to provide support when needed. I have a long history of doing just that, and am well-positioned to take the lead of this organization. During my five years with the band program, I have volunteered in a broad array of leadership and support roles. These include:

- two years as Vice President (2011-2013);
- two years as chair of the Hospitality Committee, providing snacks to students at all-day events and meals at select performances including various bands and the Winter Guard;
- two years as chair of the Recruitment Committee, communicating with eighth grade students and parents, hosting recruiting events at middle school concerts, supporting the DV open house, Ahwatukee Youth Band activities, and organizing the rosters for marching band tryouts;
- two years organizing the volunteer process, including developing the volunteer approval process for the Band Boosters to interact with the district volunteer approval process and ensuring annual reauthorization;
- current member of the Policies and Procedures committee ;
- the past three years as a band camp chaperone and California trip chaperone;
- five years as bus chaperone;
- three years as chair of the Host committee for the ABODA State Marching Festival;
- two years as a member of Team Pit;
- four years as a volunteer on the water committee;
- general volunteer over the past five years wherever needed, including first aid, fundraising (organizing eScrip and Fry's cards), uniforms, table sales, and volunteering at Regional auditions.

Personally, both of my children have been involved in the program. My daughter, Maggie, who graduated from Desert Vista in 2013 was a 4-year member of the marching band (3 years on clarinet and 1 year in color guard), and a member of the Wind Ensemble, Steel Drums, jazz band, four years in regional band and symphony orchestra. She is currently a freshman at ASU studying music education. My son, Doug, is a sophomore and a member of the front ensemble. He also plays trombone in the Tuesday Jazz Band and will be joining the wind ensemble next year on trombone. Professionally, I am the Chief Budget Officer for ASU, and have experience managing within a large, challenging and complex environment, and interfacing with diverse personalities and issues. In addition, I served for six years on the Board of Directors for the Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center, a large regional not-for-profit organization. I left the Board in December 2013 at the expiration of my term, having served for two years as Vice Chair, two years as Treasurer, and three years as Finance and Audit committee chair. I have also volunteered in a number of other civic and volunteer organizations, typically holding leadership roles.

The Desert Vista band program is so much more to students than a musical experience. The program provides a support structure for students, encourages upstanding behavior, and delivers on excellence. This is the result of a successful formula that includes dedication on the part of students and staff, as well strong support from a diverse volunteer base. The success of the booster organization is not and cannot be attributed to the contributions or accomplishments of individuals, but rather to a group of parents who do what is needed. I believe that the volunteers in this organization are beyond comparison, and without the volunteers, it is unlikely that past successes can continue to be achieved. There can and should be an opportunity available for any parent interested in participating. Any changes for the program must take into account the needs of the students, staff and volunteers, and seek to improve the efficiency of the booster program while not being disruptive to the success the group has achieved.

Given my experience professionally, in the Desert Vista Band Booster organization, and with other not-for-profit organizations, I believe I have the passion and experience to successfully lead the Booster organization. I am willing to pitch in when needed, and see the interactions with the students and the success of the programs as my reward. I recognize that we fall under the leadership of the Thunder Board, understand the requirements and policies of the organization, and see this as a partnership to continue to successfully deliver on a winning program. The Desert Vista program is a great place for students to learn, grow and socialize, and similarly a great place for parents to volunteer, support the program and students, and find a great social environment. Each and every volunteer is important to the success of the organization. With my background and experience in nearly every operational area of the Booster organization, I believe I am well suited to be the next President of the DV Band Booster organization.