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Dear neighbour

I am writing to ask for your trust and support in the Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council by-election which will take place in East Cliff & Springbourne on Thursday 29 June. I am passionate about our neighbourhood – I moved here when I was eight and I have loved our fantastic town ever since.

I raised my two children here as a single parent, while working for a range of different organisations including the NHS at Royal Bournemouth Hospital, Bournemouth Council and many local charities such as Help and Care, Autism Wessex, The Footprints Project, Citizens Advice in Dorset, AIM Community and Bournemouth Foodbank.

Over the years, I've brought much needed resources into our area. I led a successful regeneration programme for Bournemouth Council between 2007 and 2013 that brought in over £2 million of government funding.

As a fundraiser working in the community, I've raised hundreds of thousands of pounds by writing bids, overseeing events and bringing companies, communities and resources together in partnership to tackle important issues including health inequalities, homelessness, support for disabled children and older people, creative arts and regeneration, community safety and domestic violence.

I'm very proud that last year I raised £3,000 for two local charities, Stable Family Home Trust and the Footprints Project, by running the London Marathon. As someone who was new to running, this was one of the best and most challenging days of my life!

For over 20 years I've worked with so many people and groups in our community with the aim of making a difference, preserving our environment and helping those in need.

I currently work for our local food bank, where we are seeing a huge and increasing demand for help from many people who live right here in our community.

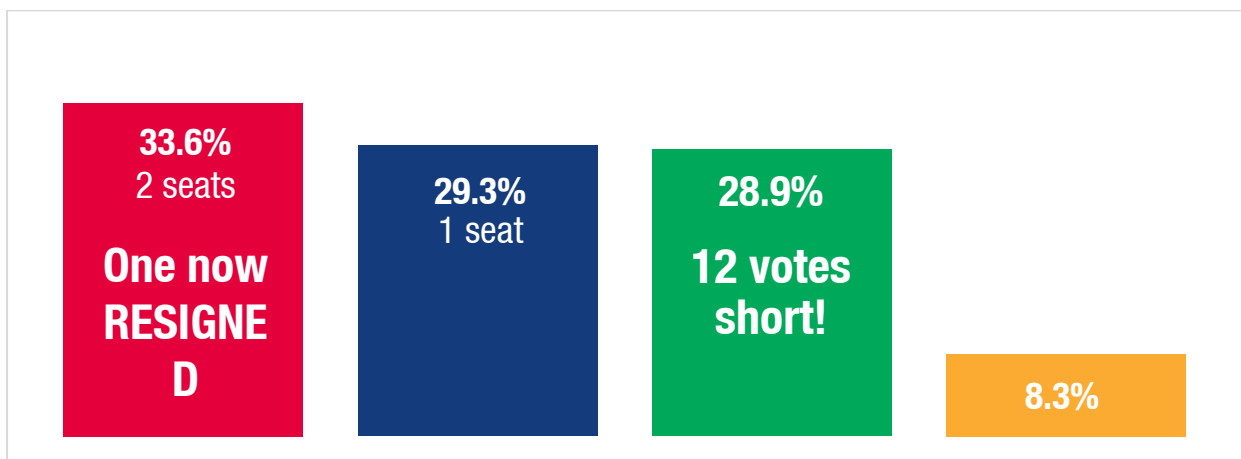
I'm also an active member of our residents' groups for East Cliff and Springbourne, and I'm regularly in contact with neighbours across the ward who ask for my help and advice.

I know how urgently things need to change. We don't need another cookie-cutter politician who simply says and does what their national party tells them – our community needs a strong, independent voice. We need a person who knows what it's like to live here. I'm passionate and determined about making sure our local area gets the resources and the recognition it deserves.

At last month's local election, I was only 12 votes away from winning a seat on BCP Council for East Cliff & Springbourne. This by-election is likely to be very close between myself and the Labour candidate – votes for other parties probably won't influence the outcome of this election.

With your support in this election, our neighbourhood can elect a strong, independent-minded councillor who works hard for you, all year round. Please consider giving me your vote on Thursday 29 June.

Warm regards and best wishes



Results of the local election in East Cliff & Springbourne held on 4 May 2023