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Title	
First Name	Will
Last Name	Atkins
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Company	Cinn-Credible Cinnamon Packets
Title	Owner/CEO
Yes	Yes/True
No	No/False
Why do you want to serve on the Chamber board?	We just retired from the military and are looking to get more engaged in the community while helping to support small business owners like ourselves.
What skills or expertise can you bring to the Chamber board?	I am a 22-year military veteran, retiring as a Colonel in the Air Force. So I have extensive leadership and management skills, strategic planning experience, and a background in governmental affairs (I was a political-military advisor for 10 of my years in the Air Force). I also taught Political Science at the Air Force Academy for 6 years, so I am well-versed in education and training, as well as government, policy, and legislative affairs.
Will other non-profit or professional commitments prevent you from fulfilling your	I am retired from the Air Force, and our business is more of a side gig at this point. I doubt my cinnamon packet business can be all that useful to the members, but I see myself as

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commitment to the Chamber board? If yes, what are they?	a bridge-builder between members, and want to use my government/policy background to assist the chamber writ large. I see myself serving on the governmental affairs or economic/community development committees.
Board members are expected to serve on or chair a committee. In which area can you contribute your expertise or work?	Governmental Affairs
What community organizations have you previously served?	While I was in the Air Force, most of my organizations were professional with a national security focus (Center for Strategic and International Studies, American Security Project, Council on Asian Affairs, etc). In the community, I've been a member and officer in most of my daughters Parent-Teacher Associations (Kimball Wiles Elementary, Ranch Creek Elementary, Turner-Bartels K-8, Florida PTA, National PTA). I am also a Lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, and was previously active in Toastmasters Intl.
What aspect of board service appeals to you?	I want to get more involved in the community now that I'm retired from the military, make connections between members, and put my background/experience to good use.
What do you hope to gain from board service?	Purpose, and a better understanding of the community and the needs of business owners.
Yes	Yes/True
No	No/False
Yes	Yes/True
No	No/False
Yes	Yes/True
No	No/False
Resume/CV	Yes/True
LinkedIn Profile	No/False

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