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Title	
First Name	Don
Last Name	Copeland
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Company	The Copeland Team - Powered by Benchmark Mortgage
Title	Regional Sales Manager
Yes	Yes/True
No	No/False
Why do you want to serve on the Chamber board?	I want to serve on the Chamber board because our mission at The Copeland Team goes far beyond just closing loans. As a veteran and local business owner, I've seen firsthand how strong partnerships, education, and access to resources can change lives. Housing is at the heart of every thriving community, and I want to use my expertise in mortgage lending, credit readiness, and builder/realtor partnerships to help families put down roots and businesses grow alongside them.
What skills or expertise can you bring to the Chamber board?	I can bring financial expertise, business strategy, and a knack for building strong partnerships. I know how to connect people and resources, drive growth, and create win-win opportunities — whether that's helping a

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	family buy a home or helping local businesses succeed.
Will other non-profit or professional commitments prevent you from fulfilling your commitment to the Chamber board? If yes, what are they?	None at all. I am involved in things like Club214 but this will not interfere. I do travel occassionally for my job to other markets I am building out, but this would rarely interfere, if ever.
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?	- Very involved in the Chamber of Commerce of Pensacola, FL to include leading their first ever networking group. I have served on the board, and am a past president of the Pensacola Breast Cancer Association. I am involved with Club214 (A military veteran organization) currently.
What aspect of board service appeals to you?	What appeals to me most about board service is the chance to collaborate with other leaders and have a real impact on strengthening our local business community.
What do you hope to gain from board service?	I hope to gain stronger connections, fresh ideas, and the chance to grow as a leader while helping our business community thrive.
Yes	Yes/True
No	No/False
Yes	Yes/True
No	No/False
Yes	Yes/True
No	No/False
Resume/CV	No/False
LinkedIn Profile	Yes/True
Other	No/False
Please Upload Your Resume/CV	

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Please Upload Your Headshot	edit-6844.jpg
LinkedIn Profile Link	https://www.linkedin.com/in/doncopeland1/