

Meet the Candidate

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CANDIDATE BIO: I will listen to all of you.

I'll do this because I've learned its the best way to interact with people. I'm happy to tell you a bit about myself and why I believe that first, if you'll tell me a bit about yourself when we meet. (Prefer a little 2 min self intro video?

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I grew up in Boulder, CO where I attended CU Boulder (Go Buffs - I Guess) I studied Political Science and History. I fell in love with the US Constitution and then swore to support and defend it as I became a US Marine Officer.

I was stationed at Camp Lejeune and met a Carolina girl, Abby, who is now my wife. After a couple of deployment to Afghanistan and a tour at US Southern Command in Miami, FL we decided it was time to start a family. To do this we moved back to Chapel Hill, to be near her family and I attended UNC Kenan Flagler to study for my Master's in Business Administration (MBA) (Go heels - I guess). We decided Seattle and Amazon wasn't for us, and the community Abby had begun to build with Fit4Mom had many folks living in Briar Chapel. We loved the community and when I secured my job at IBM in the RTP campus, we bought our house here.

I co-founded a startup on nights and weekends commuting to Durham and meeting in libraries and Starbucks. We had our second daughter and deeply appreciated the support of our community here during her months of hospitalization.

We began walking our eldest to the new Chatham grove school very day, mingling with our friends and neighbors.

I volunteered with a few hundred fellow Americans digitally organizing a nonprofit that quickly, quietly, and efficiently helped 2,000+



Afghans to a safer situation in 2021 as Kabul fell.

I swore in to serve once more with the US Digital Service (USDS) in the Executive Office of the President (EOP). After the newly formed Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) ended my employment a year and a half early I joined a Defense Tech startup called Nooks where I now work as a software Product Manager.

I spend most of my non working time at Great Meadow park, keeping an eye on my youngest daughter and waving at my oldest when she checks in.

I cant wait to sit and chat with you there.

How long have you been a resident of Briar Chapel and what brought you here?

My wife Abby and I bought our house in the summer of 2017, across from Great Meadow Park when it was just a lot. What brought us here was the people.

We brought our 2 year old (at the time) to play at the park while we watched the builders' progress. We came here because of the

community that Abby had already built in her friendship with the Fit4Mom workout group. Over time that community has only deepened. Whether you've chatted with us at the pool watching the kiddos. Worked out in the early morning hours (whether Fit4Mom or F3), seen us on the morning walk to Chatham Grove, or in the evening lingering at the park with our 5 year old driving her power wheels around.

If we haven't met yet, I'm looking forward to meeting you, and listening to you.

Why are you interested in serving on the Board of Directors?

I want to listen to you all.

I want to help build a Briar Chapel where we:

1. Talk to each other like people again
2. Include more folks in the business of the neighborhood
3. Take care of each other like neighbors

Describe past and current experiences that will contribute to your success as a Board member:

I will listen to people. I will talk with them like people. I have a lot of practice in this.

I swore to defend the constitution of the United States twice. First as a US Marine Corps Officer, deploying twice to Afghanistan, then again as a Civil Servant (GS-15 Step10) leading digital modernization with the US Digital Service (USDS) in the Executive Office of the President (EOP).

Between these I studied for and earned my MBA at UNC Kenan-Flagler, then worked at tech companies from startups to Amazon and IBM.

These professional experiences gave me a wide variety of leadership experiences and challenges.

I have also led a team of several hundreds of volunteers to help thousands of Afghans get to a safer situation.

Most specifically to our HOA I volunteered for a brief while both on the CCR transition

committee as the developer (Newland) passed control to the homeowners, and for a while on the Technology Consulting Group (homeowners that would consult with the management company to advise them on tech - which included a wild coding sprint where one of our members saved the summer at the pool with a reservation system he built in a week - I helped, a little tiny bit).

There is no tense, impactful, high stakes or complex situation I will encounter on the board that I have not already experienced in more intensity. And all of this experience leads to my top and bottom line promise:

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What are the top three items you would like to accomplish during your term as a Board member?

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