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SUBJECT: Floridians fo	n a Sensible Voting Rights Pol	icy, Inc.	
	(PROPOSED CORP	ORATE NAME - <u>MUST IN</u>	CLUDE SUFFIX)
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Enclosed is an original	and one (1) copy of the Ar	ticles of Incorporation and	a check for:
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FROM:	Richard A. Harrison		
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

FLORIDIANS FOR A SENSIBLE VOTING RIGHTS POLICY, INC.

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of this Corporation not for profit pursuant to Chapter 617. Florida Statutes, adopts the following articles of incorporation and states as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

The name if the Corporation shall be Floridians for a Sensible Voting Rights Policy. Inc.

ARTICLE II – PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

The initial principal place of business of the Corporation shall be 400 N. Ashley Drive, Suite 2600, Tampa FL 33602.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSES

The purpose for which the Corporation is created and maintained shall be exclusively for the promotion of social welfare and only activities which may be undertaken by an organization exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, shall be permitted. In furtherance of such purpose, the Corporation may engage in the following activities:

- (1) To gather, analyze, distribute, and disseminate data and information related to current Florida law and policy regarding voting rights in general and voting rights of felons in particular, and any proposed changes thereto:
- (2) To educate and inform Floridians regarding current Florida law and policy relating to voting rights in general and voting rights of felons in particular, and any proposed changes thereto;
- (3) To promote and foster full, open, honest, and informed debate among Floridians relating to current Florida law and policy relating to voting rights in general and voting rights of felons in particular, and any proposed changes thereto:

- (4) To advocate for a sensible voting rights policy, and for laws and constitutional provisions that will advance and promote such a policy in Florida;
- (5) To advocate against changes or proposed changes to policy, laws, and constitutional provisions that are inconsistent with or detrimental to a sensible voting rights policy:
- (6) To encourage interested citizens and organizations to mobilize for the purpose of advancing a sensible voting rights policy and laws that will advance and promote such a policy in Florida;
- (7) To provide a means for Floridians to cooperate, support, and advocate for a sensible voting rights policy and laws that will advance and promote such a policy in Florida;
- (8) To serve as a core organization to bring together citizens, public officials, organizations, and representatives of other organizations that have goals in common with the Corporation:
- (9) To conduct fundraising activities for the production of revenue adequate to carry out the purpose of the Corporation:
- (10) To employ staff, consultants, attorneys, accountants, advisors, and other persons to ensure that all applicable legal and regulatory requirements are abided and the Corporation's goals are achieved:
- (11) To disseminate to the public, civic and governmental organizations, non-profit organizations, and business entities information relating to the Corporation and the purpose of the Corporation;
- (12) To register and function as a ballot initiative political committee pursuant to Chapter 106. Florida Statutes, or the corresponding provisions of any later adopted statutes, in furtherance of the Corporation's goals and purpose:
- (13) To exercise any and all powers permitted to be exercised by a corporation not for profit under Florida law:

(14) To carry out or conduct any and all other related activities permitted to be carried out or conducted by an organization exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

ARTICLE IV - MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the directors of the Corporation are elected or appointed shall be as set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

The Corporation shall have such officers as may be provided in the Bylaws. The manner of selection of the officers shall also be provided in the Bylaws; provided that the initial officers shall be appointed by the Incorporator. The Corporation shall have a President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary, and may have one or more Vice Presidents. The same person may hold one or more officer positions at any time. The initial officers of the Corporation shall be:

Richard A. Harrison – President/Treasurer/Secretary

ARTICLE VI – MEMBERS

The Incorporator shall be the initial member of the Corporation and shall serve as the Chair of the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation. Other classes of membership may be established by the Board of Directors as provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation and may consist of separate categories of membership with different rights and responsibilities.

ARTICLE VII - NON-STOCK BASIS

The Corporation is organized on a non-stock basis.

ARTICLE VIII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The number of persons constituting the Board of Directors shall be not fewer than three. The number of directors shall be established in the Bylaws of the Corporation. The term of office of directors shall be as stated in the Bylaws. Nothing herein or in the Bylaws shall preclude a director from serving the Corporation in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefore. The Board of Directors may authorize the reimbursement of expenses incurred by directors in conjunction with the business of the Corporation or other approved activities related to the Corporation's purpose.

The initial directors of the Corporation shall be:

Richard A. Harrison 400 N. Ashley Drive Suite 2600 Tampa FL 33602 Mitchell G. Rubin 400 N. Ashley Drive Suite 2600 Tampa FL 33602

Koni M. Cassini 400 N. Ashley Drive Suite 2600 Tampa FL 33602

ARTICLE IX - REGISTERED AGENT NAME AND ADDRESS

The name and Florida street address of the initial Registered Agent of the Corporation is Richard A. Harrison, 400 N. Ashley Drive, Suite 2600, Tampa FL 33602.

ARTICLE X - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is Richard A. Harrison, 400 N. Ashley Drive, Suite 2600, Tampa FL 33602.

ARTICLE XI – RESTRICTIONS

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons; provided, however, the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered by directors, officers, members, or other persons or entities, and to make payments or distributions in furtherance of the purpose of the Corporation set forth in Article III and to pay or reimburse the reasonable expenses of carrying out the goals and purposes of the Corporation.

ARTICLE XII - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Except to the extent required by any agreement between the Corporation and its members or as required by law, the Corporation shall not be required to prepare or provide a balance sheet or a profit and loss statement to tis members, nor shall the Corporation be required to file a balance sheet or profit and loss statement in its registered office. This provision shall be deemed to have been ratified by the members each year hereafter unless a resolution to the contrary has been adopted by the members.

ARTICLE XIII – INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent allowed by law and in accordance with Florida Statutes §607.0850 and §617.0831, the Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party to any proceeding by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer,

employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise. The Corporation shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any such person against any liability asserted against the person and incurred by him or her in any such capacity.

ARTICLE XIV - TERM OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE AND DISSOLUTION

These Articles of Incorporation shall be effective upon filing with the Secretary of State. State of Florida. The Corporation shall exist perpetually unless dissolved according to law. Upon dissolution, any assets of the Corporation shall be distributed to a not for profit fund, foundation, or corporation that is organized exclusively for either charitable or social welfare purposes, having established its tax exempt status under either Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to a state or local government within Florida, for a public purpose.

ARTICLE XV - AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in any manner now or hereafter provided by law and all rights conferred upon members are granted subject to this reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF. I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in Section 817.155, Florida Statutes.

Richard A. Harrison, as Incorporator

Dated: June 26, 2017.

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation of Floridians for a Sensible Voting Rights Policy, Inc., were executed and acknowledged before me this 26th day of June, 2017, by Richard A. Harrison, who is personally known to me.

Witness my hand and seal in the County and State named above on this 26th day of June, 2017.



Notary Public - State of Florida

{Seal}

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as Registered Agent to accept service of process for the above named Corporation at the place designated in the Articles of Incorporation, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as Registered Agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Richard A. Harrison, as Registered Agent

Dated: June 26, 2017