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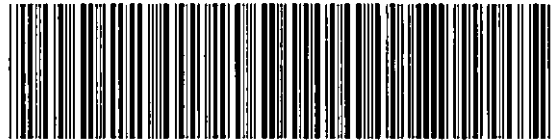
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## COVER LETTER

Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

**SUBJECT:** Defend Democracy Now, Inc.

**(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)**

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

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Filing Fee &  
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\$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

\$87.50  
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& Certificate

**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

**FROM:** Ronald G. Meyer, Esquire  
Name (Printed or typed)

Post Office Box 1547  
Address

Tallahassee, FL 32302  
City, State & Zip

(850) 878-5212  
Daytime Telephone number

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

**NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.**

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**OF**

**DEFEND DEMOCRACY NOW, INC.**

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

**ARTICLE I**

**Name, Principal Place of Business and Mailing Address**

The name of the corporation is Defend Democracy Now, Inc. The mailing address and initial principal place of business is: 701 South Howard Avenue, #106-882, Tampa, Florida 33606.

**ARTICLE II**

**Duration**

The period of the duration of this corporation shall be perpetual unless dissolved in accordance with Florida law. Corporate existence shall commence upon filing with the Secretary of State.

**ARTICLE III**

**Purposes**

The purposes for which this corporation is created and maintained shall be for the promotion of social welfare. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles or the corporation's by-laws, the corporation shall not take any action not permitted by the laws which then apply to the corporation or engage in any activity that would disqualify the corporation from being exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code (the "Code").

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The corporation shall have the following specific purposes and powers:

1. Defend Democracy Now, Inc. is dedicated to research and to expose the overreach of authority by public officials and the danger posed to American democracy by abuse of authority and power;
2. To improve communications with the targeted audience;
3. To gather, analyze and disseminate data and public opinion research needed to assist in reaching the goals of the corporation stated above;
4. To serve as a core organization to bring together citizens and representatives of other organizations which have the common goals stated above;
5. To conduct fundraising activities for the production of revenues adequate to carry out the purposes of the corporation and to pay consultants, accounts and attorneys for rendering services to the corporation;
6. To exercise powers permitted by Florida law for a corporation not for profit;
7. To conduct such other related activities permitted to be conducted by an organization exempt from taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(4) of the Code.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**Restrictions**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, directors, officers, employees or other individuals, partnerships, estates, trusts or corporations having a personal or private interest in the corporation; provided, however, the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III, hereof and to pay or reimburse the reasonable expenses of fundraising and carrying out the objectives of the corporation.

**ARTICLE V**  
**Members**

Membership in Defend Democracy Now, Inc. shall be established by the Board of Directors as provided in the by-laws of the corporation and may consist of separate categories of membership, each with different rights and responsibilities. The Board of Directors shall be the initial members.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**Registered Office and Agent**

The street address and city of the registered office of the corporation is:

827 North Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

The name of the initial registered agent at such address is Jena Kingery.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**Board of Directors**

The number of persons constituting the Board of Directors of the corporation shall be established in the by-laws, but shall not be less than three (3). The by-laws shall provide the process for the selection of Directors: provided, however, the initial Directors of the corporation shall be appointed by the incorporator.

There shall be no limit on the number of terms a Board member may serve unless provided otherwise in the by-laws. The term of office of Board members shall be stated in the by-laws. The Board of Directors may authorize reimbursement of expenses incurred by Board members in conjunction with the corporation's business or other approved activities directly related to the corporation's purposes.

Nothing herein shall be construed to preclude any Director from serving the corporation in any other capacity and receiving additional compensation therefore.

The Board of Directors may establish committees as may from time to time be determined necessary and appoint the membership on such committees.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**Officers**

The corporation may have Officers as provided in the by-laws. The manner of selection of Officers also shall be provided for in the by-laws; provided, however, the initial officers, if any, shall be appointed by the incorporator.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**Indemnification of Officers and Directors**

Officers and Directors shall be indemnified by the corporation against all expenses and liabilities, including attorney's fees, including any incurred in appellate proceedings, reasonably incurred in connection with any proceeding or settlement thereof in which they may become involved by reason of holding such office as provided in the by-laws. The corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of all Officers and Directors against any such liability asserted against them or incurred by them in their capacity as Officers and Directors or arising out of their status as such.

**ARTICLE X**  
**Non-Stock Basis**

This corporation is organized on a non-stock basis.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**Dissolution**

In the event of dissolution of this corporation, its assets shall be disposed of exclusively for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of sections 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Code; distributed to one or more organizations that are organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational and/or social welfare purposes and, at the time, qualify as exempt organizations under

sections 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Code; or to the Federal government or to a state or local government to be used for exclusively public purposes.

**ARTICLE XII**  
**Amendments**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by majority vote of the Directors as provided in Section 617.1002(1)(b), Florida Statutes, at a meeting called for such purpose.

**ARTICLE XIII**  
**Incorporator**

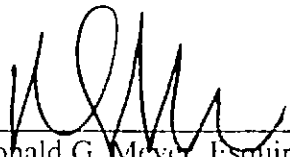
The name and address of the incorporator of this corporation are as follows:

Ronald G. Meyer, Esquire  
Post Office Box 1547  
Tallahassee, Florida 32302

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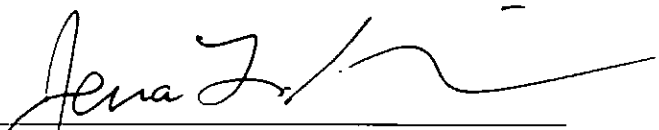
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third-degree felony as provided in Section 817.155, Florida Statutes.

DATED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

  
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Ronald G. Meyer, Esquire  
Incorporator

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

DATED this 14 day of August, 2022.

  
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Jena Kingery  
Registered Agent