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TO Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed are the Articles of Incorporation for the West Tampa Community Development Corporations, Inc. These citizens are desirous of forming a community development corporation for the purpose of bringing about economic development and physical improvements to their community.

I would appreciate it if your agency would expedite this matter because time is of the essence. Should you have any questions please call my Legislative Assistant, Randolph Kinsey. My suncom phone number is 571-2831. My office is working with the citizens of this area to make a difference in the West Tampa community.

Thank you for your assistance in this request for a charter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Les Miller, Jr.", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Les Miller, Jr.

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Committees: General Appropriations, Rules & Calendar

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**Articles of Incorporation
of
West Tampa Community Development Corporation, Inc.
A Florida "Not for Profit" Corporation**

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation under the Florida Statutes, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

Article I

The name of the corporation is West Tampa Community Development Corporation. The principle office of the corporation is located at 1744 Beach St., Tampa, FL 33607. The mailing address of the corporation is 1744 Beach St. Tampa, FL 33607.

Article II

The period of duration is perpetual. The corporation is organized pursuant to the Not for Profit Corporation laws of the State of Florida. The qualification for members, if any, and the manner of their admission shall be regulated by the bylaws.

Article III

The purposes for which this corporation is formed are exclusively charitable, educational and scientific and consist of the following:

- 1.) To raise the economic, educational and social levels of the residents of Hillsborough County Florida, including members of the minority community, who are substantially unemployed, underemployed, or whose income is below federal poverty guidelines, to foster, and promote community wide interest and concern for the problems of said residents to the end that (a) educational and economic opportunities maybe expanded: (b) sickness, poverty, crime, and environmental degradation, may be lessened: and © racial tensions, prejudice, and discrimination, economic, and otherwise, may be eliminated.
- 2.) To expand the opportunities available to said residents and groups to own, manage, and operate business enterprises in economically depressed areas: to assist said residents and groups in developing entrepreneurial and management skills necessary for the successful operation of business enterprises; and to assist said residents and groups in obtaining financial support from other sources.
- 3.) To expand opportunities available to said residents and groups to obtain adequate low-cost housing accommodations by constructing, rehabilitating, and providing decent, safe and sanitary housing in Hillsborough County for persons and families of low-income who otherwise would not be able to find or afford a suitable place to live.

It is the purpose of the corporation thereby to relieve the poor, distressed, underprivileged and indigent by enabling them to secure the basic human needs of decent shelter and to thus lessen the burdens of government and promote the social welfare. To provide such housing through rehabilitation of existing substandard buildings and construction of new facilities in the place of blighted structures or blighted vacant sites for the purpose of combating the deterioration of the community and contributing to its physical improvement.

4.) To aid, support, and assist by gifts, contributions, or otherwise, other corporations, community chests, funds and foundation organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational or scientific purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

5.) To do any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attaining of the foregoing purpose, either directly or indirectly, and either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, whether such others be persons or organizations of any kind or nature, such as corporations, firms, association, trusts, institution, foundation, or governmental bureaus, departments of agencies.

6.) All of the foregoing purpose shall be exercised exclusively charitable and educational purpose in such a manner that the corporation will qualify as an exempt organization under section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

Article IV

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal and state income tax under section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

Article V

The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 2338 Palmetto St., Tampa, FL 33607. The registered agent at this address is Joseph W.J. Robinson.

Article VI

1.) There shall be 11 directors on the initial Board of Directors.

2.) The method of election of the Board of Directors shall be stated in the bylaws.

3.) The names and addresses of the initial Board of Directors are:

Manny Alvarez
4144 N. Armenia
Tampa, FL 33607

Geraldine Barnes
2606 St. Conrad St. Apt B
Tampa, FL 33607

Jerome Ryan
1407 Gulfstream Circle
Apt 204
Brandon, FL 33511

Dr. Margaret A. Fisher
1744 Beach St.
Tampa, FL 33607

Randolph Kinsey
4201 Union St.
Tampa, FL 33607

Terence Laster
1115 N. Himes Ave
Tampa, FL 33607

Joseph W.J. Robinson
2338 Palmetto St.
Tampa, FL 33607

Watts Sanderson, Jr.
1125 Spruce St.
Tampa, FL 33607

Joanna N. Tokley
1405 Tampa Park Plaza
Tampa, FL 33605

Rosemary Walker
P.O. Box 4465
Tampa, FL 33677

Jetie B. Wilds, Jr.
P.O. Box 4059
Tampa, FL 33677

Article VII

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. The Corporation is not organized nor shall it be operated for the primary purpose of generating pecuniary gain or profit. The Corporation shall not distribute any gains, profits or dividends to the Directors, Officers, or Members thereof, or to any individual, except as reasonable compensation for services actually performed in carrying out the Corporation's charitable educational purposes. The property, assets, profits and net income of the Corporation are irrevocable dedicated to charitable and educational purpose no part of which shall inure to the benefit of any individual.

Article VIII

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Article IX

Upon winding up and dissolution of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to an organization recognized as exempt under section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to be used exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. If the Corporation holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such a manner as may be directed by decree of the Circuit Court of the district in which the Corporation's principal office is located upon petition thereof by the Attorney general or by any person concerned in the liquidation.

Article X

In the event that this Corporation shall become a "private foundation" within the meaning of section 509 of the Internal Revenue Code 1954, the Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to subject it to tax under section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code; shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in section 4941 (d) of the Internal Revenue Code; shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in section 4943 © of the Internal Revenue Code; shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code; and shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in section 4945 (d) of the Internal Revenue Code.

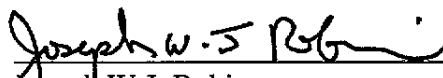
Article XI

Any person (and the heirs, executors and administrators of such person) made or threatened to be made a party to any action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director or Officer of the Corporation shall be indemnified by the corporation against any and all liability and the reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees and disbursements, incurred by him (or by his heirs, executors or administrators) in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, suit or proceeding, or connection with any appearance therein, except in relation to matters as to which it shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding that such Director of Office is liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duties. Such right of indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such Director of Office (or such heirs, executors or administrators) may be entitled apart from this Article.

XII

The name and address of the incorporator is: Joseph W.J. Robinson, 2338 Palmetto St, Tampa, FL 33607.

These Articles of Incorporation are hereby executed by the incorporator on this 26th day of August, 19 99.


Joseph W.J. Robinson

State of Florida

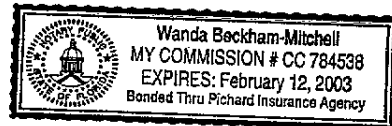
County of Hillsborough

I hereby certify that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgments, personally appeared Joseph W.J. Robinson to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument as incorporator and acknowledge before me that he or she executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 26th day of August, 19 99.

Wanda Beckham Mitchell
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA

My commission Expires:



REGISTERED AGENT'S
ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT

I Joseph W. J. Robinson, hereby accept my appointment as registered agent for the West Tampa Community Development Corporation, a Florida not for profit corporation.

Joseph W J Robinson
Joseph W.J. Robinson

August 26, 1999
Date