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To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed for filing, please find the **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**, along with a check in the amount of **\$78.75** for the applicable filing fees and fees to obtain a **CERTIFIED COPY** of the **Articles of Incorporation** for the following entity:

THE FIRST MEXICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF FLORIDA, INC.

Upon receipt, please "date-stamp" the copy of the letter provided and call Ann Cotroneo at 222-7717, when the document is ready. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Kelly B. Plante

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE FIRST MEXICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF FLORIDA, INC.**

The undersigned hereby associate themselves to form a corporation not for profit under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, and, for these purposes, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation shall be THE FIRST MEXICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF FLORIDA, INC.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

A. To encourage, foster, and stimulate commerce, trade, business, finance, and professional interest among individuals of Mexican descent; to eliminate and reform abuses related to individuals of Mexican descent in such areas; to obtain and distribute reliable information as to the reputation and standing of business matters and merchants who are of Mexican descent; to stimulate, encourage, and promote cooperation and friendly exchange among businessmen who are of Mexican descent; to provide information regarding doing business in the state of Florida, United States of America to individuals of Mexican descent and the general public, to adjust and settle business disputes between business members and others; to promote, advance, and stimulate civic, business, commercial, industrial, and agricultural interests and the businesses of individuals of Mexican descent and to promote and advance the

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general welfare of businesses owned by individuals of Mexican descent in the state of Florida and any other locale where the corporation's operations are principally located; to acquaint and inform the public, including individuals of Mexican descent, as to its objective and to stimulate positive public opinion and reaction to businesses owned by individuals of Mexican descent by providing information and other civic, educational, commercial, industrial, social, and public features as will foster encourage, and stimulate these purposes and any other purposes that would promote the businesses owned by individuals of Mexican descent.

B. In general, to do any and all acts and things, and to exercise any and all powers which now or hereafter are lawful for the corporation to do or exercise under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida for the purpose of accomplishing any of the purposes of the corporation.

In no event shall this corporation engage in any activity which would be contrary to the purposes and activities permitted to be engaged in by any organization the activities of which are exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder.

The corporation shall not be operated for the primary purpose of carrying on an unrelated trade or business as defined in Section 513 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as hereafter amended, and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder.

No compensation shall be paid to any member, officer, director, trustee, creator or organizer of the corporation or substantial contributor to it except as a reasonable allowance for services actually rendered to or for the corporation.

The corporation is organized to serve the interests of its business members. Accordingly, it shall not be operated for the benefit of private interests.

ARTICLE III - POWERS

The corporation shall have all the powers granted to not for profit corporations under the laws of the State of Florida which are necessary or convenient to effect any and all purposes for which the corporation is organized. In no event, however, shall the corporation have or exercise any power which would cause it not to qualify as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as hereafter amended, and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder; nor shall the corporation engage directly or indirectly in any activity which would cause the loss of such qualification. No part of the assets or the net earnings, current or accumulated, of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private individual.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERS

The Corporation shall have two (2) classes of Members as follows:

(a) Founding Members. The Founding Members shall be individuals serving as a member of the first Board of Directors of the Corporation and all individuals elected thereafter to serve as a member of a Board of Directors of the Corporation as well as individuals selected as Founding Members by the Board of Directors in accordance with qualifications as set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation. All Founding Members shall be voting members of the Corporation. When an individual ceases to be a member of the Board of Directors he shall cease to be a Founding Member of the Corporation, unless otherwise elected as a Founding Member by the Board of Directors.

(b) Regular Members. In addition to Founding Members, individuals meeting those qualifications set forth in the Corporation's Bylaws for regular membership shall be Regular Members of the Corporation. All Regular Members shall be considered to be non-voting members of the Corporation.

ARTICLE V - TERM OF EXISTENCE

The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of not less than three (3) nor more than fifteen (15) persons. The number of directors shall be fixed in the By-Laws of this corporation. Annual elections will be held on the 31st day of December of each year or such other date as selected by the Board of Directors. Election shall be by a majority vote of the Founding Members of the corporation in attendance at the annual meeting of the membership of the corporation.

The officers of the corporation shall consist of an Executive Director, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Each officer shall serve for an initial term of six months from the date of incorporation. Thereafter the Board of Directors shall call a special meeting for the purpose of the election of new officers who shall serve for a term of two (2) years, beginning the 1st day of the month immediately following his election by a majority of the Board of Directors. All future officers shall be elected to serve for a term of two (2) years, beginning the 1st day of the month immediately following his election by a majority of the Board of Directors

at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Officers may be re-elected to serve subsequent terms. In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors or in any office for any reason, the Board of Directors shall fill such vacancy for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VII - NAMES OF OFFICERS

The names of the officers who are to serve until the first election under the Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>
Servando Lupercio	Executive Director Secretary/Treasurer
Lucina Figueroa Alvarado	President/Vice President

ARTICLE VIII - FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The number of persons constituting the first Board of Directors shall be three (3), and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until the first election under these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Lucina Figueroa Alvarado	364 West Story Road Ocoee, Florida 34761
Servando Lupercio	1041 South Dillard Street Winter Garden, Florida 34787
Guadalupe Aguirre	823 S. Park Avenue Apopka, Florida 32703

ARTICLE IX - BY-LAWS

The By-Laws of the corporation shall be initially approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, and thereafter may be altered or rescinded by a majority vote of the Board of Directors or of the Founding Members at the annual meeting of the Members or at a duly called meeting of the Members in accordance with the By-Laws.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law.

ARTICLE XI - DISSOLUTION

Upon the liquidation or dissolution of the corporation, its assets, if any, remaining after payment (or provision for payment) of all liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to, and only to, any one or more organizations qualified as exempt under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as hereafter amended, and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder. No part of the assets or the net earnings, current or accumulated, of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of a private individual.

ARTICLE XII - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation shall be:

201 East Pine Street, Suite 1200
Orlando, Florida 32801

The name of the initial registered agent of this corporation shall be:

William A. Boyles

ARTICLE XIII - CORPORATION'S PRINCIPAL OFFICE
AND/OR MAILING ADDRESS

The principal office and/or mailing address of this corporation shall be: 201 East Pine
Street, Suite 1200, Orlando, Florida 32801.

ARTICLE XIV - INCORPORATOR

The following are the names and street addresses of the incorporators signing these

Articles:

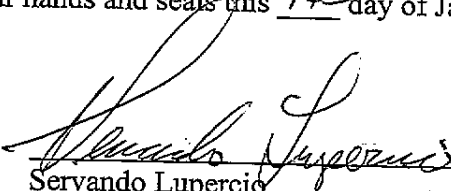
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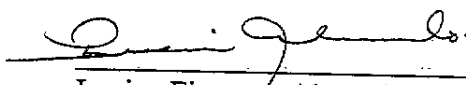
Lucina Figueroa Alvarado

~~135 S. Woodhawk Street~~ 364 West Story Road
~~Winter Garden, FL 34787~~ Ocoee, Florida 34761

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and seals this 14th day of January,
2000.



Servando Lupercio



Lucina Figueroa Alvarado

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF ORANGE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 14th day of January, 2000,
by SERVANDO LUPERCIO.

Deborah Montgomery
Signature of Notary Public

Deborah Montgomery
(Print Notary Name)

My Commission Expires: 7-23-2002
Commission No.: CC759213

AFFIX NOTARY STAMP



Deborah Montgomery
MY COMMISSION # CC759213 EXPIRES
July 23, 2002
BONDED THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.

☒ Personally known, or
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Type of Identification Produced:

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF ORANGE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 14th day of January, 2000,
by LUCINA FIGUEROA ALVARADO.

Deborah Montgomery
Signature of Notary Public

Deborah Montgomery
(Print Notary Name)

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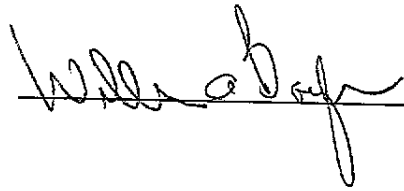
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CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE AS REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as the Registered Agent in the Articles of Incorporation of **THE
FIRST MEXICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF FLORIDA, INC.**, I hereby accept and
agree to act in this capacity.

Dated: January 14, 2000.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Willie B. B. B.", is written over a horizontal line.

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