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Department of State
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
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SUBJECT: HAITIAN AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP AND VOTER EDUCATION CENTER, Inc
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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☐ \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status

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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: JACQUES DESPINOSSE
Name (Printed or typed)

12790 WEST DIXIE HIGHWAY
Address

NORTH MIAMI, FL 33161
City, State & Zip

305-891-7392
Daytime Telephone number

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

HAITIAN AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP AND VOTER EDUCATION CENTER, INC.

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation is:

HAITIAN AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP AND VOTER EDUCATION CENTER

ARTICLE II

The term for which this corporation shall exist, shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III

The general nature of the business or businesses to be transacted by said corporation shall be as follows:

To foster, support, and engage in activities relative to socioeconomic development, progress and ideals, including any and all activities which are lawful and appropriate in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

The organization is established to encourage Haitians to become American citizens, and will assist them with the required citizenship applications. The organization shall engage in non-partisan activities and implement programs, throughout Florida, that serve to educate them about their rights as voters, and to motivate them, as well, to carry out their civic duties, by participating in the electoral process.

That of engaging in any activity permitted under the laws of the United States of America, its territories, districts, and possessions, and any activity permitted under the laws of the State of Florida, and to have, exercise, and enjoy the powers and privileges granted to corporations not for profit by Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

To do all and everything necessary, suitable, and proper for the accomplishment of any of the purposes, of the attainment of any of the objects, or for the furtherance of the powers herein set forth, either alone or in association with other corporations, firms, or individuals, and to do every other act or acts, thing or things, incidental or appurtenant to or growing out of or connected with the aforesaid business of powers, or any part thereof; provided, that the same be not inconsistent with the laws under which this corporation is organized.

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ARTICLE IV

The purposes for which the HAITIAN AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP AND VOTER EDUCATION CENTER, INC. is organized are exclusively charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations within the meaning of section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

In pursuit of its goals, and recognizing that voting is an inalienable constitutional right, guaranteed to all citizens, the organization shall establish the following objectives:

- 1) Establish programs that will serve to educate Haitians about the need and value of becoming United States citizens;
- 2) Assist and prepare the required citizenship applications on behalf of applicants;
- 3) Establish citizenship classes about United States history and government;
- 4) Organize seminars and workshops to educate new citizens on how to properly vote according to ballot design, and to
- 5) Educate voters about Florida electoral laws.

ARTICLE V

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization 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 the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 © (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or

corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 © (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE VI

Members shall qualify for admission, and shall be admitted as members, in accordance with the by-laws of this corporation. A two-thirds vote of the membership shall be required for the election of new directors or for the removal of current directors. Annually, during the month of December, the membership shall elect, from among those nominees previously approved by the Executive Committee of the Board, those members receiving the highest number of votes as there are vacancies.

ARTICLE VII

The street address of the registered office of this corporation is:

12790 West Dixie Highway, North Miami, Florida 33161

ARTICLE VIII

This corporation shall have as directors those persons designated in this Article below. The number of directors may be either increased or decreased from time to time by the By-Laws, but shall never be less than seven (7) nor more than twenty one (21). The names and addresses of the directors of this corporation are:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Jacques A. Despinosse, President	95 NE 131 st Street, North Miami, FL 33161
Joseph Pierre-Louis, 1 st VP	17621 NE 7 th Ave. N. Miami Beach, FL 33162
Dr. Henry Sanon, 2 nd Vice President	202 NE 95 th Street Miami Shores, FL 33138
Roseline J. Philippe, Secretary	12205 NE Miami Court North Miami, FL 33161
Suzie Stephen, Asst. Secretary	14735 N. Spur Drive Miami, FL 33161
Leopold Evariste, Treasurer	12786 West Dixie Highway N. Miami, FL 33161
Wilbens Jean-Gilles, Asst. Treasurer	1440 NW 183 rd Street, Miami, FL 33169

ARTICLE IX

The names and addresses of the officers who are to conduct the business of this

corporation until those elected at the first election are as follows:

Jacques A. Despinosse, President	95 NE 131 st Street, North Miami, FL 33161
Joseph Pierre-Louis, 1 st VP	17621 NE 7 th Ave. N. Miami Beach, FL 33162
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ARTICLE X

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

The name and address of the person signing these Articles is:

Jacques Despinosse, President
12790 West Dixie Highway, North Miami, Florida 33161

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscriber has executed these Amended Articles of Incorporation this 8th day of December 2000.



Jacques Despinosse, President

STATE OF FLORIDA)
) ss:
COUNTY OF DADE)

BEFORE ME, a notary public authorized to take acknowledgments in this state

and county set forth above, personally appeared: **Jacques Despinosse**, known to me and known by me to be the person who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged before me that he executed these Articles of Incorporation.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 8th day of December, 2000, by **Jacques Despinosse**, who is personally known to me or who has produced

_____ (type of identification) as identification.

RS Despinosse

NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF FLORIDA

RS DESPINOSSE

Printed name of notary



R. S. DesPinosse
MY COMMISSION # CC623371 EXPIRES
April 26, 2001
BONDED THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.

My Commission Expires: 04-26-2001

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 48.091, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED:

FIRST - THAT, **HAITIAN AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP AND VOTER EDUCATION CENTER, INC.**, DESIRING TO ORGANIZE OR QUALIFY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA WITH ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AT: 12790 West Dixie Highway, North Miami, Florida 33161, HAS NAMED; **Jacques Despinosse** AS ITS AGENT TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA.

HAVING BEEN NAMED TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE- STATED CORPORATION, AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY, AND I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATIVE TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES.

Jacques Despinosse

Jacques Despinosse, President

December 8, 2000

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