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May 29, 2001

Division of Corporations 409 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

RE:

First Decade Fairness Project, Inc.

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please accept for filing Articles of Incorporation for the First Decade Fairness Project, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation.

Please call me at the telephone number listed above as to when my certified copy of the Articles is available for pick-up.

I trust that this information is of assistance to you. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Mark Herron

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In compliance with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the undersigned, being a natural person, hereby acts as incorporator in adopting and filing the following articles of incorporation providing for the formation, liability, rights, privileges and immunities of a corporation not for profit.

#### ARTICLE I NAME OF CORPORATION

The name of this corporation shall be First Decade Fairness Project, Inc.

#### ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be at 102½ South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

#### Article III PURPOSE OF CORPORATION

The purpose for which this corporation is organized is to monitor the constitutionally mandated reapportionment and redistricting process affecting the Florida Legislature and Florida's congressional districts; to educate its members as well as the citizens of the State of Florida concerning the issues involved in the reapportionment and redistricting process and the consequences of specific legislative and congressional plans; to provide assistance to persons or groups participating in the reapportionment and redistricting process; and to further, through litigation or otherwise, the adoption of fair and equitable reapportionment and redistricting plans for the Florida Legislature and for Florida's congressional districts by the Legislature and/or by the courts.

## ARTICLE IV POWERS

The corporation shall have all the statutory powers of a corporation not for profit.

# ARTICLE V MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a board of directors comprised of not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7) members elected at the annual meeting by the members of the corporation as provided in the bylaws.

### ARTICLE VI INITIAL DIRECTORS / OFFICERS

The names and addresses of the initial directors and officers of the corporation are:

- Director Wayne Hogan
   233 East Bay Street
   Jacksonville, FL 32202-3452
- Director –
   W. Dexter Douglass
   211 East Call Street
   Tallahassee, FL 32301-1674
- Director –
   Peter Rudy Wallace
   259 Third Street North
   St. Petersburg, FL 33701
- 4. President –
   Wayne Hogan
   233 East Bay Street
   Jacksonville, FL 32202-3452
- Secretary / Treasurer –
   Wayne Hogan
   211 East Bay Street
   Jacksonville, FL 32202-3452

These individuals shall hold office until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

#### ARTICLE VII INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

The name and street address of the registered agent is: Mark Herron, 215 South Monroe Street, Suite 701, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

#### ARTICLE VIII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is: Mark Herron, Post Office Box 1701, Tallahassee, FL 32302-1701.

### ARTICLE IX EXISTENCE

This corporation shall exist perpetually unless dissolved according to law.

## ARTICLE X INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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

#### ARTICLE XI BYLAWS

The bylaws of the corporation shall be adopted by the Board of Directors and may be altered, amended or rescinded as provided by the bylaws.

### ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS

The corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation by simple majority vote of the members of the corporation.

The undersigned has executed these articles of incorporation on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 2001.

Mark Herron

WITNESSES:

(name)

(name)

#### ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in the articles of incorporation, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in that capacity. I further to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper performance of any duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligation of my position as registered agent.

Mark Herro

5/29/2001 (date)