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## Articles of Incorporation Christian Community Development, Inc. A Florida Not For Profit Corporation



In accordance with Section 617.1007, Florida Statutes, the undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Business Corporation Act, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

Article I - The name of the Corporation is Christian Community Development, Inc.

**Article II** - The principal place of business and mailing address of the Corporation shall be: 102 NE 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 15, Gainesville, FL 32601

**Article III** - The Corporation is a not for profit corporation. The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are exclusively charitable, scientific and educational and consist of the following:

- (A) The specific and primary purposes of this Corporation are:
  - (1) To raise the economic, educational and social levels of underprivileged residents of predominantly African-American communities and other underprivileged groups, which have substantial unemployment or low-income families, to foster and promote community-wide interest and concern for the problems of such a community to the end that (a) racial tensions, prejudice, and discrimination, economic or otherwise, may be eliminated; (b) poverty and crime may be lessened; and (c) educational and economic opportunities may be expanded among residents of such communities.
  - (2) To expand the opportunities available to said residents and groups to own, manage, and operate business enterprises by furthering the development of locally-owned or -operated business enterprises in economically underprivileged or depressed areas; to assist said residents and groups in developing entrepreneurial and management skills necessary for the successful operation of business enterprises; to provide financial support for the successful operation of business enterprises by said residents and groups and to assist said residents and groups in obtaining such financial support from other sources.
  - (3) To expand the opportunities available to said residents and groups to obtain adequate low-cost housing accommodations.
  - (4) To aid, support and assist by gifts, contributions or otherwise, other corporations, community chests, funds and foundations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational 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 attainment of foregoing purposes, 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, associations, trusts, institutions, foundations, or governmental bureaus, departments or agencies.
- (B) In furtherance, but not in limitation, of the foregoing purposes, the Corporation shall have the following powers:
  - (1) To solicit, collect and receive money and other assets, and to administer funds and contributions received by grant, gift, deed, bequest or devise, and otherwise to acquire money, securities, property, rights and services of every kind and description, and to hold, invest, expend, contribute, use, sell or otherwise dispose of any money, securities, property, rights or services so acquired for the purposes above mentioned;
  - (2) To borrow money and to make, accept, endorse, execute and issue bonds, debentures, promissory notes, and other corporate obligations, for money borrowed, or in payment for property acquired or for any of the purposes of the corporation, and to secure payment of any such obligation by mortgage, pledge, deed, indenture, agreement or other instrument of trust, or by other lien upon, assignment of or agreement in regard to all or any part of the property, rights or privileges of the Corporation.
  - (3) To invest and reinvest its funds in such mortgages, bonds, notes, debentures, shares of preferred and common stock, and any other securities of any kind whatsoever, and property, real, personal or mixed, tangible or intangible, all as the Corporation's Board of Directors shall be deem advisable and as may be permitted by law.
  - (4) To provide advice, support, credit, funds, capital, gifts and all other lawful forms of assistance, financial and otherwise, to or for use in business enterprises owned, or destined to be owned, by said residents and groups;
  - (5) To furnish management, administrative and other business advice, support, training and technical assistance to said residents and groups in order to enable them to develop necessary skills successfully to operate business ventures;
  - (6) To encourage and voluntarily assist said residents and groups to organize, create, acquire, obtain financing for, own, manage and operate business enterprises;
  - (7) To obtain information and conduct research, studies and analyses of the problems of said community, and prepare and publish reports, as to any and all matters that may be of use in furthering the expansion of business enterprises owned or operated by said residents and groups, including information, research, studies, analyses and reports, as to markets, products, services, skills, sources of financing and any and all other matters;
  - (8) To conduct educational and other efforts to eliminate prejudice and

discrimination in the business and financial communities and to foster the establishment of sound and constructive relationships between the business and financial communities and said residents and groups seeking opportunities in business;

- (9) To aid, support, and assist by gifts, contributions, loans, investments and other lawful forms of assistance other persons or organizations seeking to expand the opportunities for business ownership by said residents and groups in organizing, creating, acquiring, obtaining financing for, owning, managing and operating business enterprises;
- (10) To conduct educational activities designed to provide instruction or training of said residents and groups for the purpose of improving or developing their capabilities, language and job skills, and the instruction of the public on subjects useful to said residents and groups and beneficial to the community as a whole;
- (11) To engage in any and all other activities which will directly or indirectly improve the welfare and economic conditions of said residents and groups; and
- (12) To exercise all other rights and powers conferred upon corporations formed under Florida Statutes Chapter 617, provided, however, that the Corporation shall not engage in any activities or exercise any powers, including those specifically mentioned herein, that are not in furtherance of the specific and primary purposes of the corporation.
- (C) All the foregoing purposes and powers shall be exclusively for purposes of this Corporation in such manner that the Corporation shall qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

**Article IV** - The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed shall be set forth in the bylaws.

**Article V** - The corporate powers of this corporation are as provided in section 617.0302, Florida Statutes.

**Article VI** - The name and street address of the initial registered agent of the Corporation is:

John T. Deane 7500 N.E. 24<sup>th</sup> Loop High Springs, FL 32643

Article VII - The name and street address of the Incorporator is:

John T. Deane 7500 N.E. 24<sup>th</sup> Loop High Springs, FL 32643 Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

John T. Deane, Registered Agent

Date

John F. Deane, Incorporator

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