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March 4, 2004

Florida Department of State Division of Corporations 409 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399

In Re:

SARAMANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, INC.

To Whom It May Concern:

We are enclosing Articles of Incorporation of <u>SARAMANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</u> <u>CORPORATION</u>, INC, and a check for \$125.00 for filing.

Please transmit the Certificate of Incorporation and certified copy of the Articles to the undersigned at the above address in the enclosed return envelope.

Thank you.

very truly yours

Bob Johnson

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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SARAMANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, INC. MAR -9 P 12: 52 A Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation SECRETARY 0=

TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA TO CORPORATION TO TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA Corporation under the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I

NAME OF CORPORATION

The name of the corporation is: **SARAMANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, INC.**; and the initial principal address of the corporation is: 4594 Chase Oaks Drive, Florida 34241.

ARTICLE II

CORPORATE EXISTENCE

The period of duration of this corporation is perpetual, unless dissolved according to law. Corporate existence shall commence upon the filing of the Articles of Incorporation by the Department of State for the State of Florida.

Upon the dissolution of the organization, the assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal, state, or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSES

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are as follows:

- 1. The mission of **SARAMANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, INC.** is to provide affordable housing for low income residents.
- 2. To create entry-level and career-ladder employment to low-income residents.
- 3. To remove barriers to economic opportunity for low-income residents by meeting community needs in the areas of health, education and day care.

4. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation 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 herein. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation 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 provisions of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c)(3), of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). This corporation shall utilize all donations, contributions, gifts, and bequests for the purposes which promote, advance and encourage the spirit of the purposes as set forth in Article III.

ARTICLE IV

POWERS

The powers of the corporation shall include and be governed by the following:

To carry on any business whatsoever which the corporation may deem proper or convenient in connection with any of the foregoing purposes or otherwise, or which may be calculated, directly or indirectly, to promote the interests of this corporation or to enhance the value of its property, to conduct its business in this State, in other States, in the District of Columbia, and to hold, purchase, mortgage and convey real and personal property, either in or out of the State of Florida, and to have and to exercise all the powers conferred by the State of Florida upon corporations not for profit formed under the Act pursuant to and under which this corporation is formed.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP

The corporation will have no members.

ARTICLE VI

REGISTERED OFFICE

The address and city of the initial registered office of the corporation is: 4594 Chase Oaks Drive, Sarasota, Florida 34241, and the registered agent at such address is: **Frances P. Rice**.

ARTICLE VII

DIRECTORS

The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors of no less than five (5) persons and no more than fifteen (15) persons. The number of Directors and the term of office and manner of election shall be provided by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII

The names and address of each incorporator are:

Johnny Hunter, Sr. 3006 Goodrich Avenue Sarasota, FL 34234

Lorenzo Thomas 1420 - 55th Avenue West Bradenton, FL 34207

John A. Colon 7116 Victoria Circle University Park, FL 34201

Vivian M. Fehr 1195 Villagio Circle Sarasota, FL 34237

Frances P. Rice 4594 Chase Oaks Drive Sarasota, FL 34241

ARTICLE IX

OFFICERS

<u>Section 1</u>: The officers of the corporation shall be a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as may be provided in the By-Laws. The duties of each officer shall be set forth in the By-Laws.

<u>Section 2</u>: The names of the persons who are to serve as officers of the corporation for the ensuing year, or until the first annual meeting of the corporation, are:

OFFICE

ADDRESS

President

Johnny Hunter, Sr. 3006 Goodrich Avenue Sarasota, FL 34234 First Vice President

Lorenzo Thomas

1420 - 55th Avenue West

Bradenton, FL 34207

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Second Vice President

John A. Colon

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7116 Victoria Circle
University Park, FL 34201
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Secretary

1195 Villagio Circle Sarasota, FL 34237

Treasurer

Frances P. Rice

4594 Chase Oaks Drive Sarasota, FL 34241

ARTICLE X

BY-LAWS

Section 1: The Board of Directors of this corporation may provide such By-Laws for the conduct of its business and the carrying out of its purposes as they may deem necessary from time to time.

Section 2: Upon proper notice, the By-Laws may be amended, altered or rescinded by a majority vote of those members of the Board of Directors present at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS

Section 1: These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at a special meeting of the directors called for that purpose, by a majority vote of those present.

Section 2: Amendments may also be made at a regular meeting of the membership upon notice given, as provided by the By-Laws, of intention to submit such amendments, by a majority of those present.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscribers have executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 4th day of March, 2004.

Frances P. Rice