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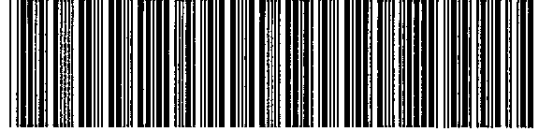
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
Of
NEIGHBORS SUSTAINING YOUTH in a NURTURING COMMUNITY, Inc.
(NSYNC)
A State of Florida "Not for Profit" Corporation

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I, **THE UNDERSIGNED**, being a natural person, do hereby establish a corporation under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, as amended, of the Laws of the State of Florida applicable to corporation not-for-profit, and respectfully petition the Secretary of State for approval of such incorporation under the following proposed Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I:
NAME

The name of the corporation, hereinafter called the Corporation, shall be:
Neighbors Sustaining Youth in a Nurturing Community, Inc.

ARTICLE II:
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS

The Principle Office of the Corporation is located at c/o Gerald J. McGill 513 South Main Street, City of Havana, County of Gadsden, State of Florida, Zip Code 32333.

ARTICLE III:
PURPOSES

Section 1: The purpose for which this Corporation is founded:

To provide for increased African American and low-income participation in, maximum utilization of, and the derivation of a greater share of the benefits from economic and business development ventures in the City of Havana, Gadsden County and elsewhere as deemed practical, through the establishment of a Community Development Corporation to provide for increased business development and employment opportunities for African American and low- income populations by engaging in the development of business, ventures and transactions;

To develop and to sustain partnerships with various groups and agencies in the Gadsden, Liberty and Calhoun County area in order to ensure that development is streamlined and resources are put to the most efficient use;

To reduce blight and promote homeownership opportunities to low and moderate income families in Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, and Liberty Counties.

To provide for a community education program that will emphasize the need for community involvement and the benefits that can be derived from widespread participation in the activities of the corporation, and the education process being designed to engender the interest in community owned enterprise and economic development concepts as well as traditional business enterprises.

To organize a non-profit and associate together persons, associates and affiliated groups to operate exclusively for all purposes described, permitted and limited in Section 501(c)(3) and section 401(a) of the 1954 Internal Revenue Code, hereinafter referred to as the Code. For the purposes and powers as set forth in these Articles of Incorporation, references to the provisions of the Code shall be deemed to include Statutes which succeed such provisions and all appropriate regulations and ruling of the Internal Revenue Service pursuant thereto.

Such corporation shall-have, use and enjoy any and all powers necessarily or property incident to or connected with the purpose defined in (a) and (b), including the power to acquire in any lawful manner property, real, personal or mixed, or interest therein, as may be necessary for the transaction of its business or the execution of any trust and may hold, use, lease, sell, mortgage, pledge, assign or convey the same or any part thereof.

All the assets and earnings of the corporation shall be used exclusively for the exempt purposes set forth above, including the payment of expenses incidental thereto. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any individual, and no substantial part of its activities shall be for the carrying out of a program of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent revenue laws). The corporation shall have no capital stock, pay no dividends, distribute no part of the subscribers, members, directors, and officers shall not be liable for the debts of the corporation.

ARTICLE IV: MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Corporation shall have a Board of Directors, who shall be elected (and may be removed by the Board of Directors), and who shall have all the rights and privileges of members of the Corporation. The Bylaws may provide for non-voting members of the board of directors who shall not have rights and privileges as set forth in the Bylaws, but who shall not have the right to vote.

The affairs of the corporation shall be directed by a Board of Directors numbering no less than three (3) not more that nine (9) members. The Board of Directors shall be appointed by the Executive Director.

The qualifications of officers, the terms and manner of electing of appointing them, the duties of and the term of office, and the manner of removing officers shall be set forth in the bylaws.

Directors/Officers not yet elected.

**ARTICLE V:
LIMITATION OF CORPORATE POWERS**

The Corporation shall have any and all powers to do any and all things necessary or expedient to carry out the purposes and objectives of a Corporation, subject to these Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, and shall possess all rights and privileges and immunities and enjoy all benefits granted corporations under the Laws of the State of Florida, but limited only to such powers that are in furtherance of tax exempt purposes.

**ARTICLE VI:
INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

In accordance with Section 617.0501 and 607.0505 Florida Statutes, Gerald J. McGill is hereby designated as the registered agent for services of process within the State of Florida at 513 South Main Street Havana, Florida 32333

**ARTICLE VII:
INCOPORATORS**

The name and address of the incorporation for these Articles of Incorporation is:

<u>Name</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Gerald J. McGill	513 South Main Street Havana, Florida 32333

**ARTICLE VIII:
TERM OF EXISTENCE**

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

**ARTICLE IX:
OFFICERS**

The affairs of this Corporation are to be managed by a President/Chairman, one or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and Treasurer who shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors of the corporation as prescribed in the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE X:
FIRST OFFICERS**

The first officers of the Corporation shall be elected at the first annual meeting and shall be subject to all the provisions of the aforesaid purposes of the Corporation.

**ARTICLE XI:
BYLAWS**

The Board of Directors of this Corporation may provide such Bylaws not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation for the conduct of its business and the carrying out its purposes as they may deem necessary from time to time. The Bylaws of its Corporation may be amended, altered or revised by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE XII:
AMENDMENTS**

The Articles of Incorporation of this Corporation may be amended, altered or revised by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the aforesaid state corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

GERALD J. McGill

Registered Agent:

Gerald J. McGill

Gerald J. McGill
Signature/Incorporator

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