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### Hector W. Soto, Esq.

#### September 25, 2006

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Florida Department of State Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32314

SUBJECT: Para La Familia, Inc.

Dear Sir / Madam:

Enclosed is an original and two (2) copies of the Articles of Incorporation (Not for Profit) and a check in the amount of:

\$87.50 for Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate of Status

Thank you.

FROM: Hector W. Soto, Esq.

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Yours truly,

Hertor W Soto Esa

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION of

## PARA LA FAMILIA, INC.

In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)



#### ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be Para La Familia, Inc. (Translation: For The Family, Inc. [not to be part of the name]), hereinafter sometimes referred to as the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of the Corporation shall be:

1555 W. 44<sup>th</sup> Place, Suite 316 Hialeah, Florida 33012

#### **ARTICLE III PURPOSES**

The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are: (i) to promote and encourage Latino high school students and other members of the Latino community within and without the state of Florida to attend college and other institutions of higher education; (ii) to promote and encourage the acceptance of Latino students by college and other institutions of higher education; (iii) to work with colleges and universities to develop culturally and linguistically appropriate services and programs that will encourage, foster and promote the recruitment, retention and promotion of Latino students; (iv) to promote and foster the retention and promotion of Latino students by colleges and other institutions of higher education by working with them to develop culturally and linguistically appropriate support services and programs especially, but not exclusively services and programs based on the Latino family and its traditions and customs; (v) to develop and provide services that will bridge the culture and knowledge gap between Latino students attending college or other institutions of higher education and their families, especially first generation US and/or first time college attendee families; (vi) to work with colleges and universities to develop programs and activities that promote and foster the inclusion of the Latino students' families as part of their recruitment and retention efforts; (vii) to work directly with Latino students enrolled in college and other institutions of higher learning to develop student-based programs and activities that will support and enhance their ability to negotiate and successfully complete their higher education; (viii) to establish relationships, coalitions, and other cooperative or formal unions with other not-for-profit organizations, civic groups, businesses, community-based organizations and other appropriate private or public entities for the development of plans and programs to promote the purposes of the Corporation; (ix) to develop, foster and conduct studies and research as may be necessary to promote the purposes of the Corporation; (x) to solicit and secure grants-in-aid whether federal, state, municipal or otherwise in furtherance of the foregoing purposes; (xi) to conduct any and all other activities that from time to time may be found necessary, appropriate or proper in connection with or incidental to any of the foregoing purposes, and as are lawful for a not-for-profit corporation. The preceding purposes shall be exclusively charitable, literary or educational within the purview of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. The Corporation will be non-partisan and non-sectarian in all of its activities.

#### ARTICLE IV INITIAL DIRECTORS AND AND/OR OFFICERS

The names and post office addresses of the persons to be the Corporation's initial Board of Directors are:

NAME TITLE ADDRESS

Jose Luis Marantes Chair 1555 W. 44<sup>th</sup> Place, Suite 316, Hialeah, FL 33012

William Santiago Treasurer 1401 Village Blvd, Unit 1114, West Palm Beach,

FL 33409

Migdalia V. Pinkney Secretary 348 Swain Avenue, Meriden, CT 06450

#### ARTICLE V NUMBER OF DIRECTORS AND MANNER OF ELECTION

The Corporation will be governed by a Board of Directors, the number of which shall not be greater than thirty (30) nor fewer than three (3). The exact number of directors will be fixed by the By-Laws of the Corporation. The Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of all Directors eligible to vote during the annual meeting of the

Corporation, the first of which shall be held within three (3) months of the filing date of these Articles of Incorporation, or as may be prescribed by Florida law, whichever is the earlier.

#### ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and address of the registered agent of the Corporation is

Jose Luis Marantes 1555 W. 44<sup>th</sup> Place, Suite 316 Hialeah, Florida 33012

#### ARTICLE VIII GENERAL POWERS

In furtherance of its purposes, the Corporation will have all general powers granted a not-for-profit corporation under Florida law together with the power to solicit grants and contributions for any corporate purpose. The Corporation will have the power to exercise such additional powers as are now, or hereafter may be, conferred by law upon a corporation organized for the purposes hereinabove set forth, or necessary or incidental to the power so conferred, or conducive to the furtherance thereof, subject to the further limitation and condition, that notwithstanding any provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation will neither have nor exercise any power, not will engage, directly or indirectly, in any activity that would invalidate its status as (1) a corporation which is exempt from federal income taxation as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or (2) as a corporation the contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

#### ARTICLE IX ASSET DISTRIBUTION AND BENEFIT

The Corporation will not be conducted or operated for profit, and no part of its assets, income or net earnings will be distributed or inure to the benefit of any Director, Officer or Associate of the Corporation, nor to any other private individual excepting that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation affecting one or more of its purposes. Furthermore, no Director, Officer, Associate

or any other private individual will be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets upon dissolution of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE X LOBBYING

No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation will consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation except as otherwise provided by the Internal Revenue Code section 501(h), and the corporation shall neither participate nor intervene in (including through the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to any candidate, nor by participating in, or intervening in (including through the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office; nor will the Corporation engage in any activity that is unlawful under applicable Federal, state or local law. Moreover, notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes, as specified in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, and shall not carry on any other activity not permitted (a) to a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### ARTICLE XI DISSOLUTION OF CORPORATION

In the event of the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the Corporation, will in the first instance attempt to distribute all assets of the Corporation, which were exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located to an organization(s) formed and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or literary purposes, and qualified as an exempt organization(s) under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws. That failing, the assets, or remaining assets shall be distributed to the local government, or the state or

Federal government for a public purpose(s) upon approval of any Florida Court of competent jurisdiction and/or as subject to such approvals and/or consents as may be required by Florida law.

#### ARTICLE XII PRIVATE FOUNDATION

In any taxable year in which the Corporation is a private foundation as described in section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, the Corporation shall distribute its income for that period at such time and in such a manner as not to subject it to tax under section 4942 of the Code; and the Corporation shall not (a) engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in section 4941(d) of the Code; (b) retain any excess business holdings as defined in section 4943(c) of the Code; (c) make any investments in such manner as to subject the Corporation to tax under section 4944 of the Code; or (d) make any taxable expenditures as defined in section 4945(d) of the Code or any corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

#### ARTICLE XIII INTERNAL REVENUE CODE REFERENCES

All references herein to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 are deemed to refer to such provisions as amended and in effect from time to time, and will also be deemed to include the corresponding provisions of future United States' Internal Revenue Laws as amended and in effect from time to time.

#### ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator, a natural person more than 18 years of age, is:

Hector W. Soto, Esq. 2250 Quimby Avenue Bronx, New York 10473

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Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated		
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.		
	9/22/06	
Signature Registered Agent: Jose Luis Marantes	Date	
/ Halwh	9/28/06	
Signature / Incorporator: Hector W. Soto	Date	

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