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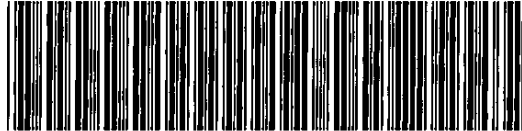
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## COVER LETTER

Department of State  
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SUBJECT: LATINO EXCELLENCE OF SARASOTA, INC.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: MILLI STEPANEK  
Name (Printed or typed)

1981 WOOD HOLLOW WAY  
Address

SARASOTA FL 34235  
City, State & Zip

(941) 341-0733  
Daytime Telephone number

**NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.**

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
LATINO EXCELLENCE OF SARASOTA, INC.**

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, Florida Statutes, Chapter 617, do hereby make and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

**Article I  
NAME AND ADDRESS**

The name and address of the Corporation is LATINO EXCELLENCE OF SARASOTA, INC., 1981 Wood Hollow Way, Sarasota, FL 34235.

**Article II  
NOT FOR PROFIT**

The Corporation is a corporation not for profit as defined in Section 617.01, Florida Statutes. The Corporation is not formed for pecuniary profit.

**Article III  
COMMENCEMENT OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE  
AND DURATION**

The date when corporate existence shall commence is the date of filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State, Tallahassee, Florida. The duration (term) of the Corporation is perpetual.

**Article IV  
PURPOSES**

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, specifically:

1. Latino Excellence of Sarasota, Inc. will assist Latino individuals and organizations in their search for excellence in their field, by providing **education** within the Latino/Hispanic culture, access to educational opportunities, referring services and scholarships.

2. Latino Excellence of Sarasota, Inc. will work with the Non Latino and Latino community to promote an interest /learning about the Latino Culture as it becomes a stronger component in Sarasota.
3. Latino Excellence of Sarasota, Inc. will assist and partner with other organizations to provide resources and education to the Latino population in search of excellence.
4. Latino Excellence of Sarasota, Inc. will exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon nonprofit corporations, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to acquire by bequest, devise, gift, purchase, lease or otherwise any property of any sort or use, apply, employ, sell, expend, disburse, lease, mortgage, manage, option, donate or for any of the purposes set forth herein.
5. Latino Excellence of Sarasota, Inc. will do such other things as are incidental to the purposes of the Corporation or necessary or desirable in order to accomplish them.

## **Article V LIMITATION**

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 in Article IV hereof. 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 or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue 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 Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

## **Article VI DISSOLUTION**

In the event of termination, dissolution or final liquidation of the Corporation, property and assets shall be distributed to any creditor of the Corporation for outstanding debts or obligations. After payment of all outstanding debts, the remaining property and assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a 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 corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## **Article VII MEMBERS**

The Members of this organization shall be determined as provided in the Bylaws.

## **Article VIII INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The Street address of the initial Registered Office of the Corporation is 1981 Wood Hollow Way, Sarasota, FL 34235, and the name of its initial Registered Agent at that address is Javier Curiel.

## **Article IX INITIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The management of the Corporation shall be vested in the Board of Trustees. The number of Trustees constituting the initial Board of Trustees is seven. The number of Trustees may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws. The Trustees shall be elected as prescribed in the Bylaws. The Bylaws may provide for ex officio and honorary Trustees, and their rights and privileges. The name and address of each initial Trustee of the Corporation is as follows:

| <b>Name</b>           | <b>Address</b>  |
|-----------------------|---|
| <b>Milli Stepanek</b> | <b>5648 Colonial Oaks Blvd<br/>Sarasota, FL 34232</b> |

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|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Adriana Robledo</b>     | <b>3205 Beneva Rd. #202<br/>Sarasota, FL 34232</b> |
| <b>Jaime Valenzuela</b>    | <b>2941 Captiva Way<br/>Sarasota, FL 34231</b>     |
| <b>Sarah Hoeffel</b>       | <b>4825 Camphor Ave.<br/>Sarasota, FL 34232</b>    |
| <b>Yovany Alas</b>         | <b>6682 Mauna Loa Blvd<br/>Sarasota, FL 34241</b>  |
| <b>Maria Luisa Agapito</b> | <b>1451 Baryl Dr.<br/>Sarasota, FL 34232</b>       |
| <b>Michael Fehily</b>      | <b>1981 Wood Hollow Way<br/>Sarasota, FL 34235</b> |

## **Article X OFFICERS**

The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and such other Officers and Assistant Officers as may be provided in the Bylaws. Each Officer shall be elected by the Board of Trustees (and may be removed by the Board of Trustees) at such time and in such manner as may be prescribed by the Bylaws. The initial Officers of the Corporation are:

| <b>Title</b>         | <b>Name</b>      | <b>Address</b> |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| President:           | Milli Stepanek   |                |
| Vice President       | Adriana Robledo  |                |
| Secretary/Treasurer: | Jaime Valenzuela |                |

## **Article XI INCORPORATORS**

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

| <b>Name</b>    | <b>Address</b>                                 |
|----------------|--|
| Milli Stepanek | 5648 Colonial Oaks Blvd.<br>Sarasota, FL 34232 |

**Article XII  
BYLAWS**

The Bylaws of the Corporation are to be made and adopted by the Board of Trustees, and may be altered, amended or rescinded by the Board of Trustees.

**Article XIII  
AMENDMENT**

The Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendment to them, and all rights and privileges conferred upon the Members, Trustees and Officers are subject to this reservation.

**Article XIV  
INDEMNIFICATION**

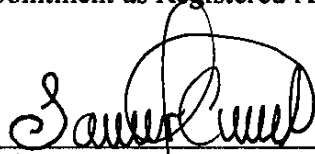
The Corporation shall indemnify each Officer and Trustee, including former Officers and Trustees, to the full extent permitted by the General Corporation Act and the Not For Profit Corporation Act.

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned have signed these Articles of Incorporation on this 20 of April 2007.

  
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Milli Stepanek

**ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT**

The undersigned hereby accepts the appointment as Registered Agent of LATINO EXCELLENCE OF SARASOTA, INC.

  
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Javier Curiel