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August 1, 2007

State of Florida Department of State Corporate Division Post Office Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

# RE: Incorporation of FAIR PROPERTY TAX FOR ALL, INC.

#### Gentlemen:

We are hereby presenting your division with the necessary documents for the incorporation of the above named nonprofit corporation. Enclosed is an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation. Please file the original in your offices and stamp and return the other copy enclosed.

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$78.50, payable to Florida Dept. of State, covering the filing fee for the Articles of Incorporation.

Your attention to the above matter will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sara P. Espinoza

POB 350751, Jose Marti Station

Miami, FL 33135-0751

305/822-3501





# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF FAIR PROPERTY TAX FOR ALL, INC.

WE, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of incorporating under Chapter 617 of the Laws of the State of Florida, providing for the formation, rights, privileges and immunities of a corporation not for profit.

#### **ARTICLE I - CORPORATE NAME**

The name of this Corporation is Fair Property Tax For All, Inc., in English. The Spanish translation of the name of this organization is Impuesto de Propiedad Justo para Todos, Inc..

#### **ARTICLE II - CORPORATE ADDRESS**

The principal place of business of this Corporation shall be 2660 SW 3 Street, Miami, Florida 33135.

# ARTICLE III - CORPORATE PURPOSE

Section 1. Objective and Purpose. The objective and purpose of this Corporation shall be to educate Florida citizens on the benefits of a fair property tax system; to advance and strengthen the principles property tax fairness; to work with governmental, intergovernmental and other authorities on public policy issues and legislative initiatives of importance to this organization. This Corporation shall also raise, receive, and maintain funds, real and personal property, and to administer said funds and property, including all income generated therefrom, exclusively for the social welfare purposes for which the Corporation is founded.

Section 2. <u>IRS Code Compliance</u>. The Corporation is organized exclusively for the charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as now in effect or as may hereafter be amended ("the Code").

#### ARTICLE IV - DEDICATION OF INCOME AND ASSETS

Section 1. <u>Income and Assets</u>. All income and assets of this corporation are irrevocably dedicated to the charitable and social welfare purposes set forth in Article III hereof. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, provided that the corporation may pay compensation in a reasonable amount to its directors, officers, or members for services rendered and may confer benefits upon its members in conformity with its purposes.

Section 2. <u>Capital Stock and Dividends</u>. This Corporation shall have no capital stock and shall pay no dividends to its incorporators, directors, officers or members.

Section 3. <u>Distribution of Corporate Assets.</u> In the event the Corporation shall dissolve or otherwise terminate its corporate existence, subject to the provisions of Chapters 607 and 617, Florida Statutes, the Corporation shall distribute all its existing assets to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended

#### ARTICLE V - DURATION OF THE CORPORATION

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

#### **ARTICLE VI - POWERS OF THE CORPORATION**

This Corporation shall have all of the statutory powers of a nonprofit Corporation. The corporation may enter into contracts, raise, receive, maintain funds, and administer said funds.

In furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof, the Corporation may solicit grants and contributions, receive property by gift, bequest or devise, invest and reinvest the same, and apply the income and principal thereof, as the board of directors may from time to time determine, and engage in any lawful act or activity permitted under the laws of the State of Florida.

# ARTICLE VII - NON-MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

Section 1: <u>Members.</u> The Corporation shall have no members. Any reference in these Articles of Incorporation, in the Bylaws or in applicable law to approval by all "members" or approval by the members shall require only the approval of the Executive Board. All rights which would otherwise vest in the members shall vest in the directors.

Section 2. Associates. Nothing in this Article VI shall be construed as limiting the right of the Corporation to refer to persons associated with it as "members" even though such persons are not members, and no such reference shall constitute anyone a member, within the meaning of Section 5056 of the Florida Corporations Code (the "Code"). The Corporation may confer by amendment of its Articles of Incorporation or of these Bylaws some or all of the rights of a member, as set forth in the Code, upon any person or persons who do not have the right to vote for the election of directors or on a disposition of substantially all of the assets of the Corporation or on a merger or on a dissolution or on changes to the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws, but no such person shall be a member within the meaning of Section 5056 of the Code.

# ARTICLE VIII - CORPORATE MANAGEMENT

Section 1. Governing Board. The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted at all times by a board of directors. The number of directors of the corporation shall be not less than three (3) and not more than fifteen (15) persons, provided, however, that such number may be changed by a duly adopted bylaw. Directors shall be elected or removed according to the procedure provided in the Bylaws.

The directors named in Article Ten shall hold office until the first annual meeting of members to take place after incorporation. Prior to that meeting, an election of directors shall take place, according to provisions of the bylaws of the Corporation.

Directors elected in the first election, and at all times thereafter, shall serve for a term of four (4) years; except that the bylaws may provide for a different term of office for some of the directors elected in the first election following incorporation, in order to introduce a system of staggered terms for directors.

Section 2. Corporate Officers. The directors of the corporation shall elect the following officers:

President, one or more Vice Presidents, Secretary, Vice Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, General Counsel, and such other officers as the bylaws of this corporation may authorize the directors to elect from time to time. These officers shall be elected and shall hold office in the manner provided in the bylaws.

The officers named in Article Nine shall hold office until the first annual meeting of members to take place after incorporation. Prior to that meeting, an election of officers shall take place, according to provisions of the bylaws of the Corporation.

Officers elected in the first election, and at all times thereafter, shall serve for a term of four (4) years; except that the bylaws may provide for a different term of office for some of the officers elected in the first election following incorporation, in order to introduce a system of staggered terms for officers.

#### ARTICLE IX - INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The names of the fifteen (15) initial members of the Board of Directors who are to manage all of the affairs of the Council until the first annual meeting are:

Dr. Jose H. Valladares Dr. Manuel B. Rodriguez Eladio Jose Armesto

Gregorio Rodriguez Hernan Santisteban Nathaniel Wilcox Gregory Rodriguez Stacy Altman

The following persons shall serve as corporate officers until the first annual meeting is held: Dr. Jose H. Valladares, President; Hernan Santisteban, Vice President; Gregory Rodriguez, Vice President; Nathaniel Wilcox, Vice President; Eladio Jose Armesto, Secretary; Stacy Altman, Vice Secretary; Gregorio Rodriguez, Treasurer; Dr. Manuel B. Rodriguez, Vice Treasurer.

# **ARTICLE X - AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES**

The Corporation reserves the right to adopted, amended or rescinded any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation or in the Bylaws of the Corporation by a two/thirds vote of the Board of Directors; provided notice thereof, which shall include the text of the change in the Articles of Incorporation and/or Bylaws, is furnished in writing to each eligible voting director of the Corporation at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting at which such change is to be voted upon.

#### **ARTICLE XI - LEGAL REPRESENTATION**

The Corporation, upon a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors, may issue written authorization and/or grant a Power of Attorney to any employee, director or officer of the Corporation to represent or otherwise act on behalf of the Corporation in any Court of Law or in a legal proceeding of any kind.

#### ARTICLE XII - INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The Corporation shall indemnify any officer, director or employee of the Corporation, or any former officer, director or employee of the Corporation, to the full extent permitted by the Florida General Corporation Act.

# ARTICLE XIII - APPOINTMENT OF REGISTERED AGENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CONSENT OF REGISTERED AGENT

The Registered Agent of the Corporation shall be Jose H. Valladares and the address of the Registered Office shall be at 2660 SW 3 Street, Miami, Florida 33135. Having been named to accept service of process for the above Corporation, at the place designated herein, I hereby agree to act in the capacity of Registered Agent of the Corporation, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper performance of my duties.

Jose H. Valladares, Registered Agent

#### ARTICLE XIV - INCORPORATORS

The name and address of the subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation are:

Dr. Jose H. Valladares 2660 SW 3 Street

Miami, FL 33135

Gregorio Rodrigue 2660 SW 3 Street

Mianzi, FL 33123

2660 SW 3 Street Miami, Ex. 33135

Dr. Manuel B. Rodriguez

2660 SW 3 Street

Miami, FL 33135

Hernan Sant Steban 2660 SW 3 Street

Miami, FL 33135

Eladio Jose Armesto 2660 SW 3 Street

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Stacy Altman 2660 SW 3 Street

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