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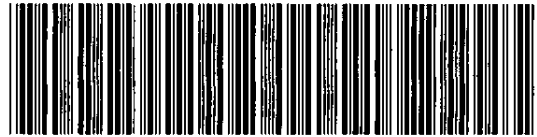
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TO: Amendment Section
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NAME OF CORPORATION: DAI TONG LAM BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION, INC

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The enclosed *Articles of Amendment* and fee are submitted for filing.

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Adoption of Amendment(s) (CHECK ONE)

- ☐ The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment(s) was/were sufficient for approval.
- ☒ There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment(s). The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the board of directors.

Dated 1/20/2009

Signature



(By the chairman or vice chairman of the board, president or other officer-if directors have not been selected, by an incorporator – if in the hands of a receiver, trustee, or other court appointed fiduciary by that fiduciary)

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PRESIDENT

(Title of person signing)

Narrative Description

Dai Tong Lam Buddhist Association of Gainesville, Florida, Inc. (hereafter the "Association") was formed on April 21, 2008 by approximately 30 participants seeking a community of Buddhist worship in Gainesville, Florida.

The group attempts to meet weekly and recently found a semi-permanent meeting place at the City of Gainesville's McPherson Recreation Center (Gainesville, Florida).

Typically, a visiting monk travels to Gainesville and administers a Buddhist worship ceremony which can last several hours but is typically scheduled for 2-3 hour services.

The association does not maintain or write any particular literature or brochures for distribution. Although the vast majority of active participants are of Vietnamese heritage, the public is welcome to join the ceremonies and are always warmly received.

Shortly after forming, the association received contributions that have allowed for the purchase of land directly across the street from the McPherson Recreation Center. The Association is currently working to get surveys and the required engineering for the development of the site plan to construct and maintain the A Nan Pagoda in Gainesville, Florida.

It is the Association's understanding that in order to seek a property tax exemption and to give charitable members further incentive to donate to the Association for the furtherance and development of the Buddhist community in Gainesville, they must obtain 501(c)(3) status from the IRS.

The planned Pagoda construction will provide open access to the public to the only Buddhist temple in Gainesville - Alachua County, Florida.

Buddhist Statement of Faith, History and Basic Points

In the 2,500 years since the Buddha was enlightened under the Bodhi Tree, Buddhism has spread over many countries, split into numerous sects, and adopted a wide variety of beliefs, practices, rituals and customs. However, an essential unity centered around the teachings of the Buddha underlies these differences.

In 1966, a leading monks from both the Theravada and Mahayana traditions met in Sri Lanka with the goal of bridging the differences between the two groups and identifying the essential points of agreement. The World Buddhist Sangha Council, as they called themselves, unanimously approved the following "Basic Points Unifying the Theravada and Mahayana":

1. The Buddha is our only Master.
2. We take refuge in the Buddha, the Dhamma and the Sangha.
3. We do not believe that this world is created and ruled by a God.

4. Following the example of the Buddha, who is the embodiment of Great Compassion (mahaa-karunaa) and Great Wisdom (mahaa-prajnaa), we consider that the purpose of life is to develop compassion for all living beings without discrimination and to work for their good, happiness, and peace; and to develop wisdom leading to the realization of Ultimate Truth.

5. We accept the Four Noble Truths, namely Dukkha, the Arising of Dukkha, the Cessation of Dukkha, and the Path leading to the Cessation of Dukkha; and the universal law of cause and effect as taught in the pratiitya-samutpaada (Conditioned Genesis or Dependent Origination).

6. We understand, according to the teaching of the Buddha, that all conditioned things (samskaara) are impermanent (anitya) and dukkha, and that all conditioned and unconditioned things (dharma) are without self (anaatma).

7. We accept the Thirty-seven Qualities conducive to Enlightenment (bodhipaksa-dharma) as different aspects of the Path taught by the Buddha leading to Enlightenment.

8. There are three ways of attaining bodhi or Enlightenment, according to the ability and capacity of each individual: namely as a disciple (sraavaka), as a Pratyeka-Buddha and as a Samyak-sam-Buddha (perfectly and Fully Enlightened Buddha). We accept it as the highest, noblest, and most heroic to follow the career of a Bodhisattva and to become a Samyak-sam-Buddha in order to save others.

9. We admit that in different countries there are differences with regard to the life of Buddhist monks, popular Buddhist beliefs and practices, rites and ceremonies, customs and habits. These external forms and expressions should not be confused with the essential teachings of the Buddha.

Buddhist Worship

Generally speaking, Buddhist worship involves periodic prayer and meditation. Our community is frequently visited by Buddhist monks who come to administer a prayer session that may last several hours.

Buddhist Literature

In Buddhism there are many sutras, which are recordings of teachings given by the Buddha or other advanced Dharma practitioners. The Buddha said that no one should simply believe what he said, but we should all think for ourselves and discover the truth through analytical mediation.