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To Whom It May Concern:

Re:

Articles of Incorporation of Franklin County Voters' County-Wide Voting Political Action Committee (Not for Profit)

Enclosed for filing are the Articles of Incorporation of Franklin County Voters' County-Wide Voting Political Action Committee (Not for Profit).

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$78.75, representing payment of the filing fee and one certified copy. Please return the certified copy to me, Mary Ellen Davis, Post Office Box 1720, Crawfordville, FL 32326.

Please call me if you have any questions or require additional information. Thank you for your courtesies in this regard.

Sincerely,

Mary Ellen Davis

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cc: Ms. Cora Russ (w/enclosures)



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SUBJECT: FRANKLIN COUNTY VOTERS' COUNTY-WIDE VOTING

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE Ref. Number: W09000045218

We have received your document for FRANKLIN COUNTY VOTERS' COUNTY-WIDE VOTING POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The name must contain a word that will clearly indicate that it is a corporation. This word may be: CORPORATION, CORP., INCORPORATED, or INC. Sections 617.0401(1)(a) and 617.1506(1), Florida Statutes, prohibits the use of the word COMPANY or CO. in the name of a non-profit corporation.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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## FRANKLIN COUNTY VOTERS' COUNTY-WIDE VOTING POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, INC.

#### (NOT FOR PROFIT)

The undersigned subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation, being a natural person competent to contract, hereby executes this document for the purpose of becoming a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

#### **ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of this corporation shall be:

### FRANKLIN COUNTY VOTERS' COUNTY-WIDE VOTING POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, INC.

The principal place of business of this corporation shall be 198 Fifth Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320, but it shall have the power to transact business in any other place or places both within and without the State of Florida and throughout the world. The mailing address of the corporation shall be Post Office Box 702, Apalachicola, FL 32329.

#### ARTICLE II: NATURE AND PURPOSE

The general nature of the business to be transacted and carried on by this corporation not for profit and its objects and purposes are to conduct any and all lawful business not for profit, and especially such business consistent with the provisions hereinafter provided, and it shall have all the powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon not for profit corporations as fully and to the same extent as natural persons might or could do in all parts of the world, namely:

To establish and operate an organization not for profit with the purpose of providing advocacy for all electors of Franklin County, Florida, who wish to be able to vote for any public office seeker no matter in which part of the County the office seeker resides; and to do everything necessary, convenient, suitable or proper for the accomplishment of any of the purposes or for the attainment of any one or more of the objects herein enumerated, or which shall at any time appear conducive to, or expedient for, the protection or for the benefit of this corporation not for profit.

The foregoing and following provisions shall be construed as objects in furtherance and not in limitation of the general powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida and the enumeration in these Articles of specific powers and objects shall not be held to limit or restrict in any manner the powers of this corporation not for profit: but this corporation not for profit may do all and everything necessary, suitable or proper for the accomplishment of any purpose or object, either along or in association with other corporations, firms or individuals, to the same extent and as full as individuals might or could do as principals, agents, contractors or otherwise.

#### **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

Membership, if any, and the rights of the members, including rights upon termination of membership and manner of termination of membership; the rights of members upon termination of the corporation; the transferability or non-transferability of membership, shall be stated in the by-laws. Classification of membership, if any, shall be stated in the by-laws.

#### **ARTICLE IV: DURATION**

The corporation shall have perpetual existence, unless sooner voluntarily dissolved according to law.

# ARTICLE V: ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The method of election of Directors shall be stated in the by-laws. The number of directors of this corporation shall be fixed in the by-laws, but must consist of a minimum of three (3) directors at all times.

The original by-laws of this corporation shall be made, prepared and adopted by the Board of Directors of the corporation by a majority vote thereof. Thereafter the said by-laws may be amended by the Board of Directors at any regular meeting of said Board of Directors or at any special meeting for which said meeting is called by a majority of the directors present. Officers, duties of office, and manner of election or appointment of officers shall be described by the by-laws. The by-laws or the board of directors shall delegate to one of the officers responsibility for preparing minutes of the directors and members meetings and for authenticating records of the corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VI: DIRECTOR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Director Conflicts of Interest issues shall be addressed pursuant to Section 617.0832, Florida Statutes (2009), effective October 1, 2009.

Each officer and director of the corporation shall disclose to the Board of Directors his relationship with any person, firm or entity with which this corporation seeks to transact business and each such officer and director shall act in good faith with respect to such transaction, and shall act in accordance with Section 617.0832, *Florida Statutes* (2009), effective October 1, 2009.

#### **ARTICLE VII: INDEMNIFICATION**

The Board of Directors is authorized, to the extent allowable by law, to indemnify any officers, directors, employees, or other agents of the corporation for any liability arising out of an act performed in furtherance of the officers', directors', employees', or agents' duties to the corporation. The Board of Directors may adopt an indemnification policy more restrictive than that allowed by law but shall set forth the indemnification policy in the corporation's by-laws and shall not deviate therefrom without amending said by-laws.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: INCORPORATORS**

The name and address of the incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

Cora L. Russ 198 Fifth Street Apalachicola, FL 32320

#### **ARTICLE IX: INITIAL DIRECTORS**

The names and addresses of the Directors who shall serve as the first Directors of the Board of Directors of the corporation who shall hold office until their successors are elected or appointed and have qualified, are as follows:

Van W. Johnson 449 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Apalachicola, FL 32320

Dolores Roux 87 Fifth Street Apalachicola, FL 32320

Ken Osborne 1508 Alligator Drive Alligator Point, FL 32320 Cora L. Russ 198 Fifth Street Apalachicola, FL 32320

#### ARTICLE X: REGISTERED AGENT

Cora L. Russ is designated as the corporation's agent to accept service of process within Florida at 198 Fifth Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320, which is the street address of the initial registered agent for this corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscriber, above-named as the incorporator of the FRANKLIN COUNTY VOTERS' COUNTY-WIDE VOTING POLITICAL ACTION—

INC.

COMMITTEE, has hereunto set her hand this 29<sup>th</sup> day of Sept., 2009.

CORA L. RUSS

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT**

### STATE OF FLORIDA OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

The undersigned, CORA L. RUSS, having been designated as Agent for the service of process with the State of Florida, upon the FRANKLIN COUNTY VOTERS' COUNTY-WIDE INC.

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, a corporation not for profit, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, does hereby accept the appointment as such agent for the above-named corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the name of said Registered Agent is hereunto affixed at, Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida, this 29th day of Sept., 2009.

CORAL RUSS

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