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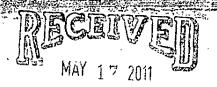
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# **COVER LETTER**

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

SUBJECT: North Florida Hispanic Leadership Alliance, Inc.				
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)				
Enclosed is an original a	and one (1) copy of the Artic	les of Incorporation and	l a check for :	
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Jacksonville FL 32211 City, State & Zip				
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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

#### NORTH FLORIDA HISPANIC LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE

The undersigned President of The North Florida Hispanic Leadership Alliance executes these Articles of Incorporation of pursuant to Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.

# <u>ARTICLE 1 - NAME</u>

The name of the Corporation is North Florida Hispanic Leadership Alliance, Inc (hereinafter the "Corporation").

# <u>ARTICLE 2 – POWERS</u>

The Corporation shall have all of the powers of a not-for-profit corporation organized and operated pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

#### **ARTICLE 3- PURPOSE**

The purposes of the Corporation is to engage in activities relating to the support of, including and not limited to accepting contributions and making expenditures for, candidates for public office in the State of Florida and to influence or attempt to influence the selection, nomination, election or appointment of individuals to public office in the State of Florida. The Corporation is organized to be a not-for-profit corporation, and may engage only in activities that may be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income taxes under Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code, or any section of any statute adopted in succession thereof; By Way of explanation<sub>1</sub> and not limitation, these activities include:

- 1. accepting membership dues from members;
- 2. accepting contributions from members and non-members;
- 3. sponsoring, participating in and conducting fundraisers for the purpose of raising money to support or oppose candidates for public office in the State of Florida;
- 4. making contributions to candidates for elected public office with statewide jurisdiction in the State of Florida; and

5. making contributions to state committees of national political parties.

It shall further be the purpose to foment the development of those characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline, team play and self-reliance amongst our members, which are the essentials of good citizenship and the foundation of true patriotism.

Being Hispanic is not just a language, it is a culture. It is a culture based on strong family values that support our cities, state and country. As Hispanic we value truth, hard work, honesty and honor.

As a culture we have much to offer and to contribute to this country, we or our parents have immigrated to become part of the destiny of our city, state or country.

We have to entry the political arena to represent those values. Therefore the formation of the North Florida Hispanic Leadership Alliance (NFHLA).

Our endeavor will be to identify young Hispanic leaders to mentor and encourage to join in the making of the political fabric of our city, in Florida.

In furtherance of our purpose of the corporation shall:

- 1. Identify and nurture Hispanic leaders of our community
- 2. Encourage those leaders to join Leadership Jacksonville and Leadership Florida
- 3. Provide stipends and scholarship for Leadership classes.
- 4. Identify current Hispanic leaders that can be appointed to city and state boards and commissions and lobby on their behalf for their approval.
- 5. Identify and support political candidates that represent the Hispanic values of family, trust, honesty, honor and hard work to elected offices.

In furtherance of our purpose, the corporation shall encouragement Hispanics to participate in the local North Florida political process. Advocating for individuals who are knowledgeable of Hispanic issues to apply for positions of influence in the governance system such as:

- 1. Boards and Commissions (City, County and State level);
- 2. Local School Boards:
- 3. City/County Councils;
- 4. Mayors / County Managers;
- 5. State Legislature;
- 6. Congressional representatives (Senate & House);
- 7. Key senior staff positions to all of the above; and
- 8. Voting in primaries and general elections.

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The Corporation is not affiliated with any political party but shall be organized and operated on a voluntary, non-partisan basis to further its goals by influencing or attempting to influence the nomination and election of selected persons as candidates for elective offices and who are supporter's of Hispanic values.

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, except that the Corporation may pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and may make payments or distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein.

# **ARTICLE 4 - DIRECTORS**

The initial Directors of the Corporation shall be:

Clark Vargas Leon Carrero

Nelson Cuba

whose mailing addresses shall be the same as the principal address of the Corporation.

Up to 9 member may be subsequently nominated by the Board to serve as stipulated by the By Laws.

#### **ARTICLE 5- AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Every amendment shall be approved by the Board of Directors, proposed by them to the Members, and approved at a Members meeting by a majority of the Members, unless all the Directors and all the Members sign a written statement manifesting their intention that a certain amendment of these Articles of Incorporation be made.

#### ARTICLE 6- PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The office of the president shall be the Principal Office initially.

8808 Arlington Expressway

Jacksonville, FL 32211

#### ARTICLE 7-INCORPORATOR

The initial name and street address of the incorporator of this Corporation is:

Clark Vargas

North Hispanic Leadership Alliance

8808 Arlington Expressway

Jacksonville, FL 32211

#### **ARTICLE 8- ADOPTION**

These Articles of Incorporation were adopted on April 27, 2011 and the number of votes cast by the Members for the Articles of Incorporation was sufficient for approval

# **ARTICLE 9- OFFICERS**

The nine Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the Members of this Corporation. The officers of the Corporation shall be: President, Secretary and Treasurer. And as expanded in the By-Laws

whose mailing addresses shall be the same as the principal address of the Corporation.

# **ARTICLE 10 – TERM OF EXISTENCE**

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

#### **ARTICLE 11 – CAPITAL STOCK**

This Corporation shall have no capital stock and shall be composed of Members rather than shareholders.

#### **ARTICLE 12- QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

The categories of membership's qualifications for membership and the manner of admission shall be as set forth in and regulated by the By Laws of the Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE 13 – VOTING RIGHTS**

Members of the Corporation will have such voting rights as are provided in the By Laws of the Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE 14- LIABILITIES FOR DEBTS**

Neither the Members nor the Members of the Board of Directors or officers of the Corporation shall be liable for the debts of the Corporation.

# ARTICLE 15- REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The initial address of registered agent of this Corporation is

Clark Vargas 8808 Arlington Expressway Jacksonville, FL 32211

# **ARTICLE 16- EFFECTIVE DATE**

These Articles of Incorporation shall be effective immediately upon approval of the Secretary of State, State of Florida.

#### **ARTICLE 17- INDEMNIFICATION**

The Corporation shall indemnify a director or officer of the Corporation who was wholly successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding to which the director or officer was a party because the director or officer is or was a director or officer of the Corporation against reasonable attorney fees and expenses incurred by the director or officer in connection with the proceeding. The Corporation may indemnify an individual made a party to a proceeding because the individual is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation against liability if authorized in the specific case after determination, in the manner required by 'the board of directors, that indemnification of the director, officer, employee or agent, as the case may be, is permissible in the circumstances because the director, officer, employee or agent has met the standard of conduct set forth by the board of directors. The indemnification and advancement of attorney fees and expenses for directors, officers, employees and agents of the Corporation shall apply when such persons are serving at the Corporation's request while a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, as the case may be, as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or agent of another foreign or domestic Corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, whether or not for profit, as well as in their official capacity with the Corporation. The Corporation also may pay for or reimburse the reasonable attorney fees and expenses incurred by a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation who is a party to a proceeding in advance of final disposition of the proceeding. The Corporation also may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of an individual arising from the individual's status as a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, whether or not the Corporation would have power to indemnify the individual against

the same liability under the law. All references in these Articles of Incorporation are deemed to include any amendment or successor thereto. Nothing contained in these Articles of Incorporation shall limit or preclude the exercise of any right relating to indemnification or advance of attorney fees and expenses to any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or the ability of the Corporation otherwise to indemnify or advance expenses to any such person by contract or in any other manner. If any word, clause or sentence of the foregoing provisions regarding indemnification or advancement of the attorney fees or expenses shall be held invalid as contrary to law or public policy, it shall be severable and the provisions remaining shall not be otherwise affected. All references in these Articles of Incorporation to "director", "officer", "employee" and "agent" shall include the heirs, estates, executors, administrators and personal representatives of such persons.

### ARTICLE 18- DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal governments or to a state or local government for public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, acknowledged and filed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation under the laws of the State of Florida,

Clark Vargas Incorporator

# ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT DESIGNATED IN ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

having a business office identical with the registered office of the Corporation name above, and having been designated as the Registered Agent in the above and foregoing Articles of Incorporation, is familiar with and accepts the obligations of the position of Registered Agent under the applicable provisions of the Porida Statutes.

Clark Vargas