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SUBJECT: Economics Club of Tampa, 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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FROM:	James A. Maguire
	Name (Printed or typed)
	3903 Kinnery Run
	Address
	Tampa, FL 33618
	City, State & Zip
	813-960-4223
	Daytime Telephone number

econtampa@gmail.com

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND CONSTITUTION

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OF ECONOMIC CLUB OF TAMPA, INC.

Pursuant to Chapter 617.0202, Florida Statutes, the undersigned subscriber does hereby file these Articles of Incorporation with the Florida Department of State and declares:

This document also serves as the Constitution of the ECONOMIC CLUB OF TAMPA, INC.

ARTICLE I

Name

Section 1. The name of this Corporation shall be:

ECONOMIC CLUB OF TAMPA, INC.

ARTICLE II

Place of Business

Section 1. The physical and mailing address of the Economic Club of Tampa, Inc.

Is 3903 Kinnery Run Tampa, FL 33618

Email address is econtampa@gmail.com

ARTICLE III

Purposes

Section 1. The purposes of this Club shall be as follows:

- A. To provide a forum for the flow of ideas and information.
- B. To take an active interest in local, state and national affairs, thereby helping to make our community, state and nation a better place in which to live.

C. To provide a platform for prominent speakers from our community and state so that information about the affairs of our community are understood by our members.

ARTICLE IV

Nomination and Election of Directors

Section 1.The original directors are the incorporators, James A. Maguire, Kenneth Walters and Robert Miles. As soon as practical, the provisions of Section 2 to Section 5 of this Article will be implemented.

Section 2. The President shall appoint from among the active Members of this Club a nominating committee of at least three (3) Members and shall designate its chairman, whose duty shall be to present to the Club at its annual election meeting the names of the persons nominated as directors of the Club.

Section 3. Additional candidates, who are Members, may be nominated from the floor at the annual election meeting.

Section 4. All of the directors shall be chosen by ballot. The candidates who receive the largest number of votes at an annual election meeting for the open director positions shall be elected as members of the Board of Directors of this Club. If a tie exists for the director position having the least number of votes, (e.g., the fourth largest vote number for the fourth open position) the current Board may expand the number of positions on the Board open for election at such annual election meeting for the ensuing term only by one (1) additional position with the two (2) candidates with the tie vote filling such open positions on the Board.

Section 5. The President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and immediate past President are members of the board.

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ARTICLE V

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Initial Officers and Directors

Section 1.

President and Director:

Robert Miles
1079 Shipwatch Circle
Tampa, FL 33602

Vice President and Director. Kenneth Walters 2109 W. Dekle Tampa, FL 33606

Secretary/Treasurer and Director:
James Arthur Maguire
3903 Kinnery Run
Tampa, FL 33618

ARTICLE VI

Name and street address of the original registered agent

Section 1. The Registered Agent of the Corporation and his address for service of process is:

James Arthur Maguire 3903 Kinnery Run Tampa, Florida 33618

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity

ames Arthur Maguire

April 21, 2013

ARTICLE VII

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Name and address of Incorporator 13 APR 2: PM 12: 43

Section 1. The Incorporator is:

James Arthur Maguire
3903 KINNERY Run
Tampa, Fl 33618

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any fulse information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.

Signed

April 21, 2013

ARTICLE VIII

Definitions

Section 1. The words "Corporation," "Club" and "Economic Club of Tampa" all mean the Economic Club of Tampa, Inc., a Florida Not for Profit Corporation.

Section 2. Words imparting the masculine gender shall be construed to include the feminine.

Section 3. The above definitions shall apply when used in the Bylaws and resolutions of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX

Membership

Section 1. The membership of this Club shall consist of persons of good character and community standing who are engaged in recognized lines of business, agricultural, industrial, institutional and professional life; or who, having been so engaged₁ shall have retired.

Section 2. There shall be three classes of membership in this Club, namely Active Member or Member, Associate Member and Honorary Member. In addition an Active Member or Member may convert to Senior Emeritus status as provided in the Bylaws, but shall still be considered a Member or Active Member. Each Active Member or Member, Associate Member and Honorary Member shall be elected to or achieve membership in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Bylaws.

Section 3. Membership in this Economic Club shall be without limitation as to the number of individuals, representatives, managers or members of firms, partnerships or corporations engaged in the same profession, line of business or agricultural, industrial and institutional life, subject to action by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Membership in this Club is wholly the right of the individual member holding it and is not to be construed, in any instance, as being owned or controlled by the firm, partnership or corporation with which such member is connected. Membership cannot be conveyed or transferred from one person to another. Membership can be acquired only by qualification or reinstatement.

Section 5. A former member of this Club may be reinstated to membership by being proposed and elected in accordance with the procedure of electing new members as set forth in the Bylaws, in which event the reinstatement fee, if any, shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Only members in good standing as defined in the Bylaws shall be entitled to vote, to hold office or otherwise to enjoy the privileges of the Club.

Section 7. Disqualified persons other than foundation managers (as the terms "disqualified persons" and "foundation managers" are defined in Section 4946, Internal Revenue Code of 1986, shall be ineligible for membership.

Section 8. The Board of Directors shall have the power to drop, suspend or expel a member in such manner as may be prescribed in the Bylaws.

Section 9 Resignation of membership shall be made in writing to the Secretary and shall be accepted by the Board of Directors, but such resignation shall not relieve the member so resigning of the obligation to pay any dues or other charges heretofore accrued and unpaid.

ARTICLE X

Management

Section 1. The management of the affairs of this Club not otherwise provided for in the Articles of Incorporation or

Bylaws of this Club shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI

Officers and Board of Directors

- Section 1. The officers of this Club shall be a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer and a Secretary.
- Section 2. The Immediate Past President shall attain his office by succession thereto, and the Vice President shall automatically succeed to the office of President.
- Section 3. Every member who has served as President of this Club shall receive the title of Past President.
- Section 4. The four (4) officers of this Club, who shall be selected in accordance with the Bylaws, and not more than ten (10) directors, who are Active Members (including those with Senior Emeritus status) of this Club, and who shall be elected by a majority vote of such members at annual election meetings in accordance with the Bylaws, shall constitute the Board of Directors of this Club.
- Section 5. The terms of all officers shall be for a period of one (1) calendar year, from January 1 to December 31 of the year following the year of the annual election, or until their successors have been duly chosen and assume office. No member shall be elected to serve more than three (3) consecutive one-year terms in the office of Secretary.
- Section 6. The Vice President shall automatically succeed to the office of President; the Secretary shall automatically succeed to the office of Vice President; and the Treasurer shall automatically succeed to the office of Secretary. A new Treasurer shall be selected annually as provided in the Bylaws. The retiring President shall remain as a director only for a term of one (1) additional year, unless re-elected as a new director at the next annual election meeting as provided in the Bylaws. The term of office of the non-officer directors shall be for two (2) consecutive calendar years, or until their

successors have been elected and qualified and assume office.

 $\underline{\text{Section 7}}$. A vacancy in any office or in the Board of Directors may be filled by a member appointed by the President for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE XII

Duties of Officers and Board of Directors

Section 1. The duties of the officers and of the Board of Directors shall be such as provided for in the Bylaws of this Corporation.

ARTICLE XIII

Committees

Section 1. Standing committees, as prescribed in the Bylaws, shall perform such duties as may be authorized by the Board of Directors. Special committees authorized by the Board of Directors shall be comprised of members appointed by the President, and they shall perform such duties as may be authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The authority to appoint members to a committee and to fill any vacancy shall be vested in the President.

ARTICLE XIV

Revenue

<u>Section 1</u>. Initiation fees, membership dues and other assessments shall be determined and set by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XV

Qualifications as Tax Exempt Organization

Section 1. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, 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 support of the Corporation. 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 publication or distribution of statements) in any local campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Section 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

ARTICLE XVI

Bylaws

Section 1. Subject to this Constitution, the basic rules for the management and government of the Club shall be set forth in the Bylaws. The Bylaws may be amended in accordance with the amendments procedure provided for in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XVII

Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Active members present and voting at any regular meeting of this Club, notice of such proposed changes having been sent in writing to the members thirty (30) days before such meeting.

ARTICLE XVIII

Dissolution of Corporation

Section 1. Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the benefit of an organization that is an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law). Such disposition of assets shall be at the sole discretion of the Board of Trustees. Any such assets not so

disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of Hillsborough County exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations, as said Court shall determine.