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Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327/Tallahassee, FL 32313

Subject: The Coral Gables Forum, Inc.

Enclosed are an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation of The Coral Gables Forum, a Florida corporation not for profit, and a check for \$70.00 for the Filing Fee.

FROM: Philip L. Brawner 9100 School House Road Coral Gables, Florida 33156

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Please file the Articles of Incorporation.

Respectfully submitted, Dhilip L Brauner Philip L Brawner

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE CORAL GABLES FORUM, INC. A NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION

# ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the corporation shall be: The Coral Gables Forum, Inc.

#### **ARTICLE II: PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The street address of the Principal Office of the corporation shall be 9100 School House Road, Coral Gables, Florida 33156. The mailing address of the corporation shall be P.O. Box 141651, Coral Gables, Florida 33114-1651

#### Article III: PURPOSE AND TERMINATION

The corporation shall be a Not-For-Profit Corporation and is organized In compliance with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. It shall have the powers and obligations provided by Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. It shall be a civic association to promote the common good and social welfare of the community of Coral Gables Florida. To accomplish its purposes it shall:

- 1. Hold regular meetings of members to hear speakers and to discuss matters of interest to residents and businesses in Coral Gables, Florida. The meetings shall be open to non members.
- 2. Conduct forums for the public at which all candidates for Coral Gables City Commission can appear and be heard before elections.
- 3. Do all things that the Board of Directors determines are reasonable and useful to accomplish the above purposes and to create a community of members interested in Coral Gables and willing to perform the above purposes.

This corporation may be terminated by the vote of sixty percent of the dues paying members at any time. Upon termination the members shall determine the entity to which any of its remaining funds shall be distributed; provided however, that such entity must be a non profit corporation or entity which has purposes similar to those of this corporation or be an IRC 501(c)(4) or 501(c)(3) corporation active in Coral Gables, Florida. No part of the funds shall be distributed to any of the members of the corporation.

## **ARTICLE IV: MANNER OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

The Directors and Officers of the corporation shall be elected each year by a majority vote of a quorum of dues paying members at a regular meeting held after notice of the election has been given to the members not less than one week prior the meeting. The term of office for each Officer and Director shall be for one year or until a successor has been elected. Each Officer by reason of having been elected to an office shall also be a Director unless the officer declines to be a Director. One member may hold more than one office. Any member may be re-elected to any office or as a Director.

## **ARTICLE V: INITIAL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

The initial Officers and Directors of the corporation shall be:

Van R. Martin: President and Director 2524 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Suite 600 Coral Gables, Florida 33134

Nancy Wear: Vice President and Director 1234 South Dixie Highway, Suite 337 Miami, Florida 33153

Hank Langston: Director 9350 South Dixie Highway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Miami, Florida 33156 Philip L. Brawner: Treasurer and Director 9100 School House Road Coral Gables, Florida 33156

Marlin Ebbert: Secretary and Director 6935 Almansa Street Coral Gables, Florida 33146

John M. Thomson: Director 201 Sevilla Avenue, Suite 302 Coral Gables, Florida 33134

#### **ARTICLE VI: REGISTERED AGENT**

The name and street address of the registered agent is: Philip L. Brawner 9100 School House Road Coral Gables, Florida 33156

#### **ARTICLE VII: INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator is: Philip L. Brawner 9100 School House Road Coral Gables, Florida 33156

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.

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Signature of Register Agent

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

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Signature of Incorporator

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