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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

### WEST TAMPA ALLIANCE INC

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of becoming Incorporated under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, as amended, of the Laws of the State of Florida applicable to corporations, not-for-profit, and respectfully petition the Secretary of State for approval of such Incorporation under the following proposed Articles of Incorporation.

#### **ARTICLE ONE - NAME**

The name of the corporation, hereinafter called the Corporation, shall be: Named WEST TAMPA ALLIANCE INC., its principle office is located at: 1609 Albany Tampa, FL 33607

#### **ARTICLE TWO - DURATION**

The period of duration of this corporation is perpetual.

#### ARTICLE THREE - DIRECTORS

The names and addresses of the initial directors, who shall hold office until their successors is eight, may thereafter be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the bylaws of the corporation.

Name	Address	City	Title
Benjamin Baisden	1609 N Albany Av	Tampa, FL 33607	President
Dee Jackson	1609 N Albany Av	Tampa, FL 33607	Vice President
Leon Crews	208 West Keyes Av	Tampa, FL 33602	Treasurer
Elvamarie Bonser	6515 S Himes Av	Tampa FL 33611	Secretary
Andre Hill	P.O. Box 4041	Tampa, FL 33677	Director

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#### **ARTICLE FOUR - REGISTERED AGENT**

The address of the initial registered agent of the corporations is 1916 Crystal Grove Dr. Lakeland, FL 33801 and the name of the initial registered agent of the corporation at that address is Horace Bailey

#### **ARTICLE FIVE - PURPOSES**

The purposes for which the Corporation is founded are:

To organize a non-profit corporation and associate together persons, associates and corporations in order to operate exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific and educational purposes described, permitted and limited in Section 501(c)(3) and Section 401(a) of the 1954 Internal Revenue Code, hereinafter referred to as the Code. For the purposes and powers as set forth herein these Articles of Incorporation, references to the provisions of the Code shall be deemed to Include Statutes which succeed such provisions and all appropriate regulations and rulings of the Internal Revenue Service pursuant thereto; including but not limited to, the following activities:

#### (a) About

We protect, preserve, promote and improve the community by providing leadership and services to Improve economic vitality and development by generating jobs, increase investment and promote the start-up, growth and attraction of businesses. We will network with other agencies and organization to improve the most comprehensive range of resources to the growing population of our community in the Tampa Bay area. We also want to maintain an environment, which enhances maximum intellectual, social, cultural and community development of the residents.

#### (b) Mission

Provide efficient and effective support services by pursuing partnerships with other agencies/entities and through the use of technology and innovative problem solving, to reinforce the importance of economic health to our overall quality of life, by promoting education, employment, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

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- Encourage community involvement through boards and committees; stewardship programs; and volunteerism.
- 2. Preserve, enhance, and celebrate the historic elements of Tampa African American. Community by reflecting on the pride and values of is people.
- (c) To take, accept, hold and acquire by bequest device, gift, purchase, loan or lease, any property, real, personal or mixed, whether tangible or Intangible, without limitation as to the kind, amount or value;
- (d) To sell, convey, lease or make loans, grants or pledges of any property or any Interest therein or proceeds there from, and to Invest and reinvest the principal thereof and receipts there from, if any:
- (e) To borrow money upon and pledge or mortgage any such property for the purpose for which it is organized, and to Issue notes, bonds or other forms of Indebtedness to secure any of Its obligations;
- (f) To acquire, and pay for in cash or promissory note\*, the goodwill, rights, assets and property, and to undertake or assume the whole or any part of the obligation or liabilities of any person, firm, corporation or association;
- (g) To carry on any of the aforesaid activities or purposes either directly, or as an agent for or with other persons, associations or corporations;

#### **ARTICLE SIX – POWERS**

This Corporation shall be operated and governed by a Board of Directors.

The By-Laws may provide for the extent and limits of there powers, duties, terms and privileges, and further, shall provide for the manner of appointment, qualification or election and other matters relating thereto, subject to restrictions herein, including, the number of Directors may be provided in the By-Laws but shall at all times be not less than three (4).

#### **ARTICLE SEVEN-LIMITATION**

1. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and this corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statement(s), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

- 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, (2) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code,
- 3. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that this corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof.

#### <u>ARTICLE EIGHT – DISSOLATION</u>

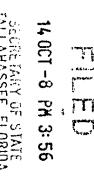
Upon the dissolution of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to or one or more charitable, education, scientific or exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal, state, or local government for a public purpose.

#### **ARTICLE NINE – AMENDMENTS**

The Articles of Incorporation of this Corporation may be amended, altered or revised when such resolution is duly certified by the Secretary of the corporation by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors and filed with the Secretary of State.

#### **ARTICLE TEN – FISCAL YEAR**

The Fiscal year of the Corporation shall be from January to December of each year.



#### **ARTICLE ELEVEN – SUBSCRIBERS**

The names and addresses of the initial incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation are: Horace Bailey Jr. at 1916 Crystal Grove Drive Lakeland, FL 33801

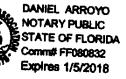
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned as incorporator, hereby execute these articles of incorporation on this, the 2 day Of October, 2014

enjamin Baisden

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

BEFORE ME. The undersigned authority, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments personally appeared on this day personally appeared Name Benjamin Baisden who are personally known to me or who have produced FLOL as identification, WITNESS my hand and official seal this the Jd day of October 2014, at

Notary Public in and for the State of Florida at Large My Commission Expires



# ERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACES OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVICED

In compliance with Section 48.091, Florida Statutes the following is submitted: WEST TAMPA ALLIANCE INC, a Florida not-for-profit corporation is desiring to organize or qualify under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal place of business is 1609 Albany Tampa, FL 33607 has named Horace Bailey located at 1916 Crystal Grove Dr. Lakeland, FL 33801 as its registered agent for service of process within Florida.

Dated October 3, 2014

Benjamin Baisden
Title: Incorporator

Having been named to accept service of process for the above named corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties and I am familiar with and accept the duties and obligations of Chapter 607 of the Florida General Corporation Act.

Dated October 3 2014

Horuse Bulley
Horace Bailey
Registered Agent