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

SUBJECT: Ignite Community Development, 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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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Rick Gomez
Name (Printed or typed)

404 NW 14th Avenue
Address

Gainesville, FL 32601
City, State & Zip

(352) 378-0078
Daytime Telephone number

rick.gomez@ignite.org
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

The undersigned, for the purposes of forming a corporation under Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes, adopt the following Certificate of Incorporation and hereby certify:

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation shall be Ignite Community Development, Inc.

ARTICLE II - PRINCIPLE OFFICE

The principle office of the corporation is located at 404 NW 14th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

The Corporation is organized and formed for the purposes of working collaboratively with volunteers, schools, churches, businesses and other charitable organizations in providing relief to the poor, neglected and underprivileged individuals, families and communities, revitalizing distressed communities, participating in neighborhood beautification projects and assisting the needs of Spanish speaking immigrants. In furtherance of these charitable purposes, the corporation shall have the following purposes:

To innovatively promote holistic personal development to those who are disfranchised and those who are at risk in our society. To serve families with a variety of resources in order to address their unique particular needs. To offer cross-generational educational opportunities via classroom, seminar and conference format.

To creatively use the visual and performing arts to inspire the youth in the community toward developing strong educational values and leadership skills. To provide youth scholarships, a mentoring program and educational opportunities through our partnerships.

To develop an innovative system of empowerment in the areas of leadership and socio-economic development that will bring multiple partner agencies, community groups, churches and businesses together for the betterment of the community. To act as a cross-community referral network and work, interact and sponsor other community organizations, agencies and corporations which share in the same purposes. To serve as a community liaison between its people and inter-governmental agencies.

To organize for such purpose as combating community deterioration by implementing innovative community growth strategies, provide supportive housing

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services, and housing assistance to low income families with the assistance of our partners. To assist and aid in community beautification. To raise and obtain the funds and financing to carry out the same.

To create a community center that will facilitate a multiplicity of resources such as the operation of a human resource facility that will provide information and referrals to the public and private agencies for assistance with social problems.

The corporation shall operate exclusively for charitable, educational and other purposes within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (hereinafter "Code"). As a means of accomplishing the foregoing purposes, the corporation shall have the power to engage in any lawful act or activity necessary or appropriate to the attainment of those purposes; provided, however, that notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, or any other provision of law, the corporation shall not have the power to carry on any activities which would cause it to fail to qualify, or to fail to continue to qualify, as (i) an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c)(3) of the Code, or (ii) an organization to which contributions are deductible under section 170(c)2 of the Code.

ARTICLE IV – MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the directors are elected and appointed is as follows: The officers of the organization shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors. If the election of officers is not held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as is convenient. New offices may be created and filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Each officer shall hold office until his successor has been duly elected and qualified.

ARTICLE V – INITIAL BOARD MEMBERS

The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of the corporation is three (3).

The names, titles and addresses are as follows:

Mark A. Vega, Chairman – 14387 NW 160th Lane, Alachua, FL 32615

Oscar Roche, Secretary – 612 NE 156th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32609

Sergio Rodriguez, Treasurer – 288 Battle Court, Fort White, FL 32038

ARTICLE VI – REGISTERED AGENT

The name and address of the Registered Agent is: Ricardo Gomez – 404 NW 14th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601

ARTICLE VII - INCORPORATOR

*The name and address of the Incorporator is: Mark A. Vega - 14387 NW 160th Lane,
Alachua, FL 32615*

ARTICLE VIII - OTHER PROVISIONS

No part of the earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to any private individual or person; provided, however, that the corporation may pay reasonable compensation for services rendered to it and reimbursement of expenses reasonably incurred on its behalf.

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 publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Upon dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c)(3) of the Code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a 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.

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.

Ricardo Gomez

Required Signature of Registered Agent

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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 Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.

Mark A. Vega

Required Signature of Incorporator

1/21/15
Date

State of Florida County of Alachua

Subscribed before me this 21st day of January 2015 by
Mark A. Vega and Ricardo Gomez.

Julie K. Williams



JULIA M. WILLIAMS
Notary Public, State of Florida
Commission # FF 19703
My comm. expires May 20, 2017