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### Pinellas Suncoast Black Republican Club

4905 34th Street South Unit 210 St. Petersburg, FL 33711 727.207.2721

February 2, 2015

Secretary of State Division of Corporations Corporate Filings P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Re:

Articles of Incorporation

Pinellas Suncoast Black Republican Club, Inc. (A Florida Non-Profit Corporation)

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find an original and one copy of Articles of Incorporation for the above referenced non-profit entity, together with our check in the amount of \$ 70.00 which represents the required filing fee.

As always, your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Spena D. Grijiin

Sheila D. Griffin, Chairperson

Pinellas Suncoast Black Republican Club, Inc.

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February 12, 2015

PINELLAS SUNCOAST BLACK REPUBLICAN CLUB 4905 34TH STREET UNIT 210 ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33711

SUBJECT: PINELLAS SUNCOAST BLACK REPUBLICAN CLUB, INC.

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We have received your document for PINELLAS SUNCOAST BLACK REPUBLICAN CLUB, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$70.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The document must contain written acceptance by the registered agent, (i.e. "I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as Registered Agent.)

The registered agent must sign accepting the designation.

Please return the corrected original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6052.

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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## PINELLAS SUNCOAST BLACK REPUBLICAN CLUB, INC. GEORETARY OF STATE

(A Florida Non-Profit Corporation)

#### ARTICLE I **CORPORATE NAME**

The name of this corporation is: Pinellas Suncoast Black Republican Club, Inc.

#### ARTICLE II CORPORATE NATURE

This is a non-profit corporation organized solely for general educational purposes and those purposes authorized pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Corporation (Not-For Profit) Law as set forth in Chapter 617, Florida Statute.

#### ARTICLE III DURATION

The term of existence of the corporation is perpetual.

#### ARTICLE IV **PURPOSE**

#### General Purpose:

To attract members into, and involve them in the Republican Party and subsequently provide them with a practical means of Republican Party participation, leadership training and political involvement at all levels of government.

#### Specific Purposes:

The specific and general purposes for which this corporation is formed are:

- (a) Support and encourage worthwhile local civil forums, policy construction and improvements in the educational, social and financial welfare of citizens.
- (b) Support the objectives, policies and platforms of the Municipal, County, State and National Committees of the Republican Party and to cooperate with those committees in search for competent candidates and seeking the election of Republican nominees.
- (c) To help secure the election of all duly nominated Republican candidates in the General Election and registered Republicans in non-partisan elections.
- (d) Encourage and stimulate the activity of all people in the affairs of government.
- (e) Advance the principles of the Republican Party; including promotion of the Party's programs.
- (f) Bring African Americans and other citizens of voting age into the Republican Party.

- (g) Instruct and inform through forums, media, publication and marketing.
- (h) To have and exercise all rights and powers conferred on nonprofit corporations under the laws of the State of Florida, or which may hereafter be enacted or conferred, including the power to contract, rent, buy or sell personal or real property; provided, however, that this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activity or exercise any power that are not in furtherance of the specific and primary purposes of this corporation.

## ARTICLE V MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

#### (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors consisting of not less than five (5) persons, provided that the number and composition of the Board of Directors may be changed by the By-Laws of the corporation, duly adopted by the Board.

- (b) METHOD OF SELECTION OF DIRECTORS. Directors of the Board shall be nominated and appointed by the membership of this corporation.
- (c) ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICERS. Officers of the corporation shall be elected by the members of the corporation. The term of office of each Officer and Director of the corporation shall be fixed by the By-Laws of the corporation.
- (d). EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. There shall be an Executive Management Committee of the Board consisting of the corporate officers, to wit, Chairperson, Vice Chairperson(s), Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary. The Executive Management Committee may act in lieu of the Board between regular meetings of the Board of Directors on all matters requiring immediate attention; and they shall have the authority to exercise all of the powers and prerogative of the Board of Directors, except to fill any vacancy of a vacant Director position. The Executive Management Committee may be called into session on the call of the Chair.
- (e). INITIAL CORPORATE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The names and addresses of the initial corporate officers and Board of Commissioners are as follow

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	Address
Sheila Griffin	President	4905 34 <sup>th</sup> St. So. Unit 210 St. Petersburg, FL 33711
Cassandra Jackson	Vice-President	4905 34th St. So. Unit 210 St. Petersburg, FL 33711
Tom Cuba	Secretary	4905 34th St. So. Unit 210 St. Petersburg, FL 33711
Michael Griffin	Treasurer	4905 34th St. So. Unit 210 St. Petersburg, FL 33711

#### ARTICLE VI EARNINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF CORPORATION

(a). No part of the net carnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, directors, trustees, 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 purposes set forth in Article IV, hereof.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any power that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

## ARTICLE VII DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making the provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purpose of the corporation in such manner to a Republican Club or the Republican Party of Florida or any entity that is an exempt organization tax-exempt under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Law) as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as such court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## ARTICLE VIII MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the corporation shall be by appointment of the Board of Directors, with qualification for such membership and the manner of admission being established by the By-Laws of this corporation. The Board may approve other classes of membership. by appropriate amendment to the by-laws of the corporation, to further the purposes for which the corporation was formed.

## ARTICLE IX INCORPORATOR

The name and resident address of the incorporator of this corporation is as follows: Name Address: Sheila D. Griffin 4905 34<sup>th</sup> Street South, Unit 210, St. Petersburg, FL 33711

## ARTICLE X DEDICATION OF ASSETS

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to educational purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, trustee, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

## ARTICLE XI REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE '

The name and address of the registered agent is Sheila Griffin, whose address is 4905 34th Street South, Unit 210, St. Petersburg, FL 33711

## ARTICLE XII PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The Initial Principal Office of the Corporation shall be located at Pinellas Suncoast Black Republican Club, 4905 34<sup>th</sup> Street South, Unit 210, St. Petersburg, FL 33711 until otherwise modified or changed by the Board of Directors/Commissioners, and the mailing address shall be 4905 34<sup>th</sup> Street South Unit 210 St. Petersburg, FL 33711.

#### **ARTICLE XIII**

#### AMENDMENTS OF ARTICLES

Amendments of these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Board of Director, and a vote of a majority of the membership present at a meeting of the corporation.

1, THE UNDERSIGNED, being the subscriber and incorporator of the corporation, for the purpose of forming this non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, having executed these Articles of Incorporation, this 16th day of February 2015.

STATEMENT ACCEPTING APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT

D. Kriffin

I hereby accept the designation as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this statement. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent under Chapter 608, Florida Statutes.

heila D. Griffin

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