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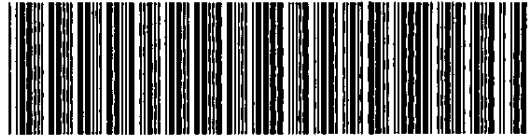
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Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

**SUBJECT:** GUATEMALAN-AMERICAN SWFL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
(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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Filing Fee

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee &  
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☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☒ \$87.50  
Filing Fee,  
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& Certificate

**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

**FROM: MARIO E. JUAREZ**  
Name (Printed or typed)

**6296 CORPORATE CT STE A 202**  
Address

**FORT MYERS, FL 33919**  
City, State & Zip

**239-246-9272**  
Daytime Telephone number

**mjuarez@accountingsolutionswfl.com**  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Corporations

March 24, 2015

MARIO E. JUAREZ  
6296 CORPORATE CT STE A 202  
FORT MYERS, FL 33919

SUBJECT: GUATEMALAN-AMERICAN SWFL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
Ref. Number: W15000020187

We have received your document for GUATEMALAN-AMERICAN SWFL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The name must contain a word that will clearly indicate that it is a corporation. This word may be: CORPORATION, CORP., INCORPORATED, or INC. Sections 617.0401(1)(a) and 617.1506(1), Florida Statutes, prohibits the use of the word COMPANY or CO. in the name of a non-profit corporation.

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.

Valerie Herring  
Regulatory Specialist II  
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**Florida Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
In Compliance with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, (Not for Profit)**

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We, the undersigned natural person of the age of eighteen (18) years or more, acting as Incorporators of a corporation/organization under the State of Florida Non-Profit Corporation Act, do hereby adopt the following articles of incorporation for such corporation/Not for profit organization.

**ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the corporation or organization shall be:

**GUATEMALAN-AMERICAN SWFL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INC.**

**ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal place of business and mailing address of this Organization shall be:

6296 CORPORATE CT SUITE A202  
FORT MYERS, FL 33919

**ARTICLE III Nonprofit Corporation/Organization**

The Corporation/Organization is a Nonprofit (Chamber of Commerce)

**ARTICLE IV DURATION**

The period of the Corporation/Organization's duration is perpetual

**ARTICLE V EFFECTIVE DATE**

Upon Approved by the State of Florida Division of Corporations

**ARTICLE VI PURPOSE**

The purpose for which the Corporation/Organization is organized is:

- A. Said Chamber of Commerce/organization is organized exclusively for to foster *Guatemalan-American Businesses and Community Development* and sustainable help to promote the business of minority, and Guatemalan businessmen and women as a Membership Chamber of Commerce under the Internal Revenue Service Code 501 ( c ) ( 06 ) and any Corresponding action of any future federal tax code.

B. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the

purpose clause. The organization shall not carry on any provisions of this document, the organization should not carry on any organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 ( c ) ( 6 ) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or ( b ) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c) ( 2 ) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code and corresponding section of the State of Florida Non-Profit Corporations/Organizations.

C. Upon dissolution of the Corporation/Organization or the winding up of its affairs, the assets of the Corporation/Organization shall be distributed exclusively to other Non-Profit or Charitable organizations which would then qualify under the provisions of Section 501(c) ( 3 ) or ( C ) ( 06 ) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or as they hereafter be amended..

D. The Corporation/Organization is organized pursuant of the Florida Non-Profit Corporation Act and does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit and is organized for nonprofit purposes.

#### **ARTICLE VII MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of this Non-Profit Organization- (Chamber of Commerce) shall consist to the following qualifications for membership and who shall be admitted in the following manner:

- 1) **Business Membership.** Any Association, Small Business, Corporation, Partnership, Organization or any Legal Entity in the United States of America, Country of Guatemala or any other Country having an interest in the purpose and objectives of this Chamber of Commerce shall be eligible to apply for membership. The Board of Directors upon review of the future member, review and approve the applicant at a monthly Board of Directors Meetings, the applicant becomes a member in good standing when the dues are paid in full. A The membership will renewal every year afer upon notification or by paying the renewal fee.
- 2) **Individual Membership.** Any person having an interest in the purpose and objectives of this Chamber of Commerce shall be eligible to apply for membership. Upon approval by the Board of Directors and payment of the proper dues, the applicant becomes a members in good standing subject to the Chambers Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE VIII VOTING MEMBERS**

The Organization shall have voting rights at the annual election meeting, as long as the member are in good standing of the Chamber and his or her membership fees had been paid on time.

#### **ARTICLE IX MANNER IS WHICH DIRECTORS ARE ELECTED OR APPOINTED IS:**

The Directors will be appointed by the Membership, at an annual election meeting.

**ARTICLE X DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS**

List name(s) address (es) and specific titles(s):

**CEO-President**

**Mario E. Juarez**

6296 Corporate Ct . Ste A202

Fort Myers, FL 33919-US

**Vice-President**

**Rudy Lepe**

1820 Beach Parkway

Cape Coral, FL 33914-US

**Secretary**

**Wendy Quevedo**

8429 Blackberry Road

Fort Myers, FL 33967-US

**VP of Finance/Treasurer**

**Betzabe Sajquin-Juarez**

6296 Corporate Ct. Suite A202

Fort Myers, FL 33919-US

**VP of Public Relations**

**Jorge Byron Lopez**

1443 Del Prado Blvd

Cape Coral, FL 33990-US

**Director**

**Leslie Lepe**

1820 Beach Parkway

Cape Coral, FL 33914-US

**ARTICLE XI REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

The Name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

Mario E. Juarez

6296 Corporate Ct. Suite A202

Fort Myers, FL 33919-US

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**ARTICLE XII INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Mario E. Juarez  
6296 Corporate Ct. Suite A202  
Fort Myers, FL 33919-US

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

**ARTICLE XIII DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation Non-Profit Organization (Chamber of Commerce), the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the Corporation Non-Profit Organization (Chamber), distribute all the assets exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes to such "qualified" organization as the Board of Directors shall determine. An organization shall be deemed to be a "qualified" organization for the purposes of this Article XII only if a at the time of the of the distribution of such assets it is organized and operated exclusively for the purposes described in Section 170(c) (2)(B) of the Code and is described in Section 509(a)(1), (2) (3) of the Code. Any of such assets not so distributed shall be distributed by the Circuit Court of Lee County in which is the Principal office of the Corporation Non-Profit Organization (Chamber of Commerce) is located, exclusively for the aforesaid purposes of the Corporation Non-Profit Organization (Chamber of Commerce) 501 ( c ) ( 06 ) or to such qualified organization or organizations as said court shall determine.

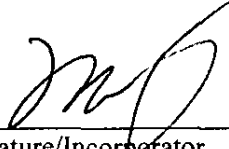
*Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.*

  
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Signature/Registered Agent  
Mario E. Juarez

3-24-15

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*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.*

  
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Signature/Incorporator  
Mario E. Juarez

3-24-15

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Date