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#### **COVER LETTER**

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

SUBJECT: FLORIDA HOUSING ADVOCATES, INC.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for:

\$70.00 Filing Fee

**378.75** 

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\$78.75

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\$87.50

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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Wade Stafford

Name (Printed or typed)

335 Pineda Ct STE 101

Address

Melbourne, FL 32940

City, State & Zip

(321) 258-6827

Daytime Telephone number

wstafford@flmortgageresolutions.com

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

# FLORIDA HOUSING ADVOCATES, INC.

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION – NON-PROFIT (FLORIDA)

#### ARTICLE I

**NAME** 

1.01 Name

The legal name of this corporation shall be Florida Housing Advocates, Inc. The business of the corporation will be conducted as Florida Housing Advocates, Inc.

#### **ARTICLE II**

**DURATION** 

2.01 Duration

The period of duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

#### **ARTICLE III**

**PURPOSE** 

3.01 Purpose

Florida Housing Advocates, Inc. is a non-profit corporation organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations, under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

We will help families in financial distress to stay in their homes and help individuals find affordable housing.

To maximize our effectiveness, we may seek to collaborate with other non-profit organizations which qualify as non-profit corporations under section 501(c) (3).

3.02 Public Benefit

Florida Housing Advocates, Inc. is designated as a public benefit corporation.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### NON-PROFIT NATURE / BENEFITS -

#### 4.01 Non-profit Nature

Florida Housing Advocates, Inc. is not organized and shall not be operated for the private gain of any person. The property of the corporation is irrevocably dedicated to its charitable, religious, educational or scientific purposes. No part of the assets, receipts, or net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, any individual. The corporation may, however, pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and make other payments and distributions consistent with these Articles.

#### 4.02 Personal Liability

No officer or director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of Florida Housing Advocates, Inc. of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property or assets of the officers or directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

#### 4.03 Dissolution

Upon termination or dissolution of Florida Housing Advocates, Inc., any assets lawfully available for distribution shall be distributed to one or more qualifying organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or described in any corresponding provision of any successor statute), which organization or organizations shall have a charitable purpose which, at least generally, includes a purpose similar to the terminating or dissolving corporation.

The organization to receive the assets of Florida Housing Advocates, Inc. hereunder shall be selected by the discretion of a majority of the managing body of the Florida Housing Advocates, Inc. and if its members cannot so agree, then the recipient organization shall be selected pursuant to a verified petition in equity filed in a court of proper jurisdiction against the Florida Housing Advocates, Inc. by one or more of its managing body, which verified petition shall contain such statements as reasonably indicate the applicability of this section. The court upon a finding that this section is applicable shall select the qualifying organization or organizations to receive the assets to be distributed, giving preference if practicable to organizations located within the State of Florida.

In the event the court shall find that this section is applicable but that there is no qualifying organization known to it which has a charitable purpose which, at least generally, includes a purpose similar to this corporation, then the court shall direct the distribution of its assets lawfully available for distribution to the Treasurer of the State of Florida, or its equivalent, to be added to the general fund.

#### 4.03 Prohibited Distributions

No part of the net earnings, or properties of this corporation, on dissolution or otherwise, shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers or other private person or individual, 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 III, Section 3.01.

#### 4.04 Restricted Activities

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

#### 4.05 Prohibited Activities

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax as an organization described by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### ARTICLE V

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

5.01 Governance

Florida Housing Advocates, Inc. shall be governed by its board of directors.

5.02 Initial Directors

The initial directors of the corporation shall be:

Wade Stafford, President

Jennifer Kline, Vice President

Ben Robinson, Secretary/Treasurer

#### 5.03. Selection of Board Members

Initial board members were selected by the incorporator.

Florida Housing Advocates, Inc. Directors may be elected at any Board meeting by the majority vote of the existing Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

6.01 Membership

Florida Housing Advocates, Inc. shall have no members. The management of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in a board of directors, as defined in the corporation's bylaws.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### **AMENDMENTS**

7.01 Amendments

Any amendment to the Articles of Incorporation may be adopted by approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the board of directors.

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### ADDRESSES OF THE CORPORATION

8.01 Corporate Address

The physical address of the corporation is: 335 Pineda Ct, Suite 101, Melbourne, FL 32940.

The mailing address of the corporation is: 335 Pineda Ct, Suite 101, Melbourne, FL 32940.

#### ARTICLE IX

#### APPOINTMENT OF REGISTERED AGENT

9.01 Registered Agent

The registered agent of the corporation shall be:

Wade Stafford, 335 Pineda Ct, Suite 101, Melbourne, FL 32940.

#### ARTICLE X

#### INCORPORATOR

The incorporator of the corporation is: Wade Stafford, 335 Pineda Ct, Suite 101, Melbourne, FL 32940.

## Acknowledgment of Consent to Appointment as Registered Agent

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.

Registered Agent

Address: 335 Pineda Ct, Suite 101By:

Melbourne, FL 32940

Wade Stafford Date: 6/3/15

### **Acknowledgement of Incorporator**

I, Willie Montague, 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.

Incorporator

By: Wade Stafford

Date: 6/3/15

Address: 335 Pineda Ct, Suite 101

Melbourne, FL 32940