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## COVER LETTER

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

**SUBJECT:** Florida Guardians of Civil Liberties, Incorporated

(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:** Sterling Davenport  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed or typed)

1220 NW 12th Street Apartment 26  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

Gainesville, FL 32601  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State & Zip

904-716-9238  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Telephone number

sterling.w.davenport@gmail.com

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)

**ARTICLE I: NAME**

1.1: The name of the corporation shall be Florida Guardians of Civil Liberties, Incorporated

**ARTICLE II: PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

2.1: The street address of the corporation shall be 1220 NW 12<sup>th</sup> Street Apartment 26  
Gainesville, FL 32601.

**ARTICLE III: PURPOSE**

3.1: Florida Guardians of Civil Liberties, <sup>INCORPORATED</sup> (hereinafter FGCL) is an organization dedicated to promoting the mission of civil rights groups through fundraising and partnerships with other charitable and civic organizations. To promote this purpose FGCL works in Florida to educate citizens about civil rights groups at the local, state, and national levels. Monies will be disbursed annually to organizations selected by the Board, pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

FGCL is 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.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, 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 the Statement of Purpose. The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to education about and promotion of civil rights and liberties in Florida, and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation

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shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

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 distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

#### **ARTICLE IV: MANNER OF ELECTION**

4.1: The procedure for election of directors is laid out in the bylaws of FGCL.

#### **ARTICLE V: INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS**

5.1 (a): Sterling Davenport, Executive Director

1220 NW 12<sup>th</sup> Street Apartment 26, Gainesville, FL 32601

5.1 (b): Erica Rodriguez Merrell, Secretary

22 SE 5th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601

5.1 (c): Mike Hastings, Treasurer

1832 NW 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32605

**ARTICLE VI: REGISTERED AGENT**

6.1: Sterling Davenport

1220 NW 12<sup>th</sup> Street Apartment 26, Gainesville, FL 32601

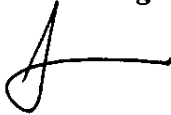
**ARTICLE VII: INCORPORATOR**

7.1: Sterling Davenport

1220 NW 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Apartment 26, Gainesville, FL 32601

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

Sign:



Print:

Sterling Davenport

03/12/2017

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Required Signature of Registered Agent

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

Sign:



Print:

Sterling Davenport

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Required Signature of Incorporator

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