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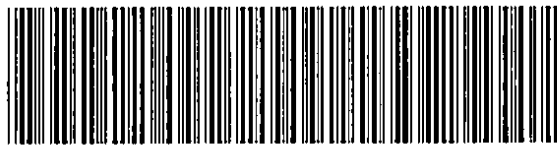
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SUBJECT: Equal Ground Education Fund, Inc.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed are an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for:

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

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

EQUAL GROUND EDUCATION FUND, INC.

The undersigned subscribes to these Articles of Incorporation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit and further states as follows:

ARTICLE I

Name, Principal Place of Business and Mailing Address

The name of the corporation is the Equal Ground Education Fund, Inc. The initial principal place of business is: 2778 South Westmoreland Drive, Orlando, Florida 32805. The mailing address of the corporation is: 424 East Central Boulevard, Unit 650, Orlando, Florida 32801.

ARTICLE II

Duration

The period of the duration of this corporation shall be perpetual unless dissolved in accordance with Florida law. Corporate existence shall commence upon filing with the Secretary of State.

ARTICLE III

Purpose

This corporation is organized exclusively as a charitable, educational and research organization within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities which are not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or the

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corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law or 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. The corporation is established for the following purposes:

1. Encouraging, empowering and engaging the New American majority through promoting equal access to voter education;
2. Providing strategic planning and leadership development for individuals and organizations on addressing issues such as inequality, living wage, healthcare, fair elections, climate and social justice;
3. Engaging in and educating others in petition collection, voter registration and voter turnout and education;
4. Improving the ability individuals and organizations to communicate effectively with the public about their issues through research and training;
5. Recruiting, training and providing ongoing support to volunteers, staff and emerging leaders on social, economic and civil rights issues;
6. Engaging and mobilizing constituencies around issues that result in social change and supporting voter education programs;
7. Engaging in fundraising to finance projects of the Corporation which are consistent with the Corporation's purposes;
8. To conduct such other related activities permitted to be conducted by an organization exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

ARTICLE IV
Restrictions

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons: provided, however, 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, hereof and to pay or reimburse the reasonable expenses of fundraising and carrying out the objectives of the corporation. 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 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.

ARTICLE V
Members

Membership in the corporation shall be established by the Board of Directors as provided in the by-laws of the corporation and may consist of separate categories of membership, each with different rights and responsibilities.

ARTICLE VI

The street address and city of the registered office of the corporation is:

5750 Parkview Lake Drive
Orlando, Florida 32821

The name of the initial registered agent at such address is Jackie Lee.

ARTICLE VII
Board of Directors

The number of persons constituting the Board of Directors of the corporation shall be established in the by-laws, but shall not be less than three (3). The by-laws shall provide the process for the selection of Directors; provided, however, the initial Directors of the corporation shall be:

Glen Gilzean
424 E. Central Boulevard, Unit 650
Orlando, Florida 32801

Jackie Lee
424 E. Central Boulevard, Unit 650
Orlando, Florida 32801

Steve Mele
424 E. Central Boulevard, Unit 650
Orlando, Florida 32801

There shall be no limit on the number of terms a Board member may serve unless provided otherwise in the by-laws. The term of office of Board members shall be stated in the by-laws. The Board of Directors may authorize reimbursement of expenses incurred by Board members in conjunction with the corporation's business or other approved activities directly related to the corporation's purposes.

Nothing herein shall be construed to preclude any Director from serving the corporation in any other capacity and receiving additional compensation therefore.

ARTICLE VIII
Officers

The corporation shall have such officers as may be provided for in the bylaws; provided, however, that the corporation shall have at least the following officers: President, Vice

President, and Treasurer. The manner of selection of officers shall also be provided for in the bylaws; provided, however, that the initial officers of the corporation shall be:

Glen Gilzean, President
424 E. Central Boulevard, Unit 650
Orlando, Florida 32801

Jackie Lee, Vice President
424 E. Central Boulevard, Unit 650
Orlando, Florida 32801

Steve Mele, Treasurer
424 E. Central Boulevard, Unit 650
Orlando, Florida 32801

Any one individual may hold more than one office in the corporation. Duties of officers shall be described in the bylaws.

ARTICLE IX **Indemnification of Officers and Directors**

As provided in the bylaws, officers and directors shall be indemnified by the corporation against all expenses and liabilities, including attorney's fees, (including any incurred in appellate proceedings), reasonably incurred in connection with any proceeding or settlement thereof in which they may become involved by reason of holding such office. The corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of all officers and directors against any such liability asserted against them or incurred by them in their capacity as officers and directors or arising out of their status as such.

ARTICLE X **Non-Stock Basis**

This corporation is organized on a non-stock basis.

ARTICLE XI
Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of this corporation, the residual assets of the corporation will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or corresponding sections of any prior or future United States Internal Revenue law or to the federal, state or local government to be used for exclusively public purposes.

ARTICLE XII
Amendment

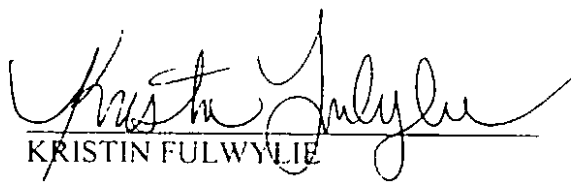
These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by majority vote of the Directors as provided in Section 617.1002(1)(b), Florida Statutes, at a meeting called for such purpose.

ARTICLE XIII
Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator subscribing to these Articles of Incorporation are set forth below:

Kristin Fulwylie
2500 Lee Road Apt. 237
Winter Park, Florida 32789

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, 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 in Section 817.155, Florida Statutes.


KRISTIN FULWYLIE

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Jackie Lee, the Registered Agent named in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, by the execution of this acceptance, does hereby agree to abide by the provisions of Section 617.0503, Florida Statutes, with respect to the duties of such registered agent and agrees to maintain normal business hours at the following address: 5750 Parkview Lake Drive, Orlando, Florida 32821.



JACKIE LEE

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