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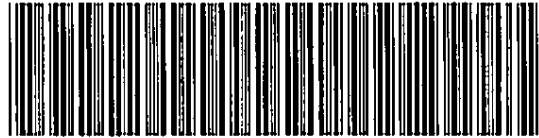
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James G. Harris
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RE: Letter Number 421A00012559
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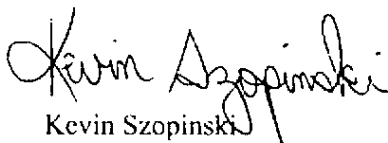
Dear Mr. Harris:

I received your letter of June 8, 2021 asking for written approval from the Republican political party in order to receive approval of our application.

I have enclosed a document from Mr. Joe Gruters, Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida, granting Charter to the West Villages Republican Club.

Please let me know if there are any other questions.

Sincerely,



Kevin Szopinski
Treasurer
West Villages Republican Club

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CHARTER

Granted to
West Villages Republican Club

WHEREAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF FLORIDA HEREBY GRANTS
THIS CHARTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTES AND THE REPUBLICAN
PARTY OF FLORIDA'S RULES OF PROCEDURE TO THE ABOVE LISTED ORGANIZATION
WITH ALL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES ACCORDED WITH THIS CHARTER.

TERM OF MARCH 2021 – MARCH 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joe Gruters", is written over a horizontal line.

Joe Gruters
Chairman

COVER LETTER

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

SUBJECT: West Villages Republican Club, 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

☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee &
Certificate of
Status

☒ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50
Filing Fee,
Certified Copy
& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Kevin Szopinski
Name (Printed or typed)

20299 Granlago Drive
Address

Venice, FL 34293
City, State & Zip

630-277-1367
Daytime Telephone number

sueszo@juno.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

The name of the corporation shall be: West Villages Republican Club, Inc.

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Principal street address:

20299 Granlago Drive Venice, FL 34293

Mailing address, if different is:

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is: To promote education, increase voter registration, encourage party loyalty and uphold the principles of freedom, equality and justice .

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION The manner in which the directors are elected and appointed: Election occur in November of every ODD NUMBERED YEAR. CANDIDATES ARE selected by an appointed nominating committee and/or selected directly from the floor on the day of the election

ARTICLE V INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS

Name and Title: David Samuel, President

Name and Title: Kevin Szopinski, Treasurer

Address 20328 Grazie Place

Address: 20299 Granlago Drive

Venice, FL 34293

Venice, FL 34293

Name and Title: John Coughlin, Jr. Vice President

Name and Title: Jennifer Zambrano, Secretary

Address 20300 Concerto Place

Address: 13333 Caravaggio Ct.,

Venice, FL 34293

Venice, FL 34293

Name and Title: _____

Name and Title: _____

Address _____

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ARTICLE VI REGISTERED AGENT

The **name and Florida street address** (P.O. Box NOT acceptable) of the registered agent is:

Name: Kevin Szopinski

Address: 20299 Granlago Drive

Venice, FL 34293

ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The **name and address** of the Incorporator is:

Name: Kevin Szopinski

Address: 20299 Granlago Drive

Venice FL, 34293

ARTICLE VIII EFFECTIVE DATE:

Effective date, if other than the date of filing: N/A (OPTIONAL)

(If an effective date is listed, the date must be specific and cannot be more than five days prior or 90 days after the filing.)

Note: If the date inserted in this block does not meet the applicable statutory filing requirements, this date will not be listed as the document's effective date on the Department of State's records.

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

Kevin Szopinski
Required Signature of Registered Agent

May 07, 2021
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.

Kevin Szopinski
Required Signature of Incorporator

May 07, 2021
Date

WEST VILLAGES REPUBLICAN CLUB BYLAWS

(February 10, 2012)

Article I Name

Section 1 – Name

The name of this organization shall be the West Villages Republican Club.

Article II Objectives

The object of this organization shall be :

- to promote the election of Republican Candidates.
- to promote an informed public through political education and activity.
- to foster loyalty to the Republican Party and to promote its principles.
- to increase Republican Registration and membership.
- to uphold the principles of freedom, equality and justice on which the Republican Party and the government of this nation are founded, as set forth in the constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Florida.

Article III Membership

Section 1 – Membership

Membership in this organization is open to all registered Republicans. Good standing is defined as any actively registered Republican whose dues have been paid to date.

Section 2 – Dues-the annual dues shall be paid by the first meeting of January of each year at a rate set by a vote of a simple majority of members present. Only members in good standing may vote. Annual dues shall be set at \$20 for a single individual and \$35 for two family members.

Recommendations for dues changes shall come from the Executive Board and shall be approved by a simple majority of members present at a regular meeting.

Article IV Officers

Section 1 – Officers

The officers of the West Villages Republican Club shall be members of the organization in good standing. The officers of the West Villages Republican Club Shall be:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the the general parliamentary authority adopted by the West Villages Republican Club

Section 2 – Nominations

At the regular meeting held in September a Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President. It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate candidates for the offices to be filled at the elections meeting, which shall be held in November of odd numbered years. The Nominating Committee shall report at the meeting prior to the elections meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor prior to the elections in the elections meeting.

Section 3 – Elections

- a. Officers of West Villages Republican Club May be elected by voice vote with unanimous consent of those

present at the time of the election. The term of the office shall begin at the close of the meeting at which they were elected.

b. The term of office of office shall be 2 years or until successors are elected. There is no limit on the number of consecutive terms a member may serve.

c. No member shall hold more than one office at a time.

Section 4 – Removal From Office

An officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting at any regular meeting. Officers who have three consecutive unexcused absences from regular meetings shall be automatically removed from office.

Section 5 – Resignations

Resignations by any officer shall be in writing to the President or Executive Board.

Section 6 – Replacement of Officers

Replacement of officers who have resigned or otherwise been removed from office may be made at the next regular meeting of the organization. Nominations may be made from the floor. Only nominees who agree to serve if elected shall be place on the ballot. A special election for vacancies may be held in within the same meeting as that of nominations.

The Executive Board may, at their discretion, appoint a member in good standing to fill the vacancy of the resigned officer until the election is held.

In the event of the resignation or removal of the President, the Vice President shall act as President until an election is held. If both positions are vacant the Second Vice President shall act as President until the election is held.

Article V

Duties of Officers

Section 1 – President

The duties of President shall be as prescribed in the newest addition of Robert's Rules of Order, and shall include but are not limited to:

- a. Presiding at all meetings of the West Villages Republican Club
- b. Representing the West Villages Republican Club Or designating someone as a representative in his/her absence of inability to do so.
- c. Creating all committees as needed, to be approved by the Executive Board.
Appointing all committee chairpersons, and serving as an ex-officio member of all committees , except the Nominating Committee.
- d. Shall require an annual audit in *even years* or when a new Treasurer is elected.

Section 2 – Vice President

The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence and perform other duties as assigned by the Presiden

Section 3 – Secretary

The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep records of all meetings of the West Villages Republican Club and to be custodian of all records and documents. Send out notice of meetings, conduct the correspondence of West Villages Republican Club. when directed, and to perform such duties as may be assigned.

Section 4 – Treasurer

The duties of Treasurer shall be to receive and be custodian of all funds of the West Villages Republican Club to pay all bills authorized by the West Villages Republican Club, to keep account of all monies received and disbursed and give a full accounting at

each meeting, and to keep record of membership. The Treasurer is responsible for verifying a member's Republican registration upon application and at least annually. The Treasurer shall Chair a special committee appointed by the Executive Board and submit a budget to the membership for approval in February. The Treasurer shall perform other duties as may be assigned.

Article VI Meetings

Section 1- Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held at least 6 times each calendar year.

Section 2 – Quorum/Notification

Those members present shall constitute a quorum. Written notification shall be sent one week prior to the meeting date and must include any substantive issues to be decided at the meeting. An annual schedule shall be provided to the membership at the regular January member meeting.

Article VII Executive Board

Section 1 – Composition

The officers of the West Villages Republican Club Shall constitute the Executive Board. Any persons in good standing as a member of the West Villages Republican Club may attend Executive Board meetings as a non-voting observer.

Section 2 – Duties

The Executive Board shall include but are not limited to have supervising the affairs of the West Villages Republican Club between its regular meetings,. In addition the Executive Board shall determine the hour and place of the West Village Republican Club's meetings, make recommendations to the West Villages Republican Club and other duties as are prescribed in these bylaws.

Section 3 – Meetings

Unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Board, regular meetings of the Executive Board may be held monthly. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President and may be called at the written request of any member of the Executive Board. All special meetings shall require at least 2 business days of advance notice.

Article VIII Dissolution

Upon dissolution all records and monies shall be sent to Republican Party of Florida, 719 Calhoun Street, P.O. Box 311, Tallahassee, FL 32302.

Article IX Parliamentary Procedure

The rules contained in the current edition of Rosenberg's Rules of Order shall govern the West

Villages Republican Club In all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the West Villages Republican Club may adopt.

Article X Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the West Villages Republican Club by a two-thirds majority vote of members present and voting, provided that the proposed amendment(s) have been submitted in writing to all members two weeks prior to the regular meeting.



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Corporations

June 8, 2021

KEVIN SZOPINSKIDRIVE
20299 GRANLAGO DRIVE
VENICE, FL 34293

SUBJECT: WEST VILLAGES REPUBLICAN CLUB, INC.
Ref. Number: W21000083385

We have received your document for WEST VILLAGES REPUBLICAN CLUB, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Written approval and clearance of the name, abbreviation or symbol of any political party filed with the Department of State must be obtained from the respective political party's State Executive Committee's chairperson in accordance with section 103.081, Florida Statutes.

Please return 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.

James G Harris
Regulatory Specialist II

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