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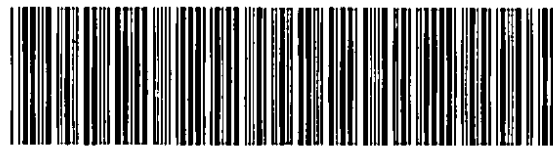
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Department of State
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: YA By the Bay, Inc.
(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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FROM: Dominique Richardson
Name (Printed or typed)
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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
YA BY THE BAY, INC.
A Florida Nonprofit Corporation**

The undersigned, all of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a nonprofit Corporation under the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act, Florida Statutes Chapter 617, do hereby certify:

ARTICLE 1 – Name

The name of the Corporation shall be YA By the Bay, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation").

ARTICLE 2 – Principal Office

The address of the principal office and the mailing address of the Corporation is: 4898 Tivoli Drive, Wesley Chapel, 33543, Pasco County, State of Florida.

ARTICLE 3 – Purpose

The purpose of the Corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act, however, that the corporation shall only engage in acts or activities that are consistent with and in furtherance of its 501(c)(3) tax-exempt purposes, which are described in other provisions of these articles.

The specific purposes for which the Corporation is organized are: to support, educate, and grow the young adult literary community in the greater Tampa Bay area. The means for accomplishing this includes, but is not limited to, hosting an annual young adult book festival open to the general public featuring panels and workshops presented by renowned authors and leaders, and awarding scholarships to teenagers for their creative writing.

The Corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, and literary purposes within the meaning under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE 4 – Manner of Election

Directors shall be elected or appointed as set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

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ARTICLE 5 – Initial Board of Directors

The Corporation shall have three (3) Directors initially. The names and post office addresses of the initial Directors of the Corporation are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Sorboni Banerjee	4414 W San Miguel Street Tampa, FL 33629
Dominique Richardson	4898 Tivoli Drive Wesley Chapel, FL 33543
Kelly Roell	1419 Primwood Lane Lutz, FL 33549

ARTICLE 6 – Registered Agent

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Dominique Richardson	4898 Tivoli Drive Wesley Chapel, FL 33543

ARTICLE 7 – Incorporator

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Dominique Richardson	4898 Tivoli Drive Wesley Chapel, FL 33543

ARTICLE 8 – Effective Date

Effective date of the Corporation will be: January 1, 2022.

ARTICLE 9 – Restrictions on Inurement or Benefits

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, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for

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services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these articles.

ARTICLE 10 – Limitations on Political Activities

No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code), 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.

ARTICLE 11 – Additional Provisions

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under 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 12 – Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

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.

Dominique Richardson
Required Signature of Registered Agent

12/20/21
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.

Dominique Richardson
Required Signature of Incorporator

12/20/21
Date

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