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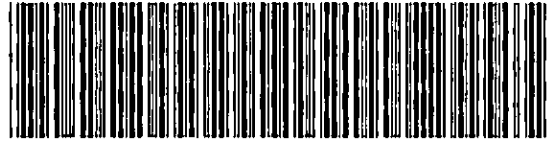
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Division of Corporations
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Re: *Articles of incorporation of The Commons at Trinity Community Development Corporation (a Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation)*

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find a Cover Letter along with the original and (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation of ***The Commons at Trinity Community Development Corporation*** (a Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation), which we would appreciate you filing. Please return a certified copy of this document to us in the self-addressed, prepaid envelope provided for your convenience. Also enclosed is our check in the amount of \$87.50 to cover the fees for this filing, a Certified Copy, and a Certificate.

At your earliest convenience, please acknowledge receipt of this request and confirmation of our filing by correspondence to our office, and please let us know if you require any additional information. Please also feel free to direct any communication regarding this matter to our paralegal, Lisette Reyes-Washington, at lisette@baalegal.com or (214) 570-0700.

Sincerely,



Nancy J. Stewig
Associate Attorney

COVER LETTER

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

SUBJECT: The Commons at Trinity Community Development Corporation (a Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation)
(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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☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee &
Certificate of
Status

☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☒ \$87.50
Filing Fee,
Certified Copy
& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE COMMONS AT TRINITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

A Florida 501(c)(3) Not-For-Profit Corporation

The undersigned incorporator submits the following Articles of Incorporation for The Commons at Trinity Community Development Corporation (the "Corporation") under the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act (the "Act"):

Article 1

Name

The name of the Corporation is The Commons at Trinity Community Development Corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation"). The Corporation shall have the right to operate under any number of appropriately applied for assumed names.

Article 2

Nonprofit Corporation

The Corporation is a nonprofit corporation organized under the Act and shall have all of the lawful powers, duties, authorizations, and responsibilities as provided therein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Corporation shall neither have nor exercise any power, nor engage directly or indirectly in any activity that would invalidate its status as an organization exempt from federal income tax and described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws (hereinafter, the "Internal Revenue Code").

Article 3

Principal Place of Business and Mailing Address

The principal place of business and mailing address of the Corporation is 1540 Little Road, Trinity, Florida 34655.

Article 4

Registered Agent

The name and Florida street address of the initial registered agent of the Corporation is Asiatico Law, LLC, whose location and municipal address is 3030 North Rocky Point Drive, Suite 650, Tampa, Florida 33607. The Board of Directors may change the registered agent at its discretion.

Article 5

Nonprofit Purposes

Section 5.01. The Corporation is a nonprofit corporation organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, scientific, literary, fostering national or international amateur sports

competition, and preventing cruelty to children or animals purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Corporation's purposes also include the limited participation of the Corporation in any other activities, including taxable activities, but only to the extent the activities would be permitted by a tax-exempt organization. More particularly, the purposes of this Corporation are:

- (a) To engage solely in activities that support or benefit the Corporation's Supported Organizations, identified below, in furtherance of the purposes contained herein and in their respective articles of incorporation.
- (b) To support and benefit the Supported Organizations by owning, acquiring, developing, financing, operating, leasing, and managing commercial and residential facilities in the Trinity, Florida area to support community-based programs, sports activities, youth education, mental and spiritual counseling, and other organizations in promoting, teaching, and generally developing and building a strong, vibrant, and resilient community.
- (c) To support and benefit the Supported Organizations by engaging in, funding, carrying on, conducting, and taking part in programs, projects, and services designed to connect people in the Trinity, Florida area for a common purpose or purposes to develop and build a strong, vibrant, and resilient community.
- (d) To support and benefit the Supported Organizations by writing or assisting with writing grant applications for nonprofits and viable projects in support of education, youth development, health, human services programs, and the other tax-exempt activities of the Supported Organizations.
- (e) To engage in, fund, carry on, conduct, or take part in any other activities necessary or appropriate to promote or assist with promoting the purposes set forth herein.
- (f) To collect and disburse any and all necessary funds for the maintenance of this Corporation and the accomplishment of its purposes within the State of Florida and elsewhere.
- (g) To make distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (h) To promote, encourage, and foster any other similar charitable, educational, religious, and scientific activities; to accept, hold, invest, reinvest, administer, and maintain any gifts, legacies, bequests, devises, funds, and property of any sort or nature, and to use, expend, or donate the income or principal thereof for, and to devote the same to, the foregoing purposes of the Corporation; and to do any and all lawful acts and things which may be necessary, useful, suitable, or proper for the furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation.

- (i) To exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon nonprofit corporations and by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to acquire by donation, contribution, bequest, devise, gift, purchase, lease, or otherwise any property of any sort or nature, without limitation, as to its amount or value, and to hold, reinvest, manage, use, apply, employ, sell, expend, disburse, lease, mortgage, convey, option, donate, or otherwise dispose of such property and the income, principal, and proceeds of such property for any of the purposes set forth herein without the necessity of authorization or approval of any individual or entity whatsoever save and except as provided in the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Corporation.
- (j) To do such other things as are incidental to the purposes of the Corporation or are necessary or desirable in order to accomplish them.

Section 5.02. The Corporation shall be operated exclusively for purposes that are described in Section 509(a)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code, namely, to benefit, perform the functions of, or carry out the purposes of one or more organizations described in Sections 509(a)(1) and 509(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code ("Supported Organizations"). The organizations that are Supported Organizations may vary from time to time as new Supported Organizations are substituted for other Supported Organizations, as new Supported Organizations come into existence and begin to function, and as Supported Organizations cease to function. The Corporation may vary the amount of support that it provides from time to time to any Supported Organization.

Section 5.03. Subject to the foregoing paragraph, the initial Supported Organizations shall consist of:

- (a) Generations Christian Church at Trinity, Inc., a Florida 501(c)(3) not for profit religious corporation and church.
- (b) GCC AEA, Inc., a Florida 501(c)(3) not for profit corporation and integrated auxiliary of Generations Christian Church at Trinity, Inc.
- (c) Trinity Counseling Center, Inc., a Florida 501(c)(3) not for profit corporation and integrated auxiliary of Generations Christian Church at Trinity, Inc.
- (d) Generations Christian Academy at The Commons, Inc., a Florida 501(c)(3) not for profit corporation and integrated auxiliary of Generations Christian Church at Trinity, Inc.
- (e) G Sports at The Commons, Inc., a Florida 501(c)(3) not for profit corporation and integrated auxiliary of Generations Christian Church at Trinity, Inc.

- (f) Any other organization wholly owned by a Supported Organization whose activities are in furtherance of the exempt purposes of the Corporation.

Article 6
Board of Directors

Plenary power to operate, supervise, control, manage, and govern the affairs of the Corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The qualifications, duties, terms, manner of election or appointment, and other matters relating to the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be provided in the Bylaws. The Board of Directors may vest management responsibility for selected matters in committees, officers, offices, and employees of the Corporation, as deemed appropriate from time to time.

The number of members on the Board of Directors shall not be less than three (3). The number of members on the Board of Directors may be increased or decreased, by amending these Articles of Incorporation, or by amending the Bylaws, provided that the number shall not be less than three (3). The Supported Organizations shall have the authority to appoint or remove the majority of the Corporation's Directors.

The names and addresses of the initial Directors are:

Tom Kehoe, 1540 Little Road, Trinity, FL 34655

Scott Hitchcock, 1540 Little Road, Trinity, FL 34655

Chuck Innocenzi, 1540 Little Road, Trinity, FL 34655

Michael Ratliff, 1540 Little Road, Trinity, FL 34655

Johnny Scott, 1540 Little Road, Trinity, FL 34655

John Young, 1540 Little Road, Trinity, FL 34655

Rob Chambers, 1540 Little Road, Trinity, FL 34655

Todd Walker, 1540 Little Road, Trinity, FL 34655

Article 7
Members

The Corporation shall not have members.

Article 8
Powers

Except as otherwise provided in these Articles of Incorporation, and in order to carry out the above-stated purposes, the Corporation shall have all of the powers provided in the Act, as it

now exists or as it may hereafter be amended. Moreover, the Corporation shall have all implied powers necessary and proper to carry out its express powers.

Article 9

Restrictions, Requirements, and Limitations

The powers of the Corporation to promote the purposes set out above are limited and restricted in the following manner:

The Corporation shall not pay dividends or other corporate income to its members of the Board of Directors or officers or otherwise accrue distributable profits or permit the realization of private gain, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to make payments and distributions (including reasonable compensation for services rendered to or for the Corporation) in furtherance of its purposes as set forth in these Articles of Incorporation. The Corporation shall have no power to take any action prohibited by the Act. The Corporation shall not have the power to engage in any activities, except to an insubstantial degree, that are not in furtherance of the purposes set forth above. The Corporation shall have no power to take any action that would be inconsistent with the requirements for a tax exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and related regulations, rulings, and procedures. The Corporation shall have no power to take any action that would be inconsistent with the requirements for the purposes that are described in Sections 509(a)(3)(A) or 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and related regulations, rulings, and procedures. Regardless of any other provision in these Articles of Incorporation or state law, the Corporation shall have no power to:

- (a) Engage in activities or use its assets in manners that are not in furtherance of one or more exempt purposes, as set forth above and defined by the Internal Revenue Code and related regulations, rulings, and procedures, except to an insubstantial degree.
- (b) Serve a private interest other than one that is clearly incidental to an overriding public interest.
- (c) Devote more than an insubstantial part of its activities to attempting to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise, except as provided by the Internal Revenue Code and related regulations, rulings, and procedures.
- (d) Participate in or intervene in any political campaign or on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. The prohibited activities include the publishing or distributing of statements and any other direct or indirect campaign activities.
- (e) Have objectives that characterize it as an "action organization" as defined by the Internal Revenue Code and related regulations, rulings, and procedures.
- (f) Distribute its assets on dissolution other than for one or more exempt purposes.

- (g) Permit any part of the net earnings of the Corporation to inure to the benefit of any member of the Corporation or any private individual.
- (h) Carry on an unrelated trade or business except as a secondary purpose related to the Corporation's primary exempt purposes.
- (i) Accept any gift or grant if the gift or grant contains major conditions that would restrict or violate any of the Corporation's charitable purposes or if the gift or grant would require serving a private as opposed to a public interest.

In the event the Corporation is in any one year a "private foundation" as defined by Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, it shall be required to distribute its income for such taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to subject the foundation to taxation under Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code; and further shall be prohibited from: (i) any act of "self-dealing" as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code; (ii) retaining any "excess business holdings" as defined by Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code; (iii) making any investments in such manner as to subject the foundation to taxation under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code; or (iv) making a taxable expenditure as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article 10 **Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Corporation shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, distribute all of the assets of the Corporation to any one of the Supported Organizations or, if there are no Supported Organizations in existence at the time of dissolution, to any organization designated by the Board of Directors of the Corporation that is exempt from taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and within the meaning of any applicable Florida tax code, or to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for tax-exempt purposes. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of appropriate jurisdiction in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Article 11 **Amendment**

These Articles of Incorporation may not be amended in any way without the approval of a two-third (2/3) majority of a quorum of the Board of Directors at any regular or annual meeting or a special meeting called for such purpose.

Article 12
Incorporator

The name and address of the Incorporator is Katari Buck, whose address is 3030 North Rocky Point Drive, Suite 650, Tampa, Florida 33607-5906.

Article 13
Effectiveness of Filing

This document becomes effective when the document is filed by the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations.

Registered Agent Signature

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, on behalf of Asiatico Law, LLC, accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.



Katari Buck, Principal

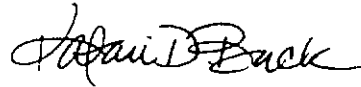
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Date

Certification

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 Section 817.155, Florida Statutes.

Signed this 10th day of February, 2022.



Katari Buck, Incorporator

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