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

SUBJECT: BeYond the Vote, Inc. EIN# 93-3110892

# (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: Stephanie Russell

3974 NW 167th St

Miami Gardens, FL 33055

# **Articles of Incorporation**

# BeYond the Vote, Inc.

Florida Not for Profit Corporation

The undersigned hereby adopts the following articles of incorporation in Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit).

### **Article 1 Name**

The name of this corporation shall be BEYOND THE VOTE, INC.

# **Article 2 Principal Office**

The principal street address is:

3974 NW 27<sup>th</sup> Ave Miami Gardens, FL 33055

And mailing address is

3974 NW 27<sup>th</sup> Ave Miami Gardens, FL 33055

# Article 3 Purpose

The specific purpose for which the corporation is initially organized is. BeYond the Vote is a grassroots nonpartisan organization that believes in building and bridging barriers within divers cultures and communities. Defending democracy is a focal point, to ensure that every voter have safe and secure voting options. We believe in dismantling systems that prohibits freedom to vote we believe and empowerment, engagement and education which are necessary, suitable or convenient for the accomplishment of that purpose, or which are incidental thereto or connected therewith which are consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

# **Article 4 Manner Of Appointing Directors**

Directors shall be appointed in the manner set forth in the byławs. Directors may be removed, and the vacancies shall be filled in the manner provided by the bylaws.

### **Article 5 Initial Directors**

The directors named in these articles shall serve as initial directors for the ensuing year, or until the first meeting of the corporation, and any vacancies before then shall be filled in the manner set forth in the bylaws.

### **Executive Director**

Stephanie Russell 3974 NW 167<sup>th</sup> St Miami Gardens, FL 33055

### **Secretary**

Veronica Lockhart 3601 NW 169th Terr, Miami Gardens, FL 33055

### **Treasure**

Patricia Hauser 5805 Breckenridge Parkway Suit B Tampa, FL 33610

### Director

Gregory Thompson 12145 NW 27th Ave Opa-Locka, FL 33167

### Director

Darryl Thomas 2420 NW 132<sup>nd</sup> ST Miami, FL 33167

### Director

Jeffrey Brown 250 181 ST, Dr. #105 Sunny Isles Beach, FL 33054

### Director

Joy Jackson 13700 NW 19<sup>th</sup> Ave Opa-Locka, FL 33054

# Article 6 Initial Registered Office And Agent

The name and street address of the Initial Registered Agent of the corporation is as follows:

Stephanie Russell

3974 NW 27<sup>th</sup> Ave Miami Gardens, FL 33055

# **Article 7 Incorporator**

The name and address of the Incorporator is

Stephanie Russell

3974 NW 27<sup>th</sup> Ave Miami Gardens, FL 33055

### Article 8 Members

This corporation shall not have members.

### Article 9 Term And Dissolution

The date of commencement of corporate existence shall be when these articles have been filed with the Department of State and approved by it and the respective filing fee has been paid; the term for which the corporation is to exist shall be perpetual.

In the event of 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 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. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

# **Article 10 Non Profit Organization**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall ever 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 services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in article 3. 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 any candidate for public office.

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 of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law or: (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue laws.

## **Article 11 Bylaws**

The first bylaws of the corporation shall be adopted by the board of directors and may be amended, altered or rescinded by the board of directors in the manner provided by such bylaws.

# **Article 12 Amendments To Articles Of Incorporation**

These articles of incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by statute or in the following manner:

Every amendment shall be approved by the board of directors.

I, **THE UNDERSIGNED INCORPORATOR**, for the purposes of becoming a corporation not for profit under the provisions of the laws of Florida, do make and affix my signature to acknowledge and file in the office of the Secretary of State these articles of incorporation.

Stephanie Russell	8/28/2023
Stephanie Russell	Date

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.

Stephanie Russell	<u>8/</u> 28/2023
Stephanie Russell	Date