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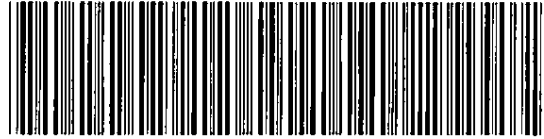
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Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
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SUBJECT: Miami Residents Say Yes for Watson Island, Inc.

(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: Jennifer S. Blohm, Esquire

Name (Printed or typed)

Post Office Box 1547

Address

Tallahassee, Florida 32302

City, State & Zip

(850) 878-5212

Daytime Telephone number

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
OF
MIAMI RESIDENTS SAY YES FOR WATSON ISLAND, INC.

The undersigned, acting as the incorporator of this Corporation not for profit pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopts the following articles of incorporation and states as follows:

ARTICLE I

Name, Principal Place of Business and Mailing Address

The name of the corporation is Miami Residents say YES for Watson Island, Inc. The mailing address and initial principal place of business is: 2600 South Douglas Road, Suite 900, Coral Gables, Florida 33134.

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

Purposes

The purposes for which this corporation is created and maintained shall be for the promotion of social welfare. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles or the corporation's by-laws, the corporation shall not take any action not permitted by the laws which then apply to the corporation or engage in any activity that would disqualify the corporation from being exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code (the "Code").

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The corporation shall have the following specific purposes and powers:

1. To educate and advocate to ensure sound public policy with regard to Watson Island for the residents of the City of Miami;
2. To provide voter engagement, grassroots organizing and legislative advocacy to educate and engage the community in its purposes;
3. To conduct research designed to better improve communications with the public;
4. To gather, analyze and disseminate data and public opinion research needed to assist in reaching the goals of the corporation as stated above;
5. To serve as a core organization to bring together citizens and representatives of other organizations which have the common goals stated above;
6. To conduct fundraising activities for the production of revenues adequate to carry out the purposes of the corporation and to pay consultants, accountants and attorneys for rendering services to the corporation;
7. To serve as a ballot initiative political committee to support issues related to Watson Island;
8. To exercise powers permitted by Florida law for a corporation not for profit;
9. To conduct such other related activities permitted to be conducted by an organization exempt from taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(4) of the Code.

ARTICLE IV **Restrictions**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, directors, officers, employees or other individuals, partnerships, estates, trusts or corporations having a personal or private interest in the corporation; 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.

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. The Board of Directors shall be the initial members.

ARTICLE VI

Registered Office and Agent

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

2600 South Douglas Road, Suite 900
Coral Gables, Florida 33134

The name of the initial registered agent at such address is Jose A. Riesco, CPA.

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 appointed by the incorporator.

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.

The Board of Directors may establish committees as may from time to time be determined necessary and appoint the membership on such committees.

ARTICLE VIII **Officers**

The corporation may have Officers as provided in the by-laws. The manner of selection of Officers also shall be provided for in the by-laws; provided, however, the initial officers, if any, shall be appointed by the incorporator.

ARTICLE IX **Indemnification of Officers and Directors**

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 as provided in the by-laws. 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, its assets shall be disposed of exclusively for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of sections 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Code; distributed to one or more organizations that are organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational and/or social welfare purposes and, at the time, qualify as exempt organizations under sections 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Code; or to the Federal government or to a state or local government to be used for exclusively public purposes.

ARTICLE XII
Amendments

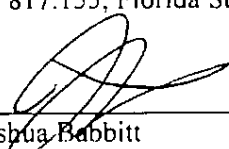
These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by majority vote of the Directors as provided in Section 617.1002(1)(b), Florida Statutes, at a meeting called for such purpose.

ARTICLE XIII
Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator of this corporation are as follows:

Joshua Babbitt
819 Northeast 2nd Avenue, Suite 500
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304


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.



Joshua Babbitt
Incorporator

Date: 10/10/2023

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.



JOSE A. RIESCO, CPA
Registered Agent

Date: 10/12/2023