

# THE UNITED PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE 8.5 SQUARE MILE AREA, INC.

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Re: Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation Filing

ID No. 58-07090

Gentlemen:

Attached is Check No. 1317 in the amount of \$43.75 covering filing fees for articles of amendment and certification of copies as per attachment.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please call me at 305-232-4042.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Alice Pena President 02 MAY 20 PM 2: 14
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SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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(Document Number of Corporation (If known)
Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, the undersigned Florida nonprofit corporation adopts the following articles of amendment to its articles of incorporation.
FIRST: Amendment(s) adopted: (INDICATE ARTICLE NUMBER (S) BEING AMENDED, ADDED OR DELETED.)
Amendment added as per a Hachments.
SECOND: The date of adoption of the amendment(s) was: Quaust 31,200 1 THIRD: Adoption of Amendment (CHECK ONE)
The amendment(s) was(were) adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment was sufficient for approval.
There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment. The amendment(s) was(were) adopted by the board of directors.
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Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, President or other officer
Alice Pena

Typed or printed name

President Title

## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE 8.5 SQUARE MILE AREA, INC.

All of the directors of The United Property Owners of the 8.5 Square Mile Area, Inc., having consented to the time and place of the special meeting of the directors, the meeting was held on Friday, August 31, 2001, 8:00 pm at 20151 SW 136 Street, Miami, FL 33187.

The Chairman stated that due to many needs in the community, the purpose of the meeting was to apply for a 501©(3) status and to include a broader mission and principles statements to the articles of incorporation of the association as well as a proposed plan of action. The 501©(3) guidelines and statements, having been signed by all of the directors, was read aloud by the chairman and was ordered to be made a part of the minutes.

Upon motion, seconded, and carried it was RESOLVED THAT THE President of the association is authorized to apply for 501©(3) status and execute such documents as is necessary to qualify the association.

No further business having come to the meeting, the Chairman called for adjournment, seconded and carried.

DATED: August 31, 2001

CHAIRMAN

DIRECTOR

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Mission Statement Statement of Principles Action Plan Proposal Inclusion of required language as per 501©(3) guidelines

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The United Property Owners of the 8.5 Square Mile Area, Inc.'s goal is to preserve the unique quality of life that exists in our community. Preserving the delicate balance between our environment, urban areas and agriculture is a critical task. We want to cultivate the important farming community and nursery businesses that are vital to us and the American Hispanic population which makes up the majority of its residents, as well as our neighboring communities.

#### STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

The United Property Owners of the 8.5 Square Mile Area, Inc., is an Association organized on the principle that we need to develop educational opportunities on a local level and promote leadership qualities for our youth, especially among American Hispanics. We have a special responsibility to lead the process of building the capital most crucial to the progress of American Hispanics – human capital. The Association believes that developing strategies to enhance human capital must include many approaches, but one which American Hispanic business persons are uniquely capable of leading is supporting our community through coordinated philanthropy.

#### **ENHANCING OUR HUMAN CAPITAL**

The United Property Owners of the 8.5 Square Mile Area, Inc. values American Hispanic contributions, whether monetary or otherwise, for the betterment of our communities and society as a whole. The Association recognizes the equal importance of financial contributions and volunteered time, effort, and enthusiasm. Strategic philanthropy will be used to ensure that contributions meet the Association's goals.

#### PROPOSED ACTIONS TO ADVANCE THE ASSOCIATION'S PRINCIPLES

1. Forging A Strategy Of Investment In Education. The United Property Owners of the 8.5 Square Mile Area, Inc. will identify the education priorities that the united support of American Hispanic business leaders can advance most effectively. Business leaders will bring financial resources to bear in ways that enhance Hispanic educational access, including contributions to scholarship funds, school and university programs and supporting the work of professional chairs in selected departments at key universities.

The United Property Owners of the 8.5 Square Mile Area, Inc. will institute a Scholarship Program, in partnership with National Scholarship Fund to support the education of American Hispanic students. The Scholar Program will be established to incorporate these young leaders into the network of higher learning and to continue to nurture the scholar's development and participation in community service.

Investing In Our Own Destiny. The United Property Owners of the 8.5 Square Mile
Area, Inc. will make strategic contributions in targeted priorities for Hispanic progress.
Combined with coordinated philanthropic commitments, these contributions will
demonstrate our community's determination to chart its destiny and establish a standard
of commitment to giving for our own priorities.

#### STRATEGIC PLAN

#### Formulate a "Mission Statement"

This is a declaration of what the association is today and what it is attempting to become.

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#### II. Define "goals and objectives"

Goals are timeless unbounded statements that describe the conditions or attribute to be attained. Objectives describe what will have to happen to achieve the goal; they indicate success in observable terms and show direction – increase, decrease, expand, reduce...

#### III. Perform an "environmental scan"

An attempt to detect and evaluate positive and negative forces outside or within our association which could significantly impact our plan. Specific forces or influences identified by the planning team include:

#### **Positive Forces**

- a. There is growing media attention being given to the growing "American Hispanic majority"
- b. The "American Hispanic explosion" will continue
- c. Perception that "Hispanic culture/heritage are here to stay"
- d. "Hispanic nose is under the tent"
- e. The Hispanic middle class is growing
- f. Hispanics are regenerating and reinvigorating the "American dream"
- g. There is current and increasing Hispanic regional economic plurality
- h. There are regional power shifts to the American Hispanic community
- i. The American Hispanic community is youthful
- j. Hispanic strengths are being reinforced
- k. Opportunities exist for obviating unique American Hispanic qualities (i.e., family, community, etc.)
- Globalization

#### **Negative Forces**

- a. Work force recruitment will become an increasing problem (perceived as a negative, can be a positive factor in terms of opening opportunities for American Hispanics)
- b. Political disaffiliation is growing
- c. Economic polarization and concentration is increasing
- d. Perception that "Hispanics are a challenge to America"
- e. Hostility towards Hispanics continue

#### **Potential Forces**

- a. We must become more aware and remain informed regarding other organizations and their ever-changing activities and experiences, especially Hispanic organizations
- b. We must become aware of and remain informed of strategic partnership opportunities
- c. We must forge partnerships with those agencies working to support our community and to preserve the delicate balance between our environment, urban areas and agriculture

#### PHILANTHROPY

#### Goals

Promote participation of American Hispanics as philanthropic contributors, through financial investments and volunteered time, for the benefit of the American Hispanic community and our country, thus demonstrating our community's determination to chart its destiny and establish a standard of commitment to giving for our own priorities.

#### **Objectives**

- Promote the evolution of American Hispanics into a community of philanthropists that engages in charitable giving which makes a difference in the American Hispanic community.
- 2. Identify and recognize American Hispanics who have made outstanding philanthropic contributions benefiting the American Hispanic community.
- Sponsor information dissemination that educate members and the American Hispanic community on the tax advantages of giving and estate planning that includes charitable contributions.
- 4. Develop a thoughtful process that identifies arenas of activity or possible interventions that can make a significant difference in the lives of American Hispanics.
- Establish a process and preference for leveraging our resources.

#### Strategies

- 1. Establish annual fundraising events to support programs and initiatives identified by the Association that would serve as an opportunity to do massive solicitation of contributions from American Hispanic entrepreneurs, corporations and foundations.
- 2. Establish a series of awards to recognize American Hispanic philanthropists at the annual fundraising events.
- 3. Include dissemination of information and presentations in the annual fundraising events.
- 4. Explore partnerships with other philanthropic organizations.

#### **HUMAN CAPITAL**

#### Goals

Nurture an education ethic at every stage of the educational progression, from early childhood education to graduate school and adult education.

#### **Objectives**

Increase financial contributions from American Hispanic business leaders to enhance American Hispanic educational access, including investments in scholarships and school and university programs.

#### **Strategies**

- Continue fundraising to increase contributions to the Association's scholarship funds to be established in partnership with the National Scholarship Fund offering members and other potential contributors options for planned giving.
- 2. Initiate investment in "charter schools" and/or "adopt a school" programs for our American Hispanic community by leveraging current activities by Association members and partnering with American Hispanic organizations.

#### Additional inclusions:

- A. The purposes for which this organization is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational within the meaning of section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.
- B. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income tax under 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.
- C. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal, state, or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes.