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Re: Articles of Incorporation  
Home Ownership Resource Center of Lee County, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation of Home Ownership Resource Center of Lee County, a Not for Profit Corporation, along with a check in the amount of \$78.75 to cover filing fee and certified copy cost. Upon filing, please return the copy (certified) to me in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope which I have provided.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

HUMPHREY & KNOTT, P.A.

*Teresa A. Hanson*

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

HOME OWNERSHIP RESOURCE CENTER OF LEE COUNTY, INC.  
(A Corporation Not for Profit)

We, the undersigned, are desirous of forming a corporation under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, and agree to the following:

### ARTICLE I

#### Name

The name of this corporation is The Home Ownership Resource Center of Lee County, Inc.

### ARTICLE II

#### Address

The initial location of this corporation shall be at 3406 Palm Beach Boulevard, Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida.

### ARTICLE III

#### Purposes

Section 1. The corporation is organized exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of Section 170(c)(2), and 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding provision of any future tax code ("the Code"), including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3).

Section 2. In particular, the corporation's purpose shall be to provide information and assistance to existing and prospective homeowner's regarding the rehabilitation, repair, and renovation of existing homes, as well as the potential purchase of new or existing homes. Such information and assistance can include, but not be limited to, best rehabilitation options, appropriate non-profit and/or for profit housing providers, and financing options. In the course of such activity, the corporation will seek to identify and pursue actions which can help to stabilize and rehabilitate entire neighborhoods.

Section 3. To carry out this purpose, the Corporation will maintain a permanent office and employ the necessary and appropriate staff.

Section 4. Notwithstanding any other provisions herein, the corporation is authorized to carry out any activities and exercise all authority not prohibited by these Articles or applicable law.

ARTICLE IV  
Membership

There shall be no members of the corporation initially but the directors may provide for membership classification and qualifications pursuant to the Bylaws of the corporation.

ARTICLE V  
Term of Existence

This corporation is to exist perpetually.

ARTICLE VI  
Subscribers

The names and residences of the subscribers to these Articles are:

Michael E. Roeder      1625 Hendry Street      -33901

ARTICLE VII  
Officers

The officers of the corporation and their duties shall be as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII  
Board of Directors

Section 1.      The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. This corporation shall have six (6) directors initially. The number of directors may be changed from time to time, pursuant to the Bylaws, but shall never be less than three.

Section 2.      Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected and hold office in accordance with the Bylaws.

Section 3.      The names of the persons who are to serve as initial directors are:

Toby Beazell	Jack Bright
Ahmad Kareh	Doug Vaught
Michael E. Roeder	Robert Williams, Jr.

## ARTICLE IX

### Bylaws

Section 1. The Board of Directors of this corporation may provide such Bylaws for the conduct of its business and the carrying out of its purposes as they deem necessary from time to time.

Section 2. Upon proper notice, the Bylaws may be amended, altered or rescinded by a majority vote of those members of the Board of Directors present at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose.

## ARTICLE X

### Amendments to Articles

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors or as otherwise provided by law.

## ARTICLE XI

### No Private Inurements; Restrictions on Activities

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 these Articles. 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 or in opposition to 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 Code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

## ARTICLE XII

### Distribution Upon Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a 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 corporation 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. If qualified pursuant to this Article, The Home Ownership Resource Center of Lee County, Inc. shall receive the distributions of the corporation upon dissolution.

ARTICLE XIII  
Registered Office

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 3406 Palm Beach Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida 33916, and the name of the registered agent of this corporation at that address is Michael E. Roeder

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned subscribing incorporators, have hereunder set our hands and seals this 24th day of June, 1999, for the purpose of forming this corporation not for profit under laws of the State of Florida.

  
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Michael E. Roeder

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