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From: Duval County Citizens Organized for Environmental Justice  
1967 Leonard Court South  
Jacksonville, FL 32209

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Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
Post Office Box 6327  
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

RE: Duval County Citizens Organized for Environmental Justice, Inc.

Dear Ms. Harris:

Enclosed please find an original and a copy of the Articles of Incorporation for Duval County Citizens Organized for Environmental Justice, Inc. to become a not-for-profit corporation and a check for \$122.50 to cover the following filing fee:

Filing fee:	\$35.00
Certified copy of charter	52.50
Designation of Registered Agent	35.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$122.50</b>

Please forward a certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation after filing. If you have any questions, please call me at (904) 274-7484. Thank you for your help.  
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Very truly yours,

*Sheila Andrews*  
Sheila Andrews

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
Duval County Citizens Organized for Environmental Justice  
A Florida "Not for Profit" Corporation**

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In compliance with the laws of the State of Florida, the undersigned do hereby voluntarily associate for the purpose of forming a corporation not-for-profit for the purposes and with powers set forth herein.

**ARTICLE I - NAME AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The name of the corporation is Duval County Citizens Organized for Environmental Justice (hereinafter DCCOEJ). The principal office of the corporation shall be located at 1967 Leonard Court S, Jacksonville FL 32209 but the Corporation may maintain offices and transact business in such places, within or without the State of Florida, as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors. The principal office shall also be the mailing and registered office address.

**ARTICLE II - TERM OF EXISTENCE**

The period of duration is perpetual. The corporation is organized pursuant to the Not for Profit Corporation laws of the State of Florida. The date on which corporate existence shall begin is the date on which these Articles of Incorporation are filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE III - PURPOSE**

The purposes of this corporation shall be either independently or in cooperation with the government or other bodies:

- A. To provide public input into the environmental and land use decision-making process, and therefore ease the government's burden by interpreting various laws and regulations for public interest groups.
- B. To promote the health and social welfare of the community by mandating compliance by commercial and industrial interests and government with environmental and land use laws.
- C. To provide these services for the public without accepting fees, except in accordance with procedures approved by the Internal Revenue Service.
- D. To research environmental and land use issues, and make public the findings.

E. To undertake any other projects or lawful activities consistent with Section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code which may be necessary, useful, or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attaining of the foregoing purposes, either directly or indirectly, and either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, whether such others be persons or organizations of any kind or nature, such as corporations, firms, association, trusts, institution, foundations, or governmental bureaus, departments or agencies.

F. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal and state 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. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

#### **ARTICLE IV - SPECIFIC POWERS**

In furtherance of all the foregoing purposes and without in any way limiting the same, DCCOEJ shall have all powers that the Florida Corporation Not for Profit Law may grant now or hereafter as amended, to such corporations generally under the laws of the State of Florida and shall also have the following powers :

1. To have and to exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a corporation organized under the law of the State of Florida may now or hereafter have or exercise.
2. To do all things necessary or desirable to accomplish the purposes of the Corporation as the Directors of the Corporation may from time to time deem appropriate which are consistent with powers conferred upon a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the state of Florida and the Internal Revenue Code.
3. To purchase, take, receive, lease, take by gift, devise or bequest, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use or otherwise deal in and with real or personal property or any interest therein, wherever situated.
4. To conduct programs, meetings, events and activities.

5. To raise funds; request and receive grants, gifts and bequests of money and property; acquire receive hold invest and administer in its own name, securities, funds, objects of value, or other property real or personal and make expenditures to or for the direct or indirect benefit of the DCCOEJ.
6. To hold, either absolutely or in trust for any of said purposes, funds and property of all kinds subject only to any limitations or conditions imposed by law or the instrument under which said property is received; to sell; lease, convey or otherwise dispose of any such property and to invest and reinvest the same or any proceeds and to deal with and expend the principal and income for any of said purposes; to act as trustee.
7. To make gifts and other donations of services or property to other organizations and institutions, including municipal corporations or other political subdivisions or agencies or departments of the State of Florida.
8. To enter into, make and perform contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose, and to employ any one or more banks, trust companies, or other agents and delegate to them the custody, management and investment of its funds and such other functions of DCCOEJ on such terms, including compensation, as the Board of Directors of DCCOEJ deems proper and advisable.
9. To join, through any legal arrangements, with any one or more persons, partnerships, corporations, governmental units or agencies, or any other bodies to carry out any of the purposes and objectives of DCCOEJ.

#### **ARTICLE V - NO DISTRIBUTION OF GAIN**

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. The Corporation is not organized nor shall it be operated for the primary purpose of generating pecuniary gain or profit. The Corporation shall not distribute any gains, profits or dividends to the Directors, Officers, or Members thereof, or to any individual, except as reasonable compensation for services actually performed in carrying out the Corporation's charitable and educational purposes. The property, assets, profits and net income of the Corporation are irrevocably dedicated to charitable and educational purposes no part of which shall inure to the benefit of any individual.

#### **ARTICLE VI - REGISTERED AGENT**

The name and address of the initial registered agent and office of the Corporation is:

Carol Wyche at 1850 West 33rd Street, Jacksonville FL 32209

## **ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The number of Directors of the Corporation shall be not less than three (3); provided however that the Board of Directors may, from to time, increase or decrease the number of Directors, so long as the number of directors does not exceed thirty (30). The method of election of the Board of Directors shall be in stated in the Bylaws. The names of addresses of the initial Board of Directors are:

Sheila Andrews 1967 Leonard Court South Jacksonville FL 32209  
Eunice Barnum, 9121 Spottswood Road, Jacksonville FL 32208  
Kimberly Dorsey 5375 Dodge Road, Jacksonville FL 32209  
Mack Freeman, 5765 Marigold Road, Jacksonville FL 32209  
Lillie Mack, 4330 Bessie Circle West, Jacksonville FL 32209  
Herbert Mack, same as above  
Asheen Muhammad (a.k.a. Beverly Griffin) 113 East 45th Street Jacksonville FL 32208  
Armona Murray, 1337 West 33rd Street, Jacksonville FL 32209  
Laurence Tunsill, 1947 West 30th Street, Jacksonville FL 32209  
Nellie Tunsill, 1947 W. 30th St, Jacksonville FL 32209  
Nora Williams, 1720 Nash Road, Jacksonville FL 32209  
Carol Wyche 1850 West 33rd Street, Jacksonville FL 32209

## **ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS**

Subject to the direction of the Board of Directors, the officers shall administer the affairs of this corporation as designated in the Bylaws. Other officers may be authorized and elected pursuant to the Corporation Bylaws. The names of the officers who shall serve until the first annual meeting of the Board of Directors are:

Chairperson - Sheila Andrews  
Vice chair - Nellie Tunsill  
Secretary: Corresponding - Eunice Barnum  
Recording - Nora Williams  
Press - Laurence Tunsill  
Treasurer - Asheen Muhammad

## **ARTICLE IX - BYLAWS**

The first Board of Directors shall adopt the Bylaws, which the Board or the membership may alter, amend, modify or appeal in the manner set forth in the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS**

The Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any of the provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendments hereto. Written notice setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be effected by the amendment must be given to each director in the same manner as notice for the meeting. Such amendment shall require the assent of a two-thirds majority vote of the directors present.

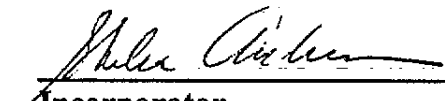
**ARTICLE XI - DISSOLUTION**

The Corporation may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the directors. Upon winding up and dissolution of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to an organization recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to be used exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. If the Corporation holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such a manner as may be directed by decree of the Circuit Court of the district in which the Corporation's principal office is located, upon petition thereof by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation.

**ARTICLE XII - INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator is: SHEILA ANDREWS  
1967 Leonard Ct South, Jacksonville Florida 32209

These Articles of Incorporation are hereby executed by the  
incorporator on this 9 day of September, 1999.

  
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Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA ]  
COUNTY OF DUVAL ]


I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in Duval County, Florida to take acknowledgments, personally appeared Sheila Andrews, who is personally known to me known or who has produced FL as identification and who did not take an oath. AS36-799-56-878-0

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this       
9 day of September, 199  .

*Sharon E Ferguson*

NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA

Print Name:  
My Commission Expires:

 Sharon E Ferguson  
My Commission CC821120  
Expires March 28, 2003

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF PLACE OF BUSINESS  
OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA  
NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

In compliance with Section 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted:

Duval County Citizens Organized for <sup>Environmental Justice</sup> desiring to organize or qualify under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal place of business in the City of Jacksonville, County of Duval, State of Florida, has named Carol Wyche, Jacksonville FL 322 , as its agent to accept service of process within Florida.

Eunice Barnum

Eunice Barnum

(Print Name)

Secretary

(Date) 9/9/99

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TALLAHASSEE FL 32399

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in the certificate, I agree to act in this capacity and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

X Carol E Wyche

Carol Wyche

(Print Name)

(Date)