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**UCC FILING & SEARCH SERVICES** 

SUBJECT: GREATER TAMPA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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We have received your document for GREATER TAMPA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

#### FLORIDA NONPROFIT CORPORATION

#### ARTICLE I

#### Corporate Name

The name of this corporation is Greater Tampa Heights Community Development Corporation.

The corporation's principal office and mailing address is 1808 N. Morgan St., at ARTICLE II Tampa, FL 33602.

#### Corporate Nature

This is a nonprofit corporation, organized solely for general economic development purposes pursuant to the Florida Corporations Not for Profit law set forth in Section 617 of the Florida Statutes.

#### ARTICLE III

#### Duration

The term of existence of the corporation is perpetual unless dissolved according to law.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### General and Specific Purposes

The specific and primary purposes for which this corporation is formed are:

- (a) to promote economic development in the Tampa Heights area and any other related or corresponding economic growth purposes by the distribution of its funds for such purposes.
- (b) for the formation and implementation of public/private partnerships, and reinvestment in the Tampa Heights area; to translate community needs into actions, advocacy of projects that promote business and economic development; to be the coordinating instrument for four major economic development functions: business development, strategic analysis, community policing, and central business district redevelopment;
- (c) to provide project coordination for the development of the central business district, overall planning to maintain parks and public spaces, development guidelines, and oversight for implementation of any grants and leveraged resources; to promote job placement opportunities for neighborhood residents; to coordinate with youth service, training, and apprenticeship opportunities to expand services to neighborhood residents; to coordinate a job bank with job training providers to help place qualified persons in meaningful jobs; to enter into public/private partnerships to bring additional redevelopment activity to the neighborhood:
- (d) to leverage, manage and keep in trust private, local, state and federal funding to establish the purpose of the corporation.

(e) to operate exclusively in any other manner for such economic growth purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or under any corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, covering the distributions to organizations qualified as tax exempt organizations under the Internal Revenue Code, including private foundations and private operating foundations.

#### ARTICLE V

#### Management of Corporate Affairs

(a) <u>Board of Directors</u>. The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors. The number of Directors of the corporation shall be three, provided, however, that such number may be changed by a bylaw duly adopted by the members.

The Directors named herein as the first Board of Directors shall hold office until the first meeting of members at which time an election of Directors shall be held.

Directors elected at the first annual meeting, and at all times thereafter, shall serve for a term of one (1) year until the annual meeting of members following the election of Directors and until the qualification of the successors in office. Annual meetings shall be held at 1808 N. Morgan Street, Tampa, Florida on September 7<sup>th</sup> of each year at 9:00 o'clock A.M., or at such other place or places as the Board of Directors may designate from time to time by resolution.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board, and any such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous vote of the Directors. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law which relates to action so taken shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors without a meeting, and that the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of this corporation authorize the Directors to so act. Such a statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

The names and addresses of such initial members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

Name

Address

Francis J. Roy

311 E. Ross Street, Tampa, Florida

Joni C. Stewart

1808 N. Morgan Street, Tampa, Florida

Dr. Joseph W. Brannen

1808 N. Morgan Street, Tampa, Florida

Robert Gardner

209 W. Palm Avenue, Tampa, Florida

(b) <u>Corporate Officers</u>. The Board of Directors shall elect the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and such other officers as the Bylaws of this corporation may authorize the Directors to elect from time to time. Initially, such officers shall be elected at the first annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Until such election is held, the following persons shall serve as corporate officers:

#### Name

#### Address

President: Joni C. Stewart

Vice President: Dr. Joseph W. Brannen

Secretary: Francis J. Roy Treasurer: Robert Gardner 1808 N. Morgan Street, Tampa, Florida 33602 1808 N. Morgan Street, Tampa, Florida 33602 311 E. Ross Street, Tampa, Florida

209 W. Palm Avenue, Tampa, Florida

#### **ARTICLE VI**

#### Earnings & Activities of Corporation

- (a) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall 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 IV hereof.
- (b) 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 1954 (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)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### **Distribution of Assets**

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation, in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as such court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### Membership

- (a) The corporation shall have one class of members and no more than one membership may be held by any one person. The rights and privileges of all members shall be equal. Each member shall be entitled to one vote.
- (b) Any person paying the dues provided for by the Bylaws and agreeing to be bound by the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the corporation and by such rules and regulations as the Directors may from time to time adopt, is eligible for membership.
- (c] A prospective member shall be eligible upon presentation of an approved application by membership committee for approval and acceptance by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE IX

#### Subscribers

The name and residence addresses of the Subscriber of this corporation is:

<u>NAME</u>

ADDRESS

President: Joni C. Stewart

1808 N. Morgan Street, Tampa, Florida 33602

#### **ARTICLE X**

#### Amendment of Bylaws

Subject to the limitations contained in the Bylaws, and any limitations set forth in the Corporations Not For Profit law of the State of Florida, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the corporation, bylaws of this corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new bylaws may be adopted, either by a resolution of the Board of Directors, or by following the procedure set forth therefor in the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

#### **Dedication of Assets**

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to economic development purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

#### ARTICLE XII

#### Registered Agent and Office

The address of the corporation's registered office shall be 311 E. Ross Street, Tampa, Florida and the name of its Registered Agent at said address shall be David Foster.

#### **ARTICLE XIII**

#### Amendment to Articles

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors and presented to a quorum of members for their vote.

The undersigned, being the subscriber and incorporator of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 5th day of October, 1999.

Joni C. Stewart

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Joni C. Stewart, to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and who acknowledged to and before me that she executed such instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 5 day of October, 1999.

Notary Public - State of Florida

My Commission Expires:



### CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.325, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent in the State of Florida.

- 1. The name of the corporation is: Greater Tampa Heights Community Development Corporation
- 2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is: David Foster, 311 E. Ross Street, Tampa, Florida

Joni C. Stewart, President

Dated October 5, 1999.

HAVING BEEN NAMED TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION, AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY 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, AND I ACCEPT THE DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF SECTION 607.325, FLORIDA STATUTES.

David Foster

Dated October 5, 1999.

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