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State of Florida Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Re:

NYC Groups, Inc.

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please find enclosed an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation of NYC Groups, Inc. I would appreciate your filing these Articles as soon as possible.

I will need a Certified Copy of the Articles of Incorporation, and enclose an extra copy of the Articles for certification and return to my office.

Also enclosed is my firm's check #2300 payable to the Florida Division of Corporations for the filing fee and the certified copy of the Articles in the total amount of \$78.75.

If you have any questions or require any additional information regarding the above, please do not hesitate to call me at my office.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

ARLJr/ir Enclosures

cc:

Mr. Robert Lastra

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

NYC GROUPS, INC.

Article I Name

The name of this Corporation is NYC GROUPS, INC.

Article II
Duration

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

Article III Purpose and Principal Place of Business

<u>Purpose.</u> This Corporation is organized for the purposes of transacting any or all lawful business.

<u>Principal Place of Business.</u> The initial street address of the principal place of business of the Corporation is 3006 West Broad Street, Tampa, Florida 33614.

Article IV Capital Stock

The amount of capital stock authorized shall consist of 7,500 shares of the common voting stock having a par value of \$1.00 per share, payable in lawful money of the United States of America or in property, at a just valuation to be fixed by the Board of Directors of this Corporation. The capital stock of the Corporation may at any time be increased or decreased as provided by the laws of Florida.

Article V Preemptive Rights

Every shareholder, upon the sale for cash of any new stock of this Corporation of the same

kind, class or series as that which he already holds, shall have the right to purchase his pro rata

shares thereof (as nearly as may be done without issuance of fractional shares) at the price at which

it is offered to others.

Article VI
Registered Office and Agent

Section 1. The undersigned incorporator of this Corporation, desiring to organize under the

laws of the State of Florida, with its principal place of business located in the City of Tampa, State

of Florida, has named AL R. LOPEZ, JR., as his agent to accept service of process within this

State.

Section 2. 4600 West Cypress Street, Suite 500, Tampa, Florida 33607, is hereby

designated by said incorporator as the Registered Office of the Corporation in the State of Florida,

and AL R. LOPEZ, JR., is hereby named as the Registered Agent of the Corporation, whose

business office is identical with the said Registered Office.

Article VII
Incorporators

The name and street address of the Incorporator is:

Robert Lastra 3006 West Broad Street Tampa, Florida 33614

Article VIII Board of Directors

Section 1. This Corporation initially shall have one director. The number of directors may be increased or diminished from time to time by action in accordance with the Bylaws of the Corporation.

Section 2. The name and street address of the first member of the Board of Directors who, unless otherwise provided by the Bylaws, shall hold office for the first year of existence of the Corporation or until his successor is elected and qualified is:

ROBERT LASTRA

All of the directors of the Corporation shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

Article IX Restriction on Transfer of Stock

Shares of the capital stock of this Corporation shall be issued initially to the following person and in the amount set opposite his name:

ROBERT LASTRA

100 Shares.

Shares held by the initial Shareholder listed above and all subsequent shareholders may not be resold or otherwise transferred (other than to a revocable trust created by a Shareholder) or encumbered without the consent of the other Shareholders and unless such shares are first offered to the remaining Shareholders or to this Corporation. The price and terms at which, and the time within which, such shares may be offered and sold shall be further specified in, or as directed by, the Bylaws of this Corporation or by written agreement of this Corporation and its Shareholders.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above-named Incorporator has subscribed his name this
5 day of $301y$, 2001.
ROBERT LASTRA
STATE OF FLORIDA
The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were acknowledged before me by ROBERT LASTRA, who is personally known to me, or who has produced Florida Driver's License as identification and who did [did not] take an oath, this 344 day of
July , 2001. Mana J. Sfancia Printed Name:
NOTARY PUBLIC State of Florida at Large Commission No. My Commission Expires:
Anna I. García MY COMMISSION # D0015908 EXPIRES June 3, 2005 Bonded THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING 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 and SECTION 607.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED:

FIRST—THAT NYC GROUPS, INC., DESIRING TO ORGANIZE OR QUALIFY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, WITH ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF TAMPA, STATE OF FLORIDA, HAS NAMED AL R. LOPEZ, JR., LOCATED AT 4600 WEST CYPRESS STREET, SUITE 500, TAMPA, FLORIDA 33607, AS ITS REGISTERED AGENT TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA.

ROBERT LASTRA
INCORPORATOR
TITLE: President
DATE: July 5 to 320019

AL R. LOPEZ, JR., HAVING BEEN NAMED TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE-STATED CORPORATION, AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, AND BEING FAMILIAR WITH THE OBLIGATIONS OF REGISTERED AGENT, I HEREBY AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY AND ACCEPT THE OBLIGATION OF THAT POSITION, AND I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATIVE TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF ALL MATTERS.

AL R. LOPEZ, JR

Registered Agent DATE: 7

, 2001