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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT COMPANY, INC.**

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The undersigned subscribers, for the purposes of forming a corporation for profit under Chapter 607 of the laws of the State of Florida hereby subscribes to, acknowledges and files the following Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE I**

**Name and Address**

The name and address of the proposed corporation shall be **FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT COMPANY, INC.** located at 104 South Lake Avenue, Pahokee, Florida 33476.

**ARTICLE II**

**Duration**

This corporation shall commence existence on the date of the execution and acknowledgement of these Articles if permitted by law; if not, then on the date of filing. This corporation shall exist perpetually thereafter, unless sooner dissolved according to law.

**ARTICLE III**

**Purpose**

This corporation is formed for the following purposes and shall have the following powers:

1. To engage in revenue sharing arrangements with third parties with regard to securities brokerage, insurance services and investment advisory services.

2. To acquire, retain, invest, exchange, purchase, sell, lease (as either lessee or lessor), borrow, mortgage, pledge, transfer, convey, develop, manage, or otherwise deal in real and personal property within or without the State of Florida, and to conduct, carry on, engage in, within or without the United States of America, any business incidental thereto and shall have such powers as trustee, promoter, incorporator, agent, shareholder, partner, member, associate, manager, and/or licensee, of any corporation, partnership, joint venture trust and/or other enterprise.

3. To do everything necessary, proper, or convenient for the accomplishment of the purposes set forth herein, and to do every other act incidental thereto which is not forbidden under the laws of the United States of America, the State of Florida, or by the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### Capital Stock

This corporation is authorized to issue Ten Thousand (10,000) shares of One and No/100 Dollars (\$1.00) par value capital stock, which shall be designated as "common shares". The entire voting power for the election of directors and for all other purposes

shall be in the holders of outstanding common shares. All the shares of common stock shall be paid for in cash, or property, real or personal, tangible, intangible, or the lease thereof, or in labor or services in lieu of cash or property, at a just valuation to be fixed by the Board of Directors of this corporation unless otherwise forbidden by the laws of the State of Florida. The payment thereof does not have to be at the time of issuance, provided such shares are subject to calls thereon by the corporation until such time as the whole consideration therefore shall have been paid. The holders of the common stock of the corporation shall have pre-emptive rights to purchase, at prices, terms and conditions that shall be fixed by the Board of Directors. The pre-emptive right of any holder is determined by the ratio of the authorized and issued shares of common stock held by the holder to all shares of common stock currently authorized and issued.

#### **ARTICLE V**

##### **Initial Registered Office and Agent**

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 104 South Lake Avenue, Pahokee, Florida 33476. The name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is Dale <sup>M</sup><sub>W</sub> Morris.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

##### **Initial Board of Directors**

This corporation shall have at least three directors. The number of directors may be either increased or diminished from time

to time by amendment to the Bylaws adopted by the stockholders. The names and addresses of the initial directors of this corporation, who, unless otherwise provided by the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws, shall hold office for the first year of existence of the corporation or until their successors are elected or appointed and have qualified, are:

Mr. Sidney A. Stubbs, Jr.  
P. O. Box 3475  
West Palm Beach, FL 33402-3475

Mr. J. W. Crews, Jr.  
P. O. Box 248  
Wauchula, FL 33873-0248

Mr. S. C. Pate  
209 South Main Street  
Belle Glade, FL 33430

Mr. Edward L. Pope, Jr.  
P. O. Box 697  
Pahokee, FL 33476-0697

Mr. Gilberto Alvarez  
400 N.E. 2nd Street  
Belle Glade, FL 33430-2028

Mr. H. Kenneth McIntosh  
5122 S.E. Nassau Terrace  
Stuart, FL 34997

<sup>W</sup>  
Dale M. Morris  
14294 Aster Avenue  
Wellington, FL 33414

At any time after incorporation, the stockholders may, by a majority vote, determine that the corporation be managed by the stockholders.

#### ARTICLE VII

##### Subscribers

The name and address of each of the persons signing these

Articles as subscriber is:

First Community Bank of Palm Beach County  
By: Dale W. Morris, President  
104 South Lake Avenue  
Pahokee, FL 33476

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### Bylaws

In furtherance and not in limitation of the powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida and the United States of America, the Board of Directors is expressly authorized to frame and adopt any such Bylaws for the corporation as are not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Florida or the United States of America or these Articles of Incorporation. With the exception of fixing the number of directors of the corporation, the Board of Directors is expressly authorized, without the assent of the stockholders, to add to, delete from, or otherwise amend the Bylaws of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE IX

##### Indemnification and Limitation of Liability

The corporation shall indemnify any officer or director, or any former officer or director of the corporation, to the full extent permitted by law. The private property of the stockholders shall not, unless otherwise provided by law, be subject to the payment of the corporate debts to any extent whatsoever. The corporation shall have a first lien on the shares of its stockholders and upon dividends due them for any indebtedness of such stockholders to the corporation.

**ARTICLE X**

**Working Capital**

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to fix any amount which in its discretion need be reserved as working capital of the corporation.

**ARTICLE XI**

**Amendment**

The corporation reserves the right to amend, add to, or repeal a provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation in the manner consistent with law and in conformity with the provisions set forth in the Bylaws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the original subscriber to the capital stock hereinbefore named, for the purpose of forming a corporation for profit to do business both within and without the State of Florida, under the laws of the State of Florida, makes and files these Articles of Incorporation, hereby declaring and certifying that the facts herein stated are true this 8th day of JANUARY, 1997.

FIRST COMMUNITY BANK OF  
PALM BEACH COUNTY (SUBSCRIBER)

By: *Dale W. Morris*  
Dale W. Morris, President

**ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in these Articles, the undersigned hereby agrees to act in this capacity, and further agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of his duties.

  
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Dale M. Morris

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