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Ms. Karon Beyer Division of Corporations 409 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: Community Banks of the South, Inc.; Document No. P99000026845

Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation

to change corporate name to Southern Community Bancorp

Dear Karon:

In accordance with our recent telephone conversation, enclosed are articles of amendment to the articles of incorporation of Community Banks of the South, Inc., to change its corporate name to Southern Community Bancorp. In this connection, as you know, Community Banks of the South, Inc. is the parent company of Southern Community Bank, document number P98000066971, having acquired all of the shares of Southern Community Bank in a share exchange transaction effective July 30, 1999. Also enclosed is Shutts & Bowen's check in the amount of \$70.00 to cover the cost of filing the articles of amendment and the return of four certified copies.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard. Should you have questions concerning any aspect of the foregoing or the enclosures, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Enclosures

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cc: Mr. Charlie W. Brinkley, Jr. John P. Greeley, Esq.

Sincerely,

Rod Jones

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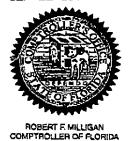
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September 22, 1999

Rod Jones, Esquire Shutts & Bowen LLP 20 North Orange Avenue Suite 1000 Orlando, Florida 32801-4626

Dear Mr. Jones:

Re: "Southern Community Bancorp"

Reference is made to your letter/fax dated September 20, requesting approval of the above-referenced corporate name which will be a bank holding company of Southern Community Bank, Orlando, Florida.

As Section 655.922(2)(a), Florida Statutes, exempts a financial institution, holding company or its subsidiaries from the prohibition against using the word "bank", "banker", "banking", "trust company", "savings and loan association", "savings bank", or "credit union" in its corporate name, the Division of Banking will not object to the use of the above corporate name being registered to transact business in the state of Florida.

Sincerely,

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cc: Karon Beyer, Chief Bureau of Corporate Records Secretary of State's Office

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COMMUNITY BANKS OF THE SOUTH, INC.



Pursuant to the provisions of section 607.1002, Florida Statutes, COMMUNITY BANKS OF THE SOUTH, INC., a Florida profit corporation, adopts the following Articles of Amendment to its Articles of Incorporation:

FIRST:

Article I of the Articles of Incorporation of COMMUNITY BANKS OF THE SOUTH, INC., is hereby amended to read:

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation shall be SOUTHERN COMMUNITY BANCORP, and its mailing address and initial principal place of business shall be at 250 North Orange Avenue in the City of Orlando, Orange County, Florida.

SECOND:

The foregoing amendment was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation on September 16, 1999 without shareholder action, which was not required pursuant to section 607.1002(6), Florida Statutes.

Signed this 17th day of September, 1999.

CHARLIE W. BRINKLEY, JR., Chairman and CEO