



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Office of the Secretary of State

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Division Of Business Services
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**Non-Profit Corporation
Articles of Incorporation**

(Chapter 7-6-34 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended)

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is Rhode Island Black Civic Fund

ARTICLE II

The period of its duration is Perpetual

ARTICLE III

The specific purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

The purpose of The Black Civic Fund is to:

Encourage our constituency to take a more active role in government and business in the State of Rhode Island.

Provide information to the public about the voting record of candidates for public office.

Provide information about laws that can benefit or harm our constituency.

Provide an advantage in political elections to candidates that support the needs of our constituency by soliciting and receiving contributions to be used to make political campaign donations.

Provide a way for our constituency to introduce desired legislation into the Rhode Island General Assembly and the United States Congress by building relationships with elected officials and lobbying the Rhode Island General Assembly and the United States Congress. This also includes presenting our positions to local governments in the State of Rhode Island.

Promote equal treatment of our constituency by law enforcement in the State of Rhode Island.

Support the activities of other organizations that support the needs of our constituency.

ARTICLE IV

Provisions, if any, not inconsistent with the law, which the incorporators elect to set forth in these articles of incorporation for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation are:

THE BLACK CIVIC FUND SHALL BE MANAGED AND GOVERNED BY A BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ALSO KNOWN AS BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL BE REGULATED BY THE BYLAWS. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL MEET AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR AT ANY TIME. THERE SHALL ALSO BE SUBCOMMITTEES APPOINTED AND CHAIRED BY THE OFFICERS SERVING ON THE BOARD. THE CHAIR SHALL FORM AD-HOC COMMITTEES TO ASSIST IN RISING AND COLLECTING FUNDS FOR THE BLACK CIVIC FUND AT ANY TIME DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE CHAIR OR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ARTICLE V

The street address (post office boxes are not acceptable) of the initial registered office of the corporation is:

No. and Street: 570 BROAD ST
UNIT 204
City or Town: PROVIDENCE State: RI Zip: 02907

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is DWAYNE KEYS

ARTICLE VI

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is 5 and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

Title	Individual Name First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
DIRECTOR	EUGENE MONTEIRO	11 MANNING CT COVENTRY, RI 02816 USA
DIRECTOR	JOSEPH BUCHANAN	94 BOEMAN CT PROVIDENCE, RI 02905 USA
DIRECTOR	DWAYNE KEYS	391 PINE ST PROVIDENCE, RI 02903 USA
DIRECTOR	PHILOMENE MEDINA	40 WINTHROP ST RIVERSIDE, RI 02915 USA
DIRECTOR	THERESA PRICE	378 PINE ST PROVIDENCE, RI 02903 USA

ARTICLE VII

The name and address of the each incorporator is:

Title	Individual Name First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
INCORPORATOR	EUGENE MONTEIRO	11 MANNING CT COVENTRY, RI 02816 USA
INCORPORATOR	JOSEPH BUCHANAN	94 BOEMAN CT PROVIDENCE, RI 02905 USA
INCORPORATOR	DWAYNE KEYS	391 PINE ST PROVIDENCE, RI 02903 USA

ARTICLE VIII

Date when corporate existence is to begin 03/26/2012
(not prior to, nor more than 30 days after, the filing of these Articles of Incorporation)

Signed this 19 Day of March, 2012 at 9:13:45 PM by the incorporator(s). *This electronic signature of the individual or individuals signing this instrument constitutes the affirmation or acknowledgement of the signatory, under penalties of perjury, that this instrument is that individual's act and deed or the act and deed of the corporation, and that the facts stated herein are true, as of the date of the electronic filing, in compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 7-6.*

Enter signatures below.

EUGENE MONTEIRO

JOSEPH BUCHANAN

DWAYNE KEYS

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