



**State of Rhode Island  
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 The Business League

**ARTICLE II**

The period of its duration is  Perpetual

**ARTICLE III**

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

TO SERVE ITS MEMBERS AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN PROMOTING BUSINESS  
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

**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:

FOURTH: PROVISIONS FOR THE REGULATION OF THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE  
CORPORATION, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS ON  
DISSOLUTION OR FINAL LIQUIDATION, ARE:

THE BUSINESS LEAGUE (THE "CORPORATION") IS ORGANIZED AS A TAX-EXEMPT  
ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 501(C)(6) OF THE UNITED  
STATES INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (THE "CODE"), AND IS  
SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING LIMITATIONS UNDER THIS ARTICLE FOURTH:

1. THE CORPORATION IS NOT ORGANIZED FOR PROFIT AND IT SHALL NOT HAVE  
ANY POWER TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF STOCK OR TO PAY DIVIDENDS.

2. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THESE ARTICLES OF  
INCORPORATION, THE CORPORATION IS ORGANIZED EXCLUSIVELY AS A BUSINESS  
LEAGUE.

3. IN THE EVENT OF DISSOLUTION, TERMINATION, OR FINAL LIQUIDATION OF THE

CORPORATION, WHETHER VOLUNTARY, INVOLUNTARY, OR BY OPERATION OF LAW, AND AFTER PAYMENT OF OR MAKING PROVISION FOR ALL THE CORPORATION'S DEBTS AND LIABILITIES OF EVERY NATURE AND DESCRIPTION, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL DISPOSE OF ALL REMAINING ASSETS OF THE CORPORATION EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE LAWFUL PURPOSES OF THE CORPORATION IN SUCH MANNER OR TO SUCH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AS SHALL AT THE RELEVANT TIME BE PERMITTED FOR ORGANIZATIONS OF THIS TYPE PURSUANT TO LAW. ANY SUCH ASSETS NOT SO DISPOSED OF SHALL BE DISPOSED OF BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE LAWFUL PURPOSES OF THE CORPORATION IN SUCH MANNER OR TO SUCH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AS SHALL AT THE RELEVANT TIME BE PERMITTED FOR ORGANIZATIONS OF THIS TYPE PURSUANT TO LAW.

4. NO PART OF THE NET EARNINGS OF THE CORPORATION SHALL INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF OR BE DISTRIBUTABLE TO ITS DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, OR OTHER PRIVATE PERSONS, EXCEPT THAT THE CORPORATION SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO PAY REASONABLE COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND TO MAKE PAYMENTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS IN FURTHERANCE OF ITS NON-PROFIT STATUS AS SET FORTH IN THESE ARTICLES. NO SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CORPORATION SHALL BE THE CARRYING ON OF PROPAGANDA OR OTHERWISE ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATION, AND THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE OR INTERVENE IN (INCLUDING THE PUBLISHING OR DISTRIBUTION OF STATEMENTS) AND POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ON BEHALF OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO ANY CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.

5. PURSUANT TO R.I.G.L. § 7-6-15, AS AMENDED, THE CORPORATION SHALL HAVE NO MEMBERS, AND ALL OF THE POWERS, RIGHTS, AND DUTIES NORMALLY VESTED IN THE MEMBERS SHALL INSTEAD BE VESTED IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION.

#### ARTICLE V

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

No. and Street: 211 QUAKER LANE, SUITE 201

City or Town: WEST WARWICK

State: RI

Zip: 02893

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is ORSON AND BRUSINI LTD.

#### ARTICLE VI

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is 3 and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

| Title    | Individual Name<br>First, Middle, Last, Suffix | Address<br>Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country |
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| DIRECTOR | ROBERT C. FERREIRA                             | 59 JAMES STREET<br>EAST PROVIDENCE, RI 02914 USA           |

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| DIRECTOR | JOHN OVERY       | 30 RISHO AVENUE<br>EAST PROVIDENCE, RI 02914 USA |
| DIRECTOR | ANTONIO DESIMONE | 55 DORRANCE STREET<br>PROVIDENCE, RI 02903 USA   |

#### ARTICLE VII

The name and address of the incorporator is:

| Title        | Individual Name<br>First, Middle, Last, Suffix | Address<br>Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country |
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| INCORPORATOR | GIOVANNI LA TERRA BELLINA<br>ESQ.              | 211 QUAKER LANE, SUITE 201<br>WEST WARWICK, RI 02893 USA   |

#### ARTICLE VIII

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

**Signed this 21 Day of August, 2023 at 10:03:27 AM 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 signature(s) below.**

GIOVANNI LA TERRA BELLINA, ESQ.

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