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Office of the Secretary of State**

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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 Urban Leadership of Rhode Islan

**ARTICLE II**

The period of its duration is  Perpetual

**ARTICLE III**

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

THE CORPORATION SHALL BE OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS NOW IN EFFECT OR AS MAY HEREAFTER BE AMENDED (“THE CODE”). MORE SPECIFICALLY, THE CORPORATION SHALL BE DEDICATED TO ELEVATING THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL STATUS, AND GENERAL WELFARE OF BLACKS, THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES THROUGH PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS THAT ACTIVELY PROMOTE AND SUPPORT FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE, JOB SECURITY, HEALTHY LIVING, SAFE HOUSING, AND FAMILY STABILITY. TO SERVE AS A RESOURCE FOR PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND PARTNERSHIPS FOR SIMILARLY SITUATED UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND TO PROVIDE A HUB UNITING THE LEADERSHIP OF NON-PROFITS, GOVERNMENT, AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO SERVE THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE URBAN COMMUNITY.

**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:

(A) NO PART OF THE NET EARNINGS OF THE CORPORATION SHALL INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF, OR BE DISTRIBUTABLE TO ANY DIRECTOR OR OFFICER OF THE CORPORATION, OR ANY OTHER PRIVATE PERSON, EXCEPT THAT THE CORPORATION

SHALL

BE AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO PAY REASONABLE COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES

RENDERED TO OR FOR THE CORPORATION AND TO MAKE PAYMENTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH "3" HEREOF.

(B) NO SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CORPORATION SHALL BE THE CARRYING ON OF PROPAGANDA, OR OTHERWISE ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATION (EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY SECTION 501(H) OF THE CODE AND IN ANY CORRESPONDING LAWS OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND) , AND THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN OR INTERVENE IN (INCLUDING THE PUBLISHING OR DISTRIBUTION OF STATEMENTS CONCERNING) ANY POLITICAL CAMPAIGN

ON BEHALF OF, OR IN OPPOSITION TO, ANY CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.

(C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THESE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CARRY ON

ANY ACTIVITY WHICH WOULD PREVENT IT FROM OBTAINING EXEMPTION FROM FEDERAL

INCOME TAXATION AS A CORPORATION DESCRIBED IN SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE CODE, OR CAUSE IT TO LOSE SUCH EXEMPT STATUS, OR CARRY ON ANY ACTIVITY NOT

PERMITTED TO BE CARRIED ON BY A CORPORATION, CONTRIBUTIONS TO WHICH ARE

DEDUCTIBLE UNDER SECTION 170(C)(2) OF THE CODE.

(D) IN THE EVENT OF DISSOLUTION OR FINAL LIQUIDATION OF THE CORPORATION, ALL OF THE REMAINING ASSETS AND PROPERTY OF THE CORPORATION

SHALL, AFTER PAYING OR MAKING PROVISION FOR THE PAYMENT OF ALL OF THE LIABILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE CORPORATION AND FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES

THEREOF, BE DISTRIBUTED TO ORGANIZATIONS ORGANIZED AND OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY

FOR CHARITABLE OR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES AS SHALL AT THE TIME QUALIFY AS AN

EXEMPT ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE CODE AS

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL DETERMINE. IN NO EVENT SHALL ANY OF SUCH ASSETS OR PROPERTY BE DISTRIBUTED TO ANY DIRECTOR OR OFFICER, OR ANY PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL.

(E) TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY THE RHODE ISLAND NONPROFIT CORPORATION ACT, AS NOW IN EFFECT OR AS MAY HEREAFTER BE AMENDED, NO OFFICER OR DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION SHALL BE PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR DAMAGES IN ANY PROCEEDING BROUGHT BY OR IN THE RIGHT OF THE CORPORATION, OR

IN CONNECTION WITH ANY CLAIM, ACTION, SUIT OR PROCEEDING TO WHICH HE OR

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MAY BE OR IS MADE A PARTY BY REASON OF BEING OR HAVING BEEN AN OFFICER OR DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH RELIEF FROM LIABILITY SHALL NOT APPLY IN ANY INSTANCE WHERE SUCH RELIEF IS INCONSISTENT WITH ANY PROVISION OF THE CODE APPLICABLE TO CORPORATIONS DESCRIBED IN CODE SECTION 50L(C)(3).

#### ARTICLE V

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

No. and Street: NIXON PEABODY LLP

ONE CITIZENS PLAZA, STE. 500

City or Town: PROVIDENCE

State: RI

Zip: 02903

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is ARMANDO BATASTINI, ESQ.

#### 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:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Individual Name</b> First, Middle, Last, Suffix	<b>Address</b> Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
DIRECTOR	BEVERLY E. LEDBETTER	77 WILLIAMS STREET PROVIDENCE, RI 02906 USA
DIRECTOR	ALTAGRACIA GONZALEZ	434 GREENVILLE AVENUE JOHNSTON, RI 02919 USA
DIRECTOR	ANDRE HOWELL	16 SANDER STREET NEW LONDON, CT 06320 USA

#### ARTICLE VII

The name and address of the incorporator is:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Individual Name</b> First, Middle, Last, Suffix	<b>Address</b> Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
INCORPORATOR	ARMANDO BATASTINI ESQ.	NIXON PEABODY LLP, ONE CITIZENS PLAZA, STE. 500 PROVIDENCE, RI 02903 USA

#### ARTICLE VIII

Date when corporate existence is to begin 12/18/2023  
(not prior to, nor more than 30 days after, the filing of these Articles of Incorporation)

**Signed this 18 Day of December, 2023 at 10:30:59 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.**

ARMANDO BATASTINI, ESQ.

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