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In the office of the Secretary of State
of the State of California

JUL 10 1981

MARCH FONG EU, Secretary of State
Carmelle M. Guy
Deputy

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

THE NORTHERN

CALIFORNIA MEDIATION CENTER

I

The name of this corporation is THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
MEDIATION CENTER.

II

(a) This corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for charitable purposes.

(b) This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, this corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt under that Section.

(c) No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist in the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall this corporation participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

III

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member of this corporation, or to the benefit of any private individual.

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Upon the winding up and dissolution of this corporation and after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and that has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

IV

The name and address in this state of the corporation's initial agent for the service of process is:

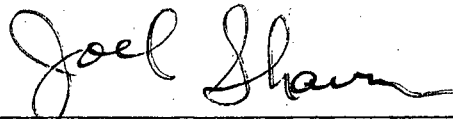
JOEL A. SHAWN, ESQ.
Friedman, Shawn, Sloan & Ross
407 Sansome St., Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94111

Dated: July 7, 1981



Joel A. Shawn, Incorporator
407 Sansome St., #400, San Francisco, CA

I declare that I am the person who executed these Articles of Incorporation, and that this instrument is my act and deed.



Joel A. Shawn



March 4, 1982

In reply refer to
342:R:jl:g

Northern California Mediation Center
900 South Eliseo Drive
Greenbrae, CA 94904

Purpose : Charitable/Educational
Form of Organization : Corporation
Accounting Period Ending:
Organization Number : 1049143

On the basis of the information submitted and provided your present operations continue unchanged or conform to those proposed in your application, you are exempt from state franchise or income tax under Section 23701d, Revenue and Taxation Code. Any change in operation, character or purpose of the organization must be reported immediately to this office so that we may determine the effect on your exempt status. Any change of name or address also must be reported.

You are required to file Form 199 (Exempt Organization Annual Information Return) or Form 199B (Exempt Organization Annual Information Statement) on or before the 15th day of the 5th month (4 1/2 months) after the close of your accounting period. See annual instructions with forms for requirements.

You are not required to file state franchise or income tax returns unless you have income subject to the unrelated business income tax under Section 23731 of the Code. In this event, you are required to file Form 109 (Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return) by the 15th day of the 5th month (4 1/2 months) after the close of your annual accounting period.

If the organization is incorporating, this approval will expire unless incorporation is completed with the Secretary of State within 60 days.

Exemption from federal income or other taxes and other state taxes requires separate applications.

This exemption effective as of July 10, 1981

J. Kudo, Supervisor
Exempt Organizations
Telephone (800) 852-7050

cc: Friedman, et al
Registrar of Charitable Trusts ✓

REGISTRY OF
CHARTERED SURVEYORS
MAR 4 '82

EIN: 94-2768875

Date: MAR 23 1984

Our Letter Dated:
January 27, 1982Person to Contact:
Desk OfficerContact Telephone Number:
(415) 556-535345685
Northern California Mediation Center
300 Tamal Plaza, Suite 175
Corte Madera, CA 94925

This modifies our letter of the above date in which we stated that you would be treated as an organization which is not a private foundation until the expiration of your advance ruling period.

Based on the information you submitted, we have determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, because you are an organization of the type described in section 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). Your exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the code is still in effect.

Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination until the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, a grantor or a contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act that resulted in your loss of section 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) status, or acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would be removed from classification as a section 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) organization.

We have determined that you are a publicly supported organization of the type described in Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) as opposed to Section 509(a)2) of the Code. This change does not affect your exempt status as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, your non-private foundation status or your filing requirements.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your foundation status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

Sincerely yours,



District Director

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Internal Revenue Service
District Director

CT 45685
Department of the Treasury

EP/EO:1
SF:EO:82-148

Date: JAN 27 1982

Employer Identification Number:

94-2768875
Accounting Period Ending:

December 31
Foundation Status Classification:

509(a)(2)
Advance Ruling Period Ends:

December 31, 1983
Person to Contact:

Desk Officer
Contact Telephone Number:

(415) 555-5353

Northern California Mediation Center
900 South Eliseo Drive
Greenbrae, CA 94904

Dear Applicant:

Based on information supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Because you are a newly created organization, we are not now making a final determination of your foundation status under section 509(a) of the Code. However, we have determined that you can reasonably be expected to be a publicly supported organization described in section 509(a)(2).

Accordingly, you will be treated as a publicly supported organization, and not as a private foundation, during an advance ruling period. This advance ruling period begins on the date of your inception and ends on the date shown above.

Within 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period, you must submit to us information needed to determine whether you have met the requirements of the applicable support test during the advance ruling period. If you establish that you have been a publicly supported organization, you will be classified as a section 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) organization as long as you continue to meet the requirements of the applicable support test. If you do not meet the public support requirements during the advance ruling period, you will be classified as a private foundation for future periods. Also, if you are classified as a private foundation, you will be treated as a private foundation from the date of your inception for purposes of sections 507(d) and 4940.

Grantors and donors may rely on the determination that you are not a private foundation until 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period. If you submit the required information within the 90 days, grantors and donors may continue to rely on the advance determination until the Service makes a final determination of your foundation status. However, if notice that you will no longer be treated as a section 509(a)(2) organization is published in the Internal Revenue Bulletin, grantors and donors may not rely on this determination after the date of such publication. Also, a grantor or donor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act that resulted in your loss of section 509(a)(2) status, or acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would be removed from classification as a section 509(a)(2) organization.

P.O. Box 36040, San Francisco, Calif. 94102

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If your sources of support, or your purposes, character, or method of operation change, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status and foundation status. Also, you should inform us of all changes in your name or address.

Generally, you are not liable for social security (FICA) taxes unless you file a waiver of exemption certificate as provided in the Federal Insurance Contributions Act. If you have paid FICA taxes without filing the waiver, you should call us. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Organizations that are not private foundations are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, you are not automatically exempt from other Federal excise taxes. If you have any questions about excise, employment, or other Federal taxes, please let us know.

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

You are required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, only if your gross receipts each year are normally more than \$10,000. If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. The law imposes a penalty of \$10 a day, up to a maximum of \$5,000, when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay.

You are not required to file Federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If you are subject to this tax, you must file an income tax return on Form 990-T. In this letter, we are not determining whether any of your present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

You need an employer identification number even if you have no employees. If an employer identification number was not entered on your application, a number will be assigned to you and you will be advised of it. Please use that number on all returns you file and in all correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Sami

District Director

This determination is predicated on the understanding that your primary activity will be provided to low-income families.

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