

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
For the
ALLIANCE FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION
As a Domestic Nonprofit Corporation in the District of Columbia

The undersigned natural person of the age of twenty-one or more, acting as an incorporator of a corporation under the BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS ACT (D.C. Code. 2019 edition. Title 29, chapter 4), adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

1. The name of the Corporation is the Alliance for Regional Cooperation.
2. The initial Registered Agent's name and address are as follows: James Schulman, Incorporator & Registered Agent, 631 E St. NE, Washington, DC 20002.

The Corporation is incorporated as a Nonprofit Corporation under Title 29, Chapter 4 of the Code of the District of Columbia. It is organized and will be operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. These will include developing and providing training and technical support for collaborative community projects and public education programs on topics relevant to sustainable community development and regional economic development.

3. The name and address, including street number and zip code of the incorporator is as follows:

James Schulman 631 E Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002

4. The Corporation will have no members.
5. The purpose for which the Nonprofit Corporation is organized is as follows:
The Alliance for Regional Cooperation works with local businesses, consumers, and social enterprises to foster explicitly regional economic activity in the interests of economic justice, sustainability, and cultural vitality.
6. The following provisions are hereby adopted for the purposes of defining, limiting, and regulating the powers of the Corporation and of the directors and, if applicable, the members:
 - (a) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, directors, officers, or any other private persons.
 - (b) Compensation for services actually rendered and reimbursement for expenses actually incurred to further the exempt purposes of this Corporation shall be limited to reasonable amounts.
 - (c) No part of the activities of this Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation to an extent that would disqualify it for tax exemption under IRC Section 501(c)(3), and this Corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

- (d) Upon dissolution of the Corporation, its assets shall be disposed of exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation or distributed to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes which shall at that time, qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3).
 - (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles or any by-laws adopted thereunder, this Corporation shall not take any action not permitted by the laws which then apply.
7. The Board of Directors will adopt and record Conflict of Interest and Whistleblower policies, in keeping with IRS recommendations.
 8. The period of duration for the Corporation is perpetual.
 9. The Corporation shall not be authorized to issue capital stock.
 10. The Board of Directors of the Corporation will number from 5 to 15 individuals and will serve in standard terms as specified in the Bylaws. New members to the Board of Directors will be selected by the existing Board of Directors.
 11. The address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 631 E Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 and the name of the initial registered agent at such address is James Schulman.
 12. The internal affairs of the Corporation shall be regulated by its Board of Directors as described in the Bylaws. The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is five, and the names and addresses, including street number, of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors until their successors are elected and qualified are:
 - (1) Bicky Corman
 - (2) Sue Goodwin
 - (3) Karen Onthank
 - (4) Samuel Jordan
 - (5) Clifford Deaton

The members of the Board of Directors shall be those individuals elected, from time to time, in accordance with the Bylaws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscribe these Articles of Incorporation on the __5th__ day of __April__, 2019.



Incorporator