



**R. Kyle Ardoin**  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*As Secretary of State, of the State of Louisiana, I do hereby Certify that*

the attached document(s) of

**BLUEPRINT INVESTMENT FUND**

are true and correct and are filed in the Louisiana Secretary of State's Office.

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In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of my Office to be affixed at the City of Baton Rouge on,

October 7, 2020

*Secretary of State*

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
(R.S. 12:203)**

- 1. The name of this corporation is:** BLUEPRINT INVESTMENT FUND
- 2. This corporation is formed for the purpose of:** engaging in any lawful activity for which corporations may be formed under Chapter 2, Title 12, of the LA Revised Statutes (Non-Profit Corporation Law).
- 3. The duration of this corporation is (may be perpetual):** PERPETUAL
- 4. This corporation is a nonprofit corporation.**
- 5. The location and municipal address (not a P.O. Box only) of this corporation's registered office is:**

545 VALLETTE ST  
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70114

- 6. The full name and address (not a P.O. Box only) of this corporation's registered agent(s) is/are:**

LAWRENCE WILLIAMS  
545 VALLETTE ST  
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70114

- 7. The full name and address of each incorporator of this corporation is:**

LAWRENCE WILLIAMS  
545 VALLETTE ST  
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70114

- 8. The corporation's initial board of directors, municipal addresses (not a P.O. Box only) and term of office are:**

LAWRENCE WILLIAMS (President)  
545 VALLETTE ST  
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70114

ISAAC WILLIAMS (Vice-President)  
545 VALLETTE ST  
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70114

AMELIA WILLIAMS (Director)  
545 VALLETTE ST  
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70114

- 9. This corporation is to be organized on a non-stock basis.**

- 10. Other Provisions:**

I hereby certify that I am the Incorporator and have the authority to sign on behalf of any other Incorporator listed.

**Electronic Signature:** LAWRENCE WILLIAMS(9/30/2010)



## Agent Affidavit and Acknowledgement of Acceptance

**Charter Number:** 40315565N

**Charter Name:** BLUEPRINT INVESTMENT FUND

**The agent / agents listed below accept the appointment of registered agent for and on behalf of the Charter Name above.**

<b>Date Responded</b>	<b>Agent(s)</b>
09/30/2010	LAWRENCE WILLIAMS

<b>Agent(s) Electronic Signature</b>
LAWRENCE WILLIAMS

**AMENDED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
BLUEPRINT INVESTMENT FUND, INC.  
A NONPROFIT CORPORATION**

**ARTICLE I**

The name of this corporation shall be "Blueprint Investment Fund" and under that name it shall have and enjoy all the rights, advantages and privileges granted by law to such corporation.

**ARTICLE II**

The purpose for which the corporation (some hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation") is organized for charitable and educational purposes to undertake programs, activities and services to address and combat poverty and deteriorating conditions within areas considered Empowerment Zones and Renewal Communities as defined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. Additionally, the corporation intends to address and serve populations in distress and in need by creating business and employment opportunities while lessening the burdens of government in the clients' respective areas by developing and maintaining programs and activities focused on the following:

1. Encouraging the creation of new employment opportunities for unemployed residents in targeted Empowerment Zones by providing managerial and technical assistance to aid the development and expansion of small businesses engaged in activities which have a high potential for providing employment opportunities and thereby contributing to the alleviation of economic distress in these areas;
2. Conducting activities to supplement government economic and job development programs directed at encouraging the initiation of expansion, growth and maturation of small businesses with a potential for providing enhanced employment

opportunities and thereby contributing to economic revitalization of the Greater New Orleans Metropolitan area;

3. And Providing education and information to individuals concerning the development and operation of small businesses for the purpose of encouraging the initiation, expansion, growth, and maturation of both new and existing small business which can provide employment opportunities and thereby aid in alleviating unemployment, community deterioration, and economic distress in the Greater New Orleans Metropolitan area.

Solely for the above purposes, the Corporation is empowered to exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Louisiana upon nonprofit corporations, including, but without limitation thereon, the right and power to receive gifts, bequests, and contributions in any form, to collect due and to use, apply, invest and reinvest the principal and/or income there from or to distribute the same for the above purposes.

All purposes of the Corporation shall be in accordance with Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law (the "Code"). No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or private individuals, but the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. It is intended that this Corporation shall have and continue to have the status of a corporation which is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (hereinafter, the "Code"), as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code and which is other than a private foundation by reason of being described in Section 509(a)(1), (2) or (3) of the Code. These Articles shall be construed

accordingly, and all powers and activities hereunder shall be limited accordingly. The Corporation shall not carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation to such extent as would result in the loss of exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. No activity of the Corporation shall consist of participating in or intervening in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

### ARTICLE III

The Corporation is organized on a non-profit basis and shall be operated on such basis in accordance with all requirements of the Code and Louisiana Law.

### ARTICLE IV

The location and post office address of the registered office of the Corporation is

545 Vallette Street  
New Orleans, LA 70114

### ARTICLE V

The full name and address of the registered agent of the Corporation is:

Lawrence Williams  
545 Vallette Street  
New Orleans, LA 70114

### ARTICLE VI

The full name and address of the incorporator is:

Lawrence Williams  
545 Vallette Street  
New Orleans, LA 70114

### ARTICLE VII

The Corporation is to be organized on a non-stock basis.

### ARTICLE VIII

The members of the Corporation shall consist of those individuals and designated as such by the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

### ARTICLE IX

The method of election of Directors shall be specified in the By-laws. The following shall serve as initial directors of the Corporation until their successors shall have been elected and qualified pursuant to By-laws adopted by the Board of Directors:

Amelia R. Williams, 422 Seguin Street, New Orleans, LA 70114

Isaac Williams, 13240 Willow Brook Dr., New Orleans, LA 70129

Lawrence Williams, 545 Vallette Street, New Orleans, LA 70114

### ARTICLE X

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Directors present at any regular Board meeting of the Corporation or at any special Board meeting called for that purpose, or by the written consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors.

### ARTICLE XI

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be for or against proposed legislation, nor shall it participate in any political campaign for or against any candidate for political office.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a Corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Code or (b) by a foundation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.



## ARTICLE XII

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, as determined by them after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, transfer all of the remaining assets of the Corporation to the Loyola University Small Business Development Center.

## ARTICLE XIII

No informality herein shall have the effect of rendering these Articles of Incorporation null, and the duration of this Corporation is unlimited.

## ARTICLE XIV

The Board of Directors shall have the power to make, adopt, amend, alter and repeal By-laws governing the affairs of this Corporation, provided they do not conflict with these Articles of Incorporation. Such By-laws may be made, adopted, amended, altered, or repealed by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Directors present at any regular board meeting of the Corporation or at any special Board meeting called for that purpose, or by the written consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors.

The amendment(s) have been adopted by unanimous consent of the board of directors at a meeting held the

8th of November, 2010.

THUS DONE AND PASSED on the 9th of November, 2010, signed in

Orleans Parish, State of Louisiana, before the undersigned Notary Public.

*Lauren Miller*  
Signature of Officer

President

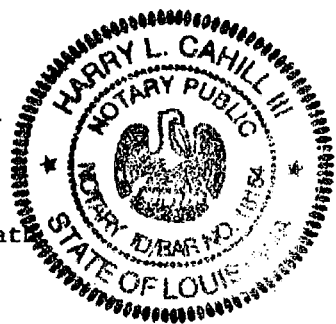
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WITNESSES:

*Cassandra Milstead*  
Cassandra Milstead

*Christine Blanton*  
Christine Blanton

*[Signature]*  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Harry L. Cahill III  
Notary ID/Bar Roll #18154  
My Commission Expires at death



Tom Schedler  
Secretary of State



### NOTICE OF CHANGE OF DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS OF A CORPORATION

Enclose \$25 Filing Fee  
Domestic Corporation (Business or Non Profit)  
Make remittance payable to Secretary of State

Do Not Send Cash

Return to: Commercial Division  
P. O. Box 94125  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9125  
Phone (225) 925-4704  
Web Site: www.sos.la.gov

Corporation Name: Blueprint Investment Fund

#### REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the above named corporation has authorized the removal of the following: *Only the titles indicated will be removed.*

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Name and Title

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Name and Title

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Name and Title

To be signed by an officer or a director

Date

#### ADDITION OF DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the above named corporation has authorized the addition of the following: *Only the titles indicated will be added.*

LAUREN E. White, Director      545 Vallette Street, New Orleans, LA 70114  
Name and Title      Municipal Address

Michele B. Oatis, Director      1631 Elgysian Fields Ave. Ste. 358 NOLA 70117  
Name and Title      Municipal Address

Le Kesiah Washington Fleury, Director      845 Avenue A, Ste. A, Marrero, LA 70072  
Name and Title      Municipal Address

BENARDETT K. Ino-Finn, Director      545 Vallette Street, NOLA 70114  
Name and Title      Municipal Address

Lauren Miller      8/8/13  
To be signed by an officer or a director      Date

## NOTICE OF CHANGE

**Charter Number:** 40315565N

**Name:** BLUEPRINT INVESTMENT FUND

### ADDRESSES:

**The street address (not a P.O. Box only) of the corporation's initial registered office is:**

545 VALLETTE ST  
NEW ORLEANS, LA, 701141153

### Mailing Address:

C/O LAWRENCE WILLIAMS 3927 EAGLE STREET  
NEW ORLEANS, LA, 70118

### AGENTS:

#### Agent Name:

LAWRENCE WILLIAMS  
545 VALLETTE ST  
NEW ORLEANS, LA, 701141153

### OFFICERS/DIRECTORS:

#### Officer/Director Name:

LAWRENCE WILLIAMS (PRESIDENT, DIRECTOR)  
3927 EAGLE STREET  
NEW ORLEANS, LA, 70114

ISAAC WILLIAMS (VICE-PRESIDENT, DIRECTOR)  
545 VALLETTE STREET  
NEW ORLEANS, LA, 70114

AMELIA WILLIAMS (SECRETARY, DIRECTOR)  
422 SEGUIN STREET  
NEW ORLEANS, LA, 70114

LAUREN E. WHITE (DIRECTOR)  
545 VALLETTE ST  
NEW ORLEANS, LA, 70114

MICHELE B. OATIS (DIRECTOR)  
2332 LAFRENIERE STREET  
NEW ORLEANS, LA, 70122

LAKEISHA WASHINGTON FLEURY (TREASURER, DIRECTOR)  
6129 ADAM DR.  
MARRERO, LA, 70072

BENARDETT K. JNO-FINN (DIRECTOR)  
110 S. PIERCE STREET APT. D  
NEW ORLEANS, LA, 70119

**The filing of a false public record, with the knowledge of its falsity, is a crime,**

**subjecting the filer to fine or imprisonment or both under R.S. 14:133.**

TO BE ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED BY AN OFFICER OR DIRECTOR.

**ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE:** LAWRENCE WILLIAMS (9/5/2017)

**TITLE:** PRESIDENT

## NOTICE OF CHANGE

**Charter Number:** 40315565N

**Name:** BLUEPRINT INVESTMENT FUND

### **ADDRESSES:**

**The street address (not a P.O. Box only) of the corporation's registered office is:**

3927 EAGLE STREET  
NEW ORLEANS, LA, 701183409

### **Mailing Address:**

C/O LAWRENCE WILLIAMS 3927 EAGLE STREET  
NEW ORLEANS, LA, 701183409

### **AGENTS:**

#### **Agent Name:**

LAWRENCE WILLIAMS  
3927 EAGLE STREET  
NEW ORLEANS, LA, 701183409

### **OFFICERS/DIRECTORS:**

#### **Officer/Director Name:**

AMELIA WILLIAMS (PRESIDENT, DIRECTOR)  
3929 EAGLE STREET  
NEW ORLEANS, LA, 70118

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2332 LAFRENIERE STREET  
NEW ORLEANS, LA, 70122

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110 S. PIERCE STREET APT. D  
NEW ORLEANS, LA, 70119

CHARLES BROWN (DIRECTOR)  
11251 WAVERLY DRIVE  
NEW ORLEANS, LA, 70129

GEORGE BENDER (DIRECTOR)  
365 CANAL STREET SUITE 1100  
NEW ORLEANS, LA, 70130

ROSE VENTRISS (DIRECTOR)  
545 VALLETTE STREET  
NEW ORLEANS, LA, 70114

MICHAEL FORTUNE (DIRECTOR)  
6200 ERIN DRIVE  
NEW ORLEANS, LA, 701267505

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**ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE:** AMELIA R WILLIAMS (4/10/2020)

**TITLE:** PRESIDENT

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NEW ORLEANS, LA, 70122



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**ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE:** AMELIA R. WILLIAMS (4/10/2020)

**TITLE:** PRESIDENT



**Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation**

The undersigned officer attest that:

1. The undersigned officer is the president of **Blueprint Investment Fund**, a Louisiana Nonprofit Corporation.
2. **Article II** of the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation is amended to read as follows:

The purpose for which the corporation (some hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation") is organized for charitable and educational purposes to undertake programs, activities and services to address and combat poverty and deteriorating conditions within the Greater New Orleans metropolitan area. Additionally, the Corporation intends to address and serve populations in distress and in need by creating business, employment and affordable housing opportunities by developing and maintaining programs and activities focused on the following:

**Section 1.** The Corporation shall primarily dedicate its resources to reducing and removing blight, promoting the redevelopment of distressed neighborhoods as a result of Hurricane Katrina related population loss and/or poverty and disinvestment, and to developing quality affordable housing to low and moderate income families in the Greater New Orleans Area. The Greater New Orleans Area includes the Parishes of Orleans, St Bernard, Plaquemines and Jefferson;

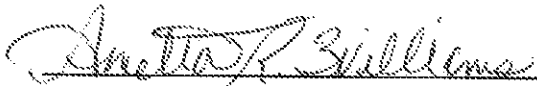
**Section 2.** The Corporation may conduct activities that supplement government economic and workforce development programs directed at encouraging the initiation of expansion, growth and maturation of small, disadvantaged business enterprises (hereinafter "DBEs") with a potential for providing enhanced opportunities and thereby contributing to economic revitalization of the Greater New Orleans Metropolitan area;

**Section 3.** The Corporation may provide educational and informational counseling to individuals concerning the development and operation of small businesses for the purpose of encouraging the initiation, expansion, growth, and maturation of both new and existing DBEs which can provide employment opportunities and thereby aid in alleviating unemployment, community deterioration, and economic distress in the Greater New Orleans Metropolitan area.

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3. The foregoing amendment of the Articles of Incorporation has been duly approved by the board of directors on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April, 2020.
4. Thus done and passed on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April, 2020, signed in Orleans Parish, State of Louisiana, before the undersigned Notary Public.

  
Amelia R. Williams, President

4/13/2020  
Date

  
NOTARY PUBLIC



<b>R. Kyle Ardoin</b> <b>Secretary of State</b> 	<b>DOMESTIC CORPORATION</b> <b>ANNUAL REPORT</b> <b>For Period Ending</b> <b>9/30/2020</b>	 40315565N  2020	
<b>Mailing Address Only (INDICATE CHANGES TO THIS ADDRESS IN THIS BOX)</b> 40315565 N BLUEPRINT INVESTMENT FUND  C/O LAWRENCE WILLIAMS 3927 EAGLE STREET NEW ORLEANS, LA 701183409	1	<b>(INDICATE CHANGES TO THIS ADDRESS IN THIS BOX)</b> <b>Registered Office Address in Louisiana (Do not use P. O. Box)</b> 3927 EAGLE STREET NEW ORLEANS, LA 701183409  Federal Tax ID Number	
Our records indicate the following registered agents for the corporation. Indicate any changes or deletions below. All agents must have a Louisiana address. Do not use a P. O. Box. <b>A NEW REGISTERED AGENT REQUIRES A NOTARIZED SIGNATURE.</b> LAWRENCE WILLIAMS 3927 EAGLE STREET NEW ORLEANS, LA 701183409			
I hereby accept the appointment of registered agent(s).	Sworn to and subscribed before me on NOTARY NAME MUST BE TYPED OR PRINTED WITH NOTARY #		
<b>New Registered Agent Signature</b>	<b>Notary Signature                      Date</b>		
This report reflects a maximum of three officers or directors from our records for this corporation. Indicate any changes or deletions below. Include a listing of all names along with each title held and their address. Do not use a P. O. Box. If additional space is needed attach an addendum.			
AMELIA WILLIAMS 3929 EAGLE STREET NEW ORLEANS, LA 70118  MICHELE B. OATIS 2332 LAFRENIERE STREET NEW ORLEANS, LA 70122  BENARDETT K. JNO-FINN 110 S. PIERCE STREET APT. D NEW ORLEANS, LA 70119	Director, Secretary  Director  Director		
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<b>SIGN →</b>	<b>To be signed by an officer or director</b> Lawrence Williams (SIGNED ELECTRONICALLY)  Signee's address	Title President  Email Address ON FILE	Phone   Date 08/31/2020  (For Office Use Only)
Enclose filing fee of     \$10.00 <b>Make remittance payable to Secretary of State</b> <b>Do Not Send Cash</b> <b>Do Not Staple</b>  web site: <a href="http://www.sos.louisiana.gov">www.sos.louisiana.gov</a>		Return by:                      9/30/2020  To: <b>Commercial Division</b> <b>P. O. Box 94125</b> <b>Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9125</b> <b>Phone (225) 925-4704</b>	<b>DO NOT STAPLE</b>
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**Charter Name:** BLUEPRINT INVESTMENT FUND

## Additional Officers

GEORGE BENDER            Director  
365 CANAL STREET  
SUITE 1100 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130

MARSHALL FITZ, M.D.        Director  
424 SEGUIN ST NEW ORLEANS, LA 70114

HEATHER RAY            Director  
2729 FRANKFORT STREET NEW ORLEANS, LA 70122

LAWRENCE WILLIAMS        President, Director  
3927 EAGLE STREET NEW ORLEANS, LA 70118

ANDROMEDA MCKINNEY       Director  
313 BONITA CT. LEANDER, TX

LAKESIAH WASHINGTON       Treasurer  
3927 EAGLE STREE NEW ORLEANS, LA 70118