

## **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF**

### **LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY ARCHIVE OF PUERTO RICO ARCHIVO COMUNITARIO LGBTQ+ DE PUERTO RICO**

The undersigned incorporators, who are individuals 18 years of age or older, all of whom are citizens of the United States and pursuant to the nonprofit corporation laws of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

#### **ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this corporation is:

LGBTQ+ Community Archive of Puerto Rico  
Archivo Comunitario LGBTQ+ de Puerto Rico

#### **ARTICLE II. REGISTERED OFFICE**

The physical address of the registered office for this corporation is at:

San Juan, PR .

#### **ARTICLE III. REGISTER AGENT**

The name and address of the initial register agent is: Javier E. Laureano.

#### **ARTICLE IV. DURATION**

The period of duration is: Perpetual

#### **ARTICLE V. PURPOSE**

The specific purposes of this corporation are to:

- 1). Compile and provide access to an important body of documents, publications and images-among others- of importance or relevance to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer /cuir and more communities.
- 2). Publish an LGBTQ+ oral history project (recorded and transcribed files).
- 3). Disseminate research, data and information on LGBTQ+ communities.
- 4). Compile and disseminate a database of historical images that document the cultural and social wealth of LGBTQ + communities.
- 5). Coordinate meetings, talks, conferences, round tables and other activities relevant to the stories of the LGBTQ + communities of Puerto Rico and its diasporas.

- 6). Coordinate alliances with LGBTQ + community archives from other jurisdictions, as well as with foundations, academic institutions, corporations and non-profit entities.
- 7). Process and digitize donations of documents, publications, images and information from people in the LGBTQ + communities to become part of the collection.
- 8). Continue documenting and publicizing the rich world of LGBTQ+ communities, including its intersections with environmentalism (ecoqueer); urban planning, geography and architecture, especially the possibility of creating an inclusive LGBTQ+ district in San Juan; feminism and struggles for women's rights, including lesbian feminism; social work; psychology; administration and public policy; other branches of the social and natural sciences.
- 9). Serve as a source of information and reference for LGBTQ+ communities, academic research, the community at large, and the media.
- 10). Proposal writing and coordination of fundraising activities to achieve the aforementioned objectives.

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific 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.

#### **ARTICLE VI. INITIAL DIRECTORS**

The number of directors, and the method of selecting directors, shall be fixed by the Bylaws of this corporation. The initial directors shall be three (3) in number. The names and addresses of these initial directors are as follows:

Javier E Laureano	San Juan, PR
Rubén Ríos Ávila	San Juan, PR

#### **ARTICLE VII. MEMBERS**

This corporation does not have members.

#### **ARTICLE VIII. INCORPORATORS**

The name and address of the incorporators of this corporation are:

Javier E Laureano	San Juan, PR
Rubén Ríos Ávila	San Juan, PR

**ARTICLE IX. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

1. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that 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 Third hereof.
2. 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 in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
3. Notwithstanding any other provision 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 Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
4. No member, officer, or director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property of the members, officers, or directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

**ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we the undersigned, being the Incorporators of the LGBTQ+ Community Archive of Puerto Rico/ Archivo Comunitario LGBTQ+ de Puerto Rico executed these Articles of Incorporation on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Javier E. Laureano, Incorporator

\_\_\_\_\_ Rubén Ríos Ávila, Incorporator

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