

To form a **nonprofit public benefit corporation** in California, you can fill out this form or prepare your own document, and submit for filing along with:

- A \$30 filing fee.
- A separate, non-refundable \$15 service fee also must be included, if you **drop off** the completed form or document.

Important! California nonprofit corporations are **not** automatically exempt from paying California franchise tax or income tax each year. **A separate application is required in order to obtain tax exempt status.** For more information, go to https://www.ftb.ca.gov/businesses/exempt_organizations or call the California Franchise Tax Board at (916) 845-4171.

Note: *Before submitting this form*, you should consult with a private attorney for advice about your specific business needs.

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For questions about this form, go to www.sos.ca.gov/business/be/filing-tips.htm

Corporate Name (List the proposed corporate name. Go to www.sos.ca.gov/business/be/name-availability.htm for general corporate name requirements and restrictions.)

- ① The name of the corporation is Grassroots Ecology

Corporate Purpose (Item 2a: Check one or both boxes. Item 2b: The specific purpose of the corporation must be listed if you are organizing for "public" purposes, or if you intend to apply for tax-exempt status in California.)

- ② 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: ☐ public purposes. ☒ charitable purposes.
- b. The specific purpose of this corporation is to provide environmental education.

Service of Process (List a California resident or an active 1505 corporation in California that agrees to be your initial agent to accept service of process in case your corporation is sued. You may list any adult who lives in California. You may **not** list your own corporation as the agent. **Do not** list an address if the agent is a 1505 corporation as the address for service of process is already on file.)

- ③ a. David Smernoff

Agent's Name

- b. 112 Foxwood Rd

Agent's Street Address (if agent is **not** a corporation) - Do not list a P.O. Box

Portola Valley

City (no abbreviations)

CA 94028

State Zip

Corporate Addresses

- ④ a. 112 Foxwood Road

Initial Street Address of Corporation- Do not list a P.O. Box

Portola Valley

City (no abbreviations)

CA 94028

State Zip

- b.

Initial Mailing Address of Corporation, if different from 4a

City (no abbreviations)

State Zip

Additional Statements (The following statements are required to obtain tax exemption from the Internal Revenue Service or the California Franchise Tax Board under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3). Note: Corporations seeking other types of tax exemptions should not use this form.)

- ⑤ a. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for the purposes set forth in **Article 2a** hereof within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3).
- b. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- c. The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to the purposes in **Article 2a** hereof and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person.
- d. Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for **charitable, educational and/or religious** purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3).

This form must be signed by each incorporator. If you need more space, attach extra pages that are 1-sided and on standard letter-sized paper (8 1/2" x 11"). All attachments are made part of these articles of incorporation.


Incorporator - Sign here

David Smernoff

Print your name here

Make check/money order payable to: **Secretary of State**
Upon filing, we will return one (1) uncertified copy of your filed document for free, and will certify the copy upon request and payment of a \$5 certification fee.

By Mail
Secretary of State
Business Entities, P.O. Box 944260
Sacramento, CA 94244-2600

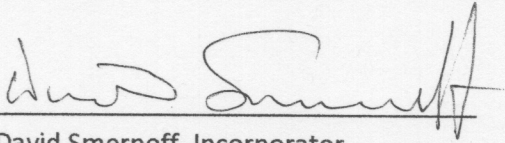
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1500 11th Street, 3rd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Attachment to:
ARTS-PB-501(c)(3)
Articles of Incorporation of a Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation

Request Delayed Effective Date:

These Articles shall be withheld from filing until the following future date: July 1, 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Smernoff", written over a horizontal line.

David Smernoff, Incorporator