Articles of Incorporation
of the
Front Range Economic Strategy Center

The undersigned, acting as the incorporator of a non-profit corporation pursuant to § 7-122-102, Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), delivers these Articles of Incorporation to the Colorado Secretary of State for filing, and states as follows:

Article I
The entity name of the non-profit corporation is:

Front Range Economic Strategy Center.

Article II
The address of the initial principal office of the non-profit corporation is:

10 Lakeside Lane, Suite 1-B
Denver CO 80212-7435.

Article III
The name, and the business address, of the initial registered agent for service of process on the non-profit corporation are:

Christopher E. Nevitt
10 Lakeside Lane, Suite 1-B
Denver CO 80212-7435.

Following is the signature of the initial registered agent consenting to the appointment:

Signed

Date

Article IV
The name and address of the incorporator is:

Leslie Moody, president
Denver Area Labor Federation
10 Lakeside Lane, Suite 1-B
Denver CO 80212-7435

In witness, whereof, the above incorporator has affixed her signature in acceptance and execution of these Articles of Incorporation:

Signed

Date
Article V
The non-profit corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, 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
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 these Articles of Incorporation. 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. 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.

Article VII
Upon dissolution of the non-profit corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the non-profit corporation, dispose of all assets of the non-profit corporation exclusively for purposes as shall at the time qualify as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. 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.

Article VIII
Within the limits defined by Articles V, VI, and VII, the business and purpose of the non-profit corporation shall be as follows: a) to provide and promote research on issues that affect working people and families in Colorado; b) to provide and promote the analysis and evaluation of existing or proposed policies that effect working people and families in Colorado; c) to provide and promote public education on issues and policies that effect working people and families in Colorado; d) to provide and promote training for working people and families in Colorado to understand and participate in the policy processes which affect their lives.
Article IX
To the end of advancing the purposes defined in Article VIII, and within the limits defined by Articles V, VI, and VII, the non-profit corporation shall: a) apply for and receive moneys by way of grant or gift, whether public or private; b) employ and pay reasonable compensation for services to such persons as the Board of Directors deems necessary.

Article X
The period of the non-profit corporation shall be perpetual.

Article XI
The non-profit corporation shall not have members.

Article XII
The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the non-profit corporation shall not be less than three. The initial officers of the non-profit corporation shall consist of a president and a secretary-treasurer.

Article XIII
Subject to the limitations contained in these Articles of Incorporation, all the lawful powers of the corporation shall be vested in and exercised by or under the authority of the board of directors, and the business and affairs of the corporation shall be conducted and controlled by such board.

Article XIV
These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided under the Colorado Nonprofit Corporation Act in effect at the time of amendment, and as prescribed by the By-Laws of the non-profit corporation.

Article XV
The corporation shall indemnify any director, officer, or former director or officer of the corporation, or any person who may have served at its request, against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with the defense of any action, suit, or proceeding, civil or criminal, in which he or she is made a party by reason of being or having been an officer or director of the corporation, except in relation to matters as to which he or she is adjudged in such action, suit, or proceeding to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his or her duty to the corporation.