



Secretary of State
Articles of Incorporation of a
Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation

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501(c)(3)

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IMPORTANT — Read Instructions before completing this form.

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Note: A separate California Franchise Tax Board application is required to obtain tax exempt status. For more information, go to <https://www.ftb.ca.gov>.

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

The name of the corporation is Beikoku Shodo Kenkyukai

2. Business Addresses (Enter the **complete** business addresses. Item 2a cannot be a P.O.Box or "in care of" an individual or entity.)

a. Initial Street Address of Corporation - Do not enter a P.O. Box 4072 Homestead Street	City (no abbreviations) Irvine	State CA	Zip Code 92604
b. Initial Mailing Address of Corporation, if different than item 2a	City (no abbreviations)	State	Zip Code

3. Service of Process (Must provide either Individual **OR** Corporation.)

INDIVIDUAL — Complete Items 3a and 3b only. Must include agent's full name and California street address.

a. California Agent's First Name (if agent is not a corporation) Randy	Middle Name	Last Name Yamamoto	Suffix
b. Street Address (if agent is not a corporation) - Do not enter a P.O. Box 4072 Homestead Street	City (no abbreviations) Irvine	State CA	Zip Code 92604

CORPORATION — Complete Item 3c. Only include the name of the registered agent Corporation.

c. California Registered Corporate Agent's Name (if agent is a corporation) — **Do not complete Item 3a or 3b**

4. Purpose Statement

Item 4a: One or both boxes must be checked.

Item 4b: If "public" purposes is checked in Item 4a, or if you intend to apply for tax-exempt status in California, you must enter the specific purpose in Item 4b.)

- 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 promote and preserve the Japanese cultural art of Shodo calligraphy in America.

5. Additional Statements (See Instructions and Filing Tips.)

- a. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for the purposes set forth in **Article 4** 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 4** 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).

6. Read and Sign Below (This form must be signed by each incorporator. See Instructions. Do not include a title.)

Signature

Randy Yamamoto
Type or Print Name