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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**CALIFORNIANS TO DEFEND THE OPEN PRIMARY**

**I**

The name of this corporation is Californians to Defend the Open Primary.

**II**

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.

B. The specific purpose of this corporation is to educate the public about and to advocate for open, nonpartisan primary elections in California, allowing voters to cross party lines in elections for the Legislature, statewide elected officials and congressional districts, and to accomplish these goals to support appropriate initiatives and ballot measures, to defend these appropriate initiatives and statutes once enacted against judicial challenges and to lobby appropriate state or federal legislatures to not weaken Open Primary legislation and to support such legislation.

C. Notwithstanding any of the above statements of purposes and powers, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the specific purpose of this corporation.

**III**

The name and address in the State of California of this corporation's initial agent for service of process is:

Steven S. Lucas  
Nielsen, Merksamer  
2350 Kerner Boulevard, Suite 250  
San Rafael, California 94901

## IV

This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for philanthropic social welfare purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## V

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to philanthropic social welfare purposes 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.

Upon the dissolution or winding up of the 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 philanthropic social welfare purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) or section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## VI

The initial address of the corporation is:

2350 Kerner Boulevard, Suite 250  
San Rafael, California 94901

DATED: January 13, 2025



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Steven S. Lucas

I hereby declare that I am the person who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, which execution is my act and deed.



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Steven S. Lucas