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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
Merced County Community Investment Corporation Foundation

I.

The name of the corporation is the Merced County Community Investment Foundation.

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 charitable purposes.
- B. The specific purpose of this corporation is to:
- Serve as a County wide clearing- house for sources of funding including government grants, private/foundation grants and charitable contributions.
 - Solicit funds for its own account to finance those areas of Workforce Investment and Community Investment that is not directly provided by funding streams from the Workforce Investment Act of 1988.
 - Solicit, or assist in the solicitation of, funds for or on the behalf of other local public and private agencies when those agencies do not have the internal capability to do so themselves. These functions may include but are not limited to grant writing, the creation of consortia and partnerships for public benefit purposes and coordination of responsibilities among the members of such consortia; and
 - Serve as "grant recipient" for those public and private agencies that may not have the internal resources to fulfill the required functions (e.g., accounting, cash management, disbursement, risk management, etc.).

III.

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

Steve Tinetti
3362 Calaveras Court
Merced, Ca. 95340

IV.

- A. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3), Internal Revenue Code.
- B. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the 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.

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V.

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and not 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 charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code.

_____, Incorporator