

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
BUSINESS REGULATION ADMINISTRATION

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CERTIFICATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that all applicable provisions of the DISTRICT  
OF COLUMBIA BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT have been complied with and

ACCORDINGLY, this CERTIFICATE of INCORPORATION  
is hereby issued to THE WASHINGTON INSTITUTE FOR NEAR EAST POLICY

as of November 14, 1984

Donald G. Murray  
Director

Henry C. Lee, III  
Acting Administrator  
Business Regulation Administration

*Vandy L. Jamison, Jr.*  
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Assistant Superintendent of Corporations  
Corporations Division

Marion Barry, Jr.  
Mayor

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF

THE WASHINGTON INSTITUTE FOR NEAR EAST POLICY

TO: The Recorder of Deeds, D.C.  
Washington, D.C.

We, the undersigned, natural persons of the age of twenty-one (21) years or more, acting as incorporators of a corporation pursuant to the provisions of the District of Columbia Non-Profit Corporation Act, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation of such corporation:

FIRST: The name of the corporation is:

THE WASHINGTON INSTITUTE

FOR NEAR EAST POLICY

SECOND: The period of its duration is perpetual.

THIRD: The purposes for which the corporation is formed are as follows:

(1) To operate exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals;

(2) To make contributions to any organizations described in Sections 501(c)(1) and 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or to or for the benefit of the United States Government;

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(3) To undertake a program designed to promote a more balanced and realistic understanding of American interests in the Near East, within the general public and among the nation's policy-makers, academics and journalists, by means of:

(a) the conduct of monthly policy forums, bringing together officials from various Executive Branch offices, Capital Hill staff members, journalists, academics, and officials and scholars from foreign countries;

(b) the sponsorship of student symposia on U.S. concerns in the Middle East, which will bring to Washington campus newspaper editors, student government officers, and other student leaders;

(c) the sponsorship of an annual conference, open to interested members of the public, featuring the presentation of addresses and papers by leading experts on Near East policy and offering workshops on a variety of policy-related issues; and

(d) the conduct of an ongoing research program and the publication of a monthly newsletter, along with the sponsorship or preparation of articles, papers and other pieces for presentation in newspapers and journals; and

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(4) To engage in any and all lawful activities incidental to the foregoing purposes, except as specifically restricted herein.

FOURTH: The corporation shall have no members.

FIFTH: The corporation shall issue no capital stock.

SIXTH: The number of directors of the corporation shall be fixed by the By-Laws; provided, however, that the number of directors shall not be less than three (3). Except for the initial Board of Directors, which shall be composed of the three (3) directors whose names are set forth in these Articles, directors shall be elected at an annual meeting of the Board of Directors or at a special meeting called for such purpose, by the vote of a majority of directors then in office, and each director shall hold office for a term of one (1) year and until his/her successor is elected and qualified.

SEVENTH: Provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation, except as provided in these Articles, shall be determined and fixed by the By-Laws as adopted by the Board of Directors. If the By-Laws so provide, the Board of Directors may, by resolution or resolutions passed by a majority of the whole Board, designate two (2) or more of the Directors to serve as a committee, which, to the extent provided in such reso-

lution or resolutions and to the extent consistent with law, shall have and may exercise the powers of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the corporation, and may have power to authorize the seal of the corporation to be affixed to all papers which may require it.

At all times, and notwithstanding merger, consolidation, reorganization, termination, dissolution or winding up of the corporation, voluntarily or involuntarily, or by operation of law or any other provision hereof:

(1) The corporation shall neither have nor exercise any power, nor shall it directly or indirectly engage in any activity, that would (a) prevent it from obtaining an exemption from Federal income taxation as a corporation described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or (b) cause it to lose such exempt status.

(2) The corporation shall not be operated for the purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit.

(3) No part of the income of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any trustee, director or officer of the corporation or any private individual, except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered on behalf of the corporation, and no trustee, director or officer of the corporation or any private individual shall be entitled to

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share in any distribution of any of the assets of the corporation upon its dissolution.

(4) No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, except as may otherwise be permitted in accordance with an election pursuant to Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended; nor shall it in any manner or to any extent participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office; nor shall the corporation engage in any activities that are unlawful under applicable Federal, state or local laws.

(5) If for any period the corporation is a private foundation as defined by Section 509 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws, then during such period, the corporation shall be subject to the following restrictions and prohibitions:

(a) The corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

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(b) The corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

(c) The corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

(d) The corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

(e) The corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

(6) Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities and obligations of the Corporation, distribute all assets of the Corporation exclusively to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes, as shall at such time qualify

as an exempt organization or organizations under Sections 501(c)(1) or 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws, as the Board of Directors shall determine, pursuant to a plan of distribution.

EIGHTH: The address, including street name and number, of the initial registered office of the corporation is 1775 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, and the name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation at such address is Julie Noel Gilbert.

NINTH: The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is three (3), and the names and addresses, including street name and number, of such persons who are to serve as the initial directors until the first annual meeting or until their successors are elected and qualified are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Elizabeth Ettinger Chotin	5 Pinehurst Circle, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20015
Marilyn Iris Edeson	1301 Heather Crescent Terrace Silver Spring, MD 20902
Jill Margaret Indyk	3416 Rittenhouse St., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20015



TENTH: The name and address, including street name and number, of each incorporator is:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
William S. Blatt	1700 17th Street, N.W. #302 Washington, D.C. 20009
Betsey Peet	205 E. Glendale Avenue #1 Alexandria, VA 22301
Hernse Patrick Eugene	1700 Harvard Street, N.W. #213 Washington, D.C. 20009

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Date: November 14, 1984

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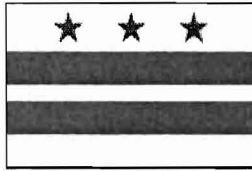
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: ss:

I, Sandra M. Pulizzi, a Notary Public, hereby certify that on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1984, personally appeared before me William S. Blatt, Betsey Peet, and Hernse Patrick Eugene, who signed the foregoing document as incorporators, and that the statements therein contained are true.

Sandra M. Pulizzi  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: October 14, 1989

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
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CORPORATIONS DIVISION



**C E R T I F I C A T E**

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that the attached is a true and correct copy of the documents for this entity as shown by the records of this office.

WASHINGTON INSTITUTE FOR NEAR EAST POLICY, THE

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I** have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of this office to be affixed as of 10/4/2012 11:45 AM

Business and Professional Licensing Administration



Handwritten signature of Patricia E. Grays in cursive script.

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PATRICIA E. GRAYS  
Superintendent of Corporations  
Corporations Division

Vincent C. Gray  
Mayor

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