

Articles of Incorporation of a Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation

To form a **nonprofit mutual benefit corporation** in California, you can fill out this form or prepare your own document, and submit for filing along with:

- A **\$30** filing fee.
- A separate, non-refundable **\$15** service fee also must be included, if you **drop off** the completed form or document.

Important! Nonprofit corporations in California **are not** automatically exempt from paying California franchise tax or income tax each year. For information about tax requirements and/or applying for tax-exempt status in California, go to https://www.ftb.ca.gov/businesses/exempt_organizations or call the California Franchise Tax Board at (916) 845-4171.

Note: *Before submitting this form*, you should consult with a private attorney for advice about your specific business needs.

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For questions about this form, go to www.sos.ca.gov/business/be/filing-tips.htm

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

① The name of the corporation is _____

Corporate Purpose

② This corporation is a nonprofit **Mutual Benefit Corporation** organized under the Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation Law. The purpose of this corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity, other than credit union business, for which a corporation may be organized under such law.

Service of Process (List a California resident or an active **1505** corporation in California that agrees to be your initial agent to accept service of process in case your corporation is sued. You may list any adult who lives in California. You may **not** list your own corporation as the agent. **Do not** list an address if the agent is a 1505 corporation as the address for service of process is already on file.)

③ a. _____
Agent's Name

b. _____ **CA**
Agent's Street Address (if agent is **not** a corporation) - Do not list a P.O. Box City (no abbreviations) State Zip

Corporate Addresses

④ a. _____
Initial Street Address of Corporation - Do not list a P.O. Box City (no abbreviations) State Zip

b. _____
Initial Mailing Address of Corporation, if different from 4a City (no abbreviations) State Zip

Additional Statements (The following statements are for tax-exempt status in California.)

- ⑤ a. The specific purpose of this corporation is to _____.
- b. 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 purposes of this corporation.

This form must be signed by each incorporator. If you need more space, attach extra pages that are 1-sided and on standard letter-sized paper (8 1/2" x 11"). All attachments are made part of these articles of incorporation.



Incorporator - Sign here

Print your name here

Make check/money order payable to: **Secretary of State**
Upon filing, we will return one (1) uncertified copy of your filed document for free, and will certify the copy upon request and payment of a \$5 certification fee.

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