

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
FILIPINO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
OF FOSTER CITY

PREAMBLE

We, Filipino-American Association of Foster City, California, imbued by the lofty aspiration to form a strong union among ourselves in order to protect our mutual interests, improve and strengthen our social and economic well-being, preserve and promote our national, historical and cultural heritage, and to achieve better understanding, coordination and support among ourselves in our community, do hereby promulgate this Constitution.

ARTICLE I. DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

Section 1. We believe that man cannot live in isolation from his fellowmen; that he must become an active part of the society in which he lives.

Section 2. We believe that the survival, strength, and progress of any organized society depend upon the survival, strength, and progress of its individual components.

Section 3. We believe that peace and harmony among men can be attained only by the strict observance of the universal precepts of Christian morality and by respect and obedience to the laws and legal orders of duly constituted authorities.

Section 4. We believe in the wisdom, justice, and effectiveness of democratic processes and adhere to the democratic way of life.

Section 5. We pledge to oppose all ideologies, concepts of society, and all types of movements that tend to destroy the fundamental precepts of a free democracy.

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ARTICLE II. NAME AND NATURE OF ORGANIZATION

Section 1. This organization shall be known as "Filipino-American Association of Foster City".

Section 2. The Filipino-American Association of Foster City shall be non-sectarian, non-partisan, non-profit and non-stock, civic and charitable organization.

Section 3. The Filipino-American Association of Foster City shall be an incorporated organization.

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ARTICLE III. GENERAL PURPOSES

Section 1. The fundamental purpose of this organization is to project to the general public the image of unity among all Filipino-Americans in Foster City, California.

Section 2. The primary objective of this organization is to promote and protect the legitimate interests and welfare of its members.

Section 3. This organization must encourage participation in any and all laudable civic, social, and charitable projects in the community.

Section 4. In order to gain the respect and recognition from the general community, this organization should develop a program of activities which will make Filipino-Americans useful and law-abiding residents and citizens of the United States of America.

Section 5. This organization must endeavor to preserve and promote the national, historical and cultural heritage of the Philippines.

Section 6. It is imperative that this organization foster a harmonious relationship among Filipino and Americans, and cultivate understanding, goodwill and cooperation between the Philippines and the United States of America.

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Section 1. The fundamental purpose of this organization is to project to the general public the image of unity among all Filipino-Americans in Foster City **and in the San Francisco Bay Area, California.**

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ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. There shall be three (3) classes of members, namely:

Regular, Affiliate, and Honorary.

Subsection a. Regular Members shall be persons, eighteen (18) years or over, who are residents of Foster City, California, and who are entitled to membership by virtue of Philippine ancestry along with their husbands, wives and/or children of legal age.

Subsection b. Affiliate Members shall be persons, exclusive of those mentioned in Subsection a. above, who have expressed the desire to participate and promote the purpose of this organization.

Subsection c. Honorary Members shall be persons who have been conferred upon by the organization with certificate of distinction or appreciation for known meritorious reasons.

Section 2. Supplemental rules and regulations regarding membership qualifications, duties and responsibilities, and entitlement to benefits and privileges shall be set forth in the By-Laws.

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Section 1. There shall be two (2) classes of members, namely: 12 March 2004

Regular and Honorary.

Subsection a. Regular Members shall be persons
eighteen (18) years or over, who are residents
of Foster City **and the San Francisco Bay Area,**
California, and who are entitled to membership
by virtue of Philippine ancestry, along with their
husbands, wives and and/or children of legal age
and persons who have expressed the desire to
participate and promote the purpose of this
organization.

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Subsection b. (Deleted)

Subsection b. (Instead of Subsection c)

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Section 1. There shall be four (4) classes of members, namely:

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Regular, Honorary, Junior and Lifetime Members.

Subsection a. (Unchanged)

Subsection b. (Unchanged)

Subsection c. A Junior Member shall be a child --
below eighteen years of age -- of a member of good
standing who participates in Club activities.

Subsection c. Lifetime Members shall fall under two
categories: Senior and Fully Paid. Lifetime members
shall be exempt from all future membership dues but
will have all the rights, privileges and benefits of a
regular member.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Section 1. The following officers shall be elected by the General Membership, namely, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer and six (6) Directors.

Section 2. All elected officers shall serve a term of one year without prejudice to reelection or until their successors are elected; Provided, however, that they maintain their qualifications for membership.

Section 3. Any vacancy in any of the elective offices shall be filled by a member of good standing as recommended by the Board of Directors and duly approved by the General Membership.

Section 4. The duties and responsibilities of all elected officers shall be so regulated and set forth in the By-Laws.

Section 5. Any elected officer may be impeached by three-fourths (3/4) of all the votes of the General Membership during a meeting called for that purpose.

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Section 1. The following Officers shall be elected by the General Membership, namely: President, Vice president, Secretary, Treasurer, **Auditor**, Public Relations Officer and **five (5)** Directors.

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Section 2. All elected Officers shall serve a term of **two (2)** years without prejudice to reelection or until their successors are elected: Provided, however, that they maintain their qualification for membership.

ARTICLE VI. LEGISLATIVE POWER

Section 1. The General Membership shall exercise all the power inherent to all legislative bodies and shall be so regulated.

Section 2. The Legislative power of the General Membership shall be exercised by all duly accredited members: Provided, however, that Honorary Members can participate in all deliberations but without voting power.

Section 3. The General Membership shall exercise final approval of any matter involving appropriations and disbursement of funds which have not been duly provided for.

Section 4. The General Membership shall approve all applications and recommendations for Regular, Affiliate, and Honorary memberships.

Section 5. The regular meeting of the General Membership shall be held every second Tuesday of each month at a designated time and place.

Section 6. Special meetings may be called from time to time as deemed necessary.

Section 7. The presence of twenty-five percent (25%) of the total membership or no less than 20 members shall constitute a quorum to conduct business.

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Section 4. The General Membership shall approve all applications and recommendations for **Regular and Honorary** memberships. 12 March 2004

Section 5. The regular meeting of the General Membership shall be held every second **Friday** of each month at a designated time and place; Provided, however, that **this date is subject to postponement upon direction by three members of the Executive Board.** 12 March 2004

Section 7. The presence of **fifteen percent (15%)** of the total membership or no less than eleven (11) members shall constitute a quorum to conduct business. 12 March 2004

ARTICLE VII. EXECUTIVE POWER

Section 1. The policy-making power of the organization shall be vested in the Board of Directors composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer, and six (6) elected Directors.

Section 2. The inherent powers of the Board of Directors shall be those which are necessary to carry out the objectives of the organization.

Section 3. The President shall ipso facto become the Presiding Officer of the Board of Directors, and in his absence, the Board shall designate an Acting Presiding Officer from among the Board Members.

Section 4. The President or any three Board Members may call for a meeting of the Board of Directors from time to time as deemed necessary.

Section 5. The presence of a majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum to conduct business.

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Section 1. The policy-making power of the organization shall be vested in the Board of Directors composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, **Auditor**, Public Relations Officer and **five (5)** elected Directors.

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Section 3. The President shall, ipso facto, become the Presiding Officer of the Board of Directors and, in **his/her** absence, the Board shall designate an Acting Presiding Officer from among the Board Members.

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ARTICLE VIII. ELECTIONS

Section 1. There shall be an ad hoc Electoral Committee to be composed of three (3) members of good standing to be appointed by the President which will conduct and supervise the election of officers.

Section 2. The Electoral Committee shall receive nominations, certify that the candidates do not suffer any disqualification, and shall officially proclaim the election of officers.

Section 3. The Electoral Committee shall determine and certify all voting qualifications of members.

Section 4. The regular annual election of officers of the organization shall be held in March of every year on a date and place to be determined by the General Membership.

Section 5. The term of office of the officers of the organization shall begin on the first day of May of each year; Provided, however, that the oath-taking ceremonies shall be held on the last Saturday of April of each year, at the time and place to be determined by the General Membership.

Section 6. Voting procedures shall be outlined in the By-Laws.

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Section 4. The regular **biennial** election of officers of the organization shall be held in March of every **odd-numbered** year on a date and place to be determined by the General Membership.

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Section 5. The term of office of the officers of the organization **shall be effective upon the oath-taking ceremonies conducted during the biennial Induction Ball.**

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Section 4. The regular biennial election of officers of the organization shall be held in **August** of every odd-numbered year on a date and place to be determined by the General Membership.

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ARTICLE IX. COMMITTEES

Section 1. There shall be created Standing Committees to carry on the regular business of the organization, namely: Membership, Finance, Recreation, Youth Activities, and Special Projects.

Section 2. There shall be created as many Special Committees as deemed necessary to carry on special projects which may not be handled by the Standing Committees.

Section 3. It shall be the responsibility of the President to appoint the required membership of all Standing and Special Committees.

Section 4. The function of the different Standing Committees shall be defined in the By-Laws.

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ARTICLE X. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 1. There shall be membership dues to be paid yearly on or before the last day of February of each year in the amount of \$5.00 per member.

Section 2. Assessments for projects to be undertaken by the organization shall be charged on the individual members: Provided, however, that such assessments shall be first ratified by the General Membership during a regular or special meeting.

Section 3. Funds collected as membership fees shall be placed in a special bank account under the custody of the organization.

Section 4. This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) of all the members present at any regular or special meeting.

Section 5. This Constitution shall take effect upon its approval by the General Membership.

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Section 1. There shall be membership dues to be paid yearly on or before the last day of February of each year, in the amount of **\$10.00 per member, plus a one-time initiation fee of \$10.00 for new members, subject to increases due to circumstances such as inflation, additional expenses, etc.**

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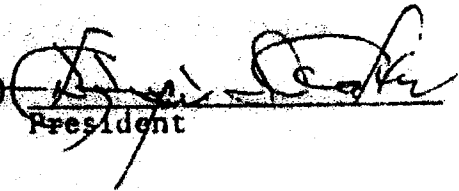
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Approved by the General Membership during the organizational meeting held on 13 March 1979 in Foster City, California

Certified Correct:

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President

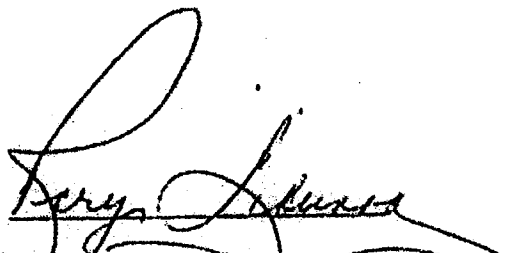

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Secretary

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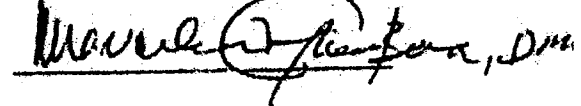
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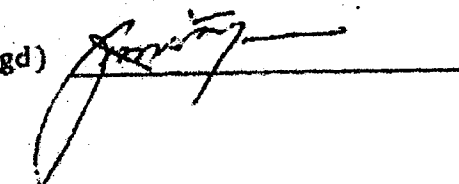
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Amendments to the Constitution approved by the General Membership during the meeting held on March 12, 2004 at the residence of Maria Paz Vanderburgh at 164 Beach Park Blvd., Foster City, California.

Certified Correct:


AURORA B. NARIO
President

Attested:


LOURDES E. LEDESMA
Secretary