

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION
FOSTER CITY ASSOCIATION OF BLACK RESIDENTS

PREAMBLE

Believing that men and women of similar ideals of education, character and political bonds should bind themselves together in order to achieve these ideals, we have incorporated ourselves under the name of the Foster City Association Of Black Residents.

ARTICLE I

NAME

This Organization shall be known as the Foster City Association Of Black Residents.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

To establish and maintain a fraternal organization for the purpose of achieving social, educational, and political objectives.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

SECTION 1:The officers of the Association shall be President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Parliamentarian.

SECTION 2:The officers of the Association together with the chairmen of all committees appointed by the President shall constitute the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV

DUTIES

SECTION 1:The President shall be the chief executive of the Association and chairman of the executive committee. He shall preside over each meeting and perform such other duties as may be prescribed in the by-laws of the Association.

SECTION 2:The Vice President in the absence or disability of the President shall perform the duties of the President and such other duties as the by-laws may prescribe.

SECTION 3:The Treasurer shall be responsible for depositing Association funds into a designated commercial institution (bank) immediately upon receipt of same, shall make all vouchers for disbursement of monies for the Association, and shall perform such other duties as the by-laws prescribe.

SECTION 4:The Secretary shall keep in permanent form, complete and accurate records of all meetings of the Association, receive and present to the Association all correspondence and perform such other duties as the by-laws prescribe.

SECTION 5:The Parliamentarian shall see that the parliamentary rules are observed in all deliberation of the Association as set forth in Roberts' Rules of Order. He shall perform such other duties as prescribed in the by-laws.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all Black Residents of the City of Foster City, California. Any member of the Association may recommend additional persons for membership by submitting the name to the general membership. The membership by a two-thirds vote may approve applicant at the next regular meeting.

ARTICLE VI

BY-LAWS

SECTION 1:Eligibility for Office. To be eligible for office, a member must be in good and regular standing with the Association.

SECTION 2:Election of Officers. The officers of the Association shall be elected, may and shall hold office for a term of one year. The term of office shall expire 30 June of

the following year. There shall be no limitation on the number of times an officer may be re-elected.

SECTION 3: Mode of Election. The election of officers shall be by ballot; the presiding officer shall declare elected the nominee receiving the highest number of votes. All nominations shall be made from the floor.

SECTION 4: Eligibility of Voting. Voting privileges shall be open to members in good standing.

SECTION 5: Announcement of Voting. Matters to be voted upon affecting constitutional changes shall be posted ten days by letter on bulletin prior to the date of voting.

SECTION 6: Results of Voting. All resolutions presented before the Association shall be adopted by majority vote of members present.

SECTION 7: Quorum. One-half total membership shall constitute a quorum. These members must be in good and regular standing with the Association.

SECTION 8: Fees. Fees and dues shall be determined and updated by the vote of the general membership annually.

SECTION 9: Standing Committees. In addition to the auditing committee and the constitution committee, the president shall have the authority to appoint the committees deemed necessary to effect the conclusion of business. The auditing and constitution committees will be permanent by nature.

SECTION 10: Disbursement of Funds. Association funds shall be disbursed in the following manner:

- A. Approved by the executive committee
- B. Written by the treasurer
- C. Signed by president and treasurer

SECTION 11: Filling Vacancies. The president of the Association shall, with the approval of the executive committee, make appointments to fill vacancies.

SECTION 12: Meeting Dates. The Association shall normally meet once each month.

SECTION 13: Amendments. The constitution may be amended in the following manner: A proposed amendment shall be presented to the constitution committee for ratification before presentation to the general membership for voting. The secretary will then advise the general membership prior to voting on the proposed amendment. Any amendment vetoed by the constitution committee will require two-thirds vote of the general membership to re-floor that amendment for discussion and vote.

SECTION 14: Exceptions. Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern in all cases not provided for by the foregoing by-laws.

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