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1. Corporate Name: (Required) The Forum For Constitutional Rights, GBC

2. The public benefit corporation's board of directors has reviewed and approved this report.

3. In the field below, enter the information required by section 304A.301 subd. 2 or 3 for the period covered by this report, (see instructions for further information); Note: Use additional sheets if needed. (Required)

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4. I, the undersigned, certify that I am the chief executive officer of this public benefit corporation. I further certify that I have signed this document no more than 30 days before the document is delivered to the secretary of state for filing, and that this document is current when signed. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.



Signature of Public Benefit Corporation's Chief Executive Officer

March 19, 2021

Date (Must be dated within 30 days before the report is delivered to the Secretary of State for Filing)

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Yes No

The Forum for Constitutional Rights, GBC
Information Required by Minn. Stat. § 304A.301, subd. 3
(Supplement to 2020 Annual Benefit Report)

The Forum for Constitutional Rights, GBC is a Minnesota general public benefit corporation, organized to provide a general public benefit through its operations.

The Forum for Constitutional Rights, GBC (FCR) submitted its original articles of organization to the Minnesota Secretary of State on August 21, 2020. FCR submitted revised articles on November 24, 2020. FCR was registered by the Minnesota Secretary of State on December 21, 2020. 2020 was the corporation's initial year of operations.

FCR's articles describe the corporation's general public benefit purpose as follows:

"The Forum for Constitutional Rights, GBC ... shall be a general benefit corporation organized and operated to pursue a general public benefit, focused on providing public education about constitutional history and constitutional rights, including but not limited to First Amendment rights. Public education activities undertaken by the Corporation may include, but are not limited to, publishing and filing of amicus briefs in court cases pertaining to First Amendment and free speech issues."

To carry out this purpose, FCR seeks to engage in commercial activity in order to generate revenue sufficient to support the following activities:

1. Publishing books, pamphlets, electronic media, or similar, related to U.S. constitutional history (either state or federal), or related to public affairs issues that pertain to constitutional rights or other constitutional matters;
2. Filing amicus (friend-of-the-court) briefs in state and federal litigation that involve Minnesota or federal constitutional issues - including free speech issues.

Third-Party Standard

Certification: The board of directors of FCR ("Board") certifies that it has chosen a third-party standard as required by Minn. Stat. § 304A.301 to guide its operations. The third-party standard applies to FCR's operations described in this report. The chosen third-party standard was derived from the following source:

1. The constitution of the United States of America, including all amendments ratified and adopted by the people of the United States of America.

Selection of standard: The third-party standard, as expressed by the United States Constitution ("USC"), relates both to the operational structure of the United States government, and - especially relevant to FCR - the set of relationships that legally enshrine and protect individual

rights against governmental invasion. The standard shall inform the public benefit work undertaken by FCR, in that such work will relate to explaining (via publishing) and defending (via the filing of amicus briefs) the underlying principles of the United States Constitution.

In concert with this third-party standard, the Board warrants that the publishing activities undertaken by FCR shall involve public affairs matters that relate to individual constitutional rights described in the USC; other public affairs matters that involve the USC; and/or historical matters that involve the USC or any U.S. state constitution (all of which incorporate elements first developed for and incorporated into the USC).

Similarly, the Board warrants that FCR's filing of amicus briefs shall be guided by the third-party standard, in that such briefs will serve to support and uphold the individual rights set forth in the USC and its amendments; and/or individual rights set forth in the Minnesota Constitution, which incorporates similar protections for individual rights (informed, as that document was during its drafting, by the constitutional tradition of the United States of America).

Determination: The Board has determined that the entity that promulgated the third-party standard adopted by FCR (the people of the United States of America) is independent from FCR. The United States Constitution is based on principles promulgated during debates that occurred after the American Revolutionary War, and it - and its amendments - have been ratified and adopted by successive generations of American citizens during the two-plus centuries that have followed. FCR is not, and has not been, a party to the debates over, or ratification of, the USC or any of its amendments.

Narrative of Operations

Pursuit of public benefit: During FCR's initial months in operation, FCR organized its business and administrative operations after filing its initial articles; it then filed for an assumed name ("1A Publishing") under which it will conduct publishing operations; and it undertook two key initiatives related to its public benefit purpose:

1. Identifying material on public affairs matters related to constitutional rights and issues to form the basis for an initial publishing project; and
2. Identifying ongoing litigation that involves issues of constitutional law - specifically free speech issues - into which FCR could involve itself as an amicus party.

Achievement of public benefit: Since FCR only started its operations in the later months of 2020, the corporation did not have time to make significant progress related to its general public benefit work. However, FCR was able to take the following steps related to its public benefit work:

1. FCR identified a collection of material on the Iran-Contra affair and other activities undertaken by various United States government agencies and personnel during the decades

of the 1960s-2000s, to form the basis for a publishing project related to how constitutional governance and constitutional rights were impacted by the described activities; and

2. FCR contacted counsel in three separate lawsuits involving free speech issues, and discussed FCR's participation as an amicus party. Two cases were in federal district court, and involved First Amendment issues under the United States Constitution, and one case was in Minnesota district court, and involved speech issues under the Minnesota Constitution. Plaintiffs in one of the federal cases lost at the district court, prepared for an appeal, but then did not pursue the appeal further. By the end of 2020, FCR was poised to participate in the other two cases, should those proceed to a point where the participation of amicus parties is appropriate.

Circumstances that hindered efforts: During its initial months of operation, FCR encountered no circumstances that hindered work toward its public purpose. At this early juncture, it appears that the only significant challenge to undertaking work on FCR's public benefit purpose will be the generation of revenue sufficient to underwrite such work.

Certification and Approval: As required by Minn. Stat. § 304A.301, the Board certifies that it has reviewed and approved this report.

Signed,



Matt Ehling
Chair, Board of Directors
The Forum for Constitutional Rights

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