

## NIPOC PROPOSALS TO BE VOTED IN DECMEBER 2003 GENERAL ELECTION

Please indicate your VOTE for the proposed changes by marking the appropriate box.

FOR    AGAINST

**Proposal 101: Change to Article 3 “Purpose” to better reflect Educational & Networking aspect of NIPOC**

**Proposal 102: Change to Article 6 “Advisory Board” to include influential community leaders.**

### DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSALS:

**PROPOSAL 101:** The purpose of this proposal is to amend the bylaws to better reflect the ‘Purpose’ of NIPOC. It will emphasize the educational and networking aspects of the organization. If approved, this change may help NIPOC qualify for IRS 501c(3) Tax Exempt Status meaning all your donations to NIPOC will be tax deductible.

**PRPOSAL 102:** The purpose of this proposal is to allow influential members of the Iranian and American community to be nominated and appointed to the Advisory Board of NIPOC. If approved, this change will help NIPOC to receive advice, and support from qualified well-known individuals in our community.

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### ARTICLE 3: PURPOSE

The corporation is non political with no religious affiliation or preference.

The corporation is a nonprofit corporation organized under the California Nonprofit Corporation Act for all lawful purposes according to said Act. Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, the purpose or purposes for which this corporation is organized are limited to those that will qualify it as an exempt organization under Internal Revenues Code Section 501 (c)(3), including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as tax-exempt organizations under such code. No part of any net earnings shall incur to the benefit of any private member or shareholder. The primary objectives of this corporation shall be:

### SECTION 1 EDUCATION

The corporation is organized for educational and networking purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

The primary objective of the corporation is to provide Iranian-American professionals the opportunity to expand their professional, social and economical knowledge and receive and give such knowledge through lectures, seminars and workshops, and other networking events which are open to the public at large. Furthermore, the corporation will help educate the American public on rich Persian cultural heritage and the achievements and contributions of the Iranian American community. The corporation is non-discriminatory, and is open to peoples of all races, sexes, languages, ethnic origins, and religions for membership.

### SECTION 2 NETWORKING

This corporation will provide an organized framework for effective networking and civic education for Iranian-Americans by information sharing and collaboration. The network will help create strong alliances with other communities in a continuing union of friendship and constructive partnership

### **SECTION 3 LIMITATIONS**

#### **A) Political activity.**

The corporation is non profit with no political or religious affiliation.

The corporation is specifically forbidden from carrying out any activity, which would deny the corporation any exemption or nonprofit or charitable institution status pursuant to Sections 503 et Seq. of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and regulations thereof or of any successor section or regulation related to this matter.

This corporation shall not carry on or pay for any propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation. Nor the corporation shall support or participate in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. However, the corporation is obligated to inform its member of the Federal, the State, and the Local Governments' policy and procedures, when such policies and procedures effects the members of corporation, their families and their profession directly or indirectly. Furthermore, the corporation may disclose the name of the official or candidate who is supporting the regulations that is affecting the corporation's members. Furthermore, the corporation, on behalf of its members, may seek information or clarification from the said officials or candidates. The clarification may include but shall not be limited to, a presentation to or an official correspondence to the corporation.

#### **b) Property.**

The property, assets, profits, and net income are dedicated irrevocably to the purposes set forth in Section 3.01 above. No part of the profits or net earnings of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any of its directors, trustees, officers, members (if any), employees, or to the benefit of any private individual.

#### **c) Dissolution.**

On liquidation or dissolution all properties and assets of the corporation remaining after paying or providing for all debts and obligations shall be distributed and paid over to such fund, foundation, or corporation organized and operated for charitable purposes as the board of directors shall determine, and as shall at the time qualify as a tax-exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c)(3), or as the same may be amended.

### **ARTICLE 6 ADVISORY BOARD**

#### **SECTION 5 APPOINTMENTS**

Honorary Board members who have served one (1) full year may be appointed by the Advisory Board to become a member of the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board can reinstate its members or former member for additional terms. **Influential community leaders from the fields of Education, Communication, business, legal, technology, and civic organizations as well as NIPOC membership at large may be appointed to the Advisory Board. Such nominees should be through NIPOC Board of Directors and approved by the Advisory Board.**