

Commission Letter #49-10  
Commission Meeting: 2/15/2010  
RE: **Non-Profit Status – Equality for a Cause**

February 9, 2010

The Honorable Mayor  
and  
Members of City Commission

On January 17, 2010 my office received an Application for Designation of Non-Profit Status for Equality for a Cause from a Mr. Michael Deszi. He did not submit all of the proper paperwork to my office and explained to myself and/or the City Attorney that he cannot provide any financial reports, he does not have an IRS designation of Tax-Exempt Status and does not have a brochure or Information Sheet used in public contact to solicit for donations. Even though I explained he needs all of this paperwork for approval, he wanted the application to be submitted to the City Commission. The City Attorney and I are in agreement that the designation should be denied, unless the applicant can provide the Commission with other evidence establishing that Equality for a Cause is a recognized nonprofit organization in the community.

If the Commission is in agreement, the following resolution would be appropriate:

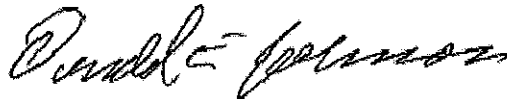
**Be It Resolved**, that the City Commission denies the application for Designation of Non-Profit Status for Equality for a Cause.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie Halas  
City Clerk

Approved,



Donald E. Johnson  
City Manager

cc: City Attorney Gillam

**APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION OF NON-PROFIT STATUS**

ORGANIZATION NAME: Equality For A Cause

ADDRESS HEADQUARTERS: 303 Crane Ave  
PLEASE PRINT  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Contact Officer: Michael Dezsi Phone: 734-945-5574

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS:

Name	Address	Phone	Title
Michael Dezsi	303 Crane Ave Ro 48067	734-945-5574	President

ESTABLISHED: 12/17/09 Total Membership: 1  
Month/Date/Year

Membership Requirements: Majority Vote of Board

Is organization a branch of State/National Organization? Yes  No   
Circle One

If answer is affirmative, a charter or directory of chapters produced by the State/National organization must be attached.

Purpose of Organization:  
To conduct Charitable, private gaming events the proceeds from of  
which will be donated to other non-profit and tax-exempt organizations  
For Additional info, please see Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.

Person(s) directly responsible for disbursement of funds:  
Michael Dezsi

Funds for operation of Organization obtained by: Private Financing to Start,  
Charitable Proceeds When Available

**DISPOSITION OF RECEIPTS:**

Percentage used for administration costs 10% Maximum

Are solicitors compensated: NO

How is payment made? —

To whom payment is made \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY:**

- ✓1. Articles of Incorporation
- ✓2. By-Laws
- ✓3. Dissolution of Funds Statement if not included in By-Laws or Articles of Incorporation
- ✓4. One of the following Financial Reports:
  - Most recent approved Audit Report N/A
  - A receipts/expenditures statement for current year N/A
  - Minutes showing Financial Report N/A
- 5. IRS designation of Tax-Exempt status — See Attached
- 6. Brochure or Information Sheet used in public contact to solicit for donations N/A

Application may be submitted to the City Clerk at 211 Williams St, Royal Oak MI 48068.  
Questions may be directed to 248.246.3050.

Applicant Signature: [Signature]

Date: 1-17-10 Phone: 734-945-5574

Office Use Only:	
City Commission Approval: _____	Denial: _____

City Clerk  
211 Williams St.  
Royal Oak, MI 48068

To whom it may concern,

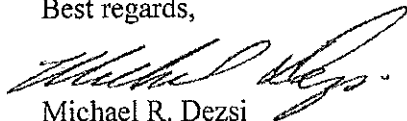
Please find the enclosed Application for Designation of Non-Profit Status submitted by Equality for a Cause, Inc., a recently formed Michigan non-profit corporation. Equality for a Cause seeks to hold private, charitable gaming events for the purpose of raising proceeds that will be donated to other non-profit and tax-exempt organizations (i.e., including organizations like Ruth Ellis Foundation, Affirmations Community Center, etc.).

Consistent with the requirements of the State of Michigan's Bureau of State Lottery, our organization needs to submit to the State a copy of a resolution passed by the local body recognizing Equality for a Cause as a non-profit organization. I have enclosed the resolution required by the State.

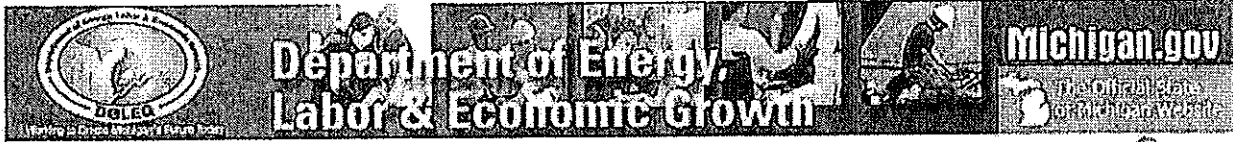
I have also completed Royal Oak's Application for Designation of Non-Profit Status which is enclosed. Please note, however, that I am not submitting IRS designation of tax-exempt status which is not required nor necessary for purposes of our State filing. Instead, our organization will be subject to submitting its financial records (i.e., bank statements, etc.) to the state for periodic review. However, because we are a start-up non-profit incorporated on December 17, 2009, I do not yet financial records to submit. I can make those available upon request once our organization has become operations.

As requested, I have also enclosed Equality for a Causes's Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws which contain a statement that upon dissolution, the organizations assets, if any, will revert to the local government. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter and please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Best regards,



Michael R. Dezsi  
(734) 945-5574



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**CORPORATE ENTITY DETAILS**

Searched for: EQUALITY FOR A CAUSE, INC.

ID Num: 70615H

Entity Name: EQUALITY FOR A CAUSE, INC.

Type of Entity: Domestic Nonprofit Corporation

Resident Agent: MICHAEL DEZSI

Registered Office Address: 303 CRANE AVE ROYAL OAK MI 48067

Mailing Address: MI

Formed Under Act Number(s): 162-1982

Incorporation/Qualification Date: 12-17-2009

Jurisdiction of Origin: MICHIGAN

Number of Shares: 0

Year of Most Recent Annual Report:

Year of Most Recent Annual Report With Officers & Directors:

Status: ACTIVE Date: Present

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<b>FILED</b> <b>DEC 17 2009</b> APPROPRIATE BUREAU OF COMMERCIAL SERVICES	
Name	Michael Dezsi
Address	303 Crane Ave
City	State Zip Code Royal Oak Michigan 48067
EFFECTIVE DATE:	

Document will be returned to the name and address you enter above.  
If left blank document will be mailed to the registered office.

70615H

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
For use by Domestic Nonprofit Corporations  
(Please read information and instructions on the last page)

Pursuant to the provisions of Act 162, Public Acts of 1982, the undersigned corporation executes the following Articles:

**ARTICLE I**

The name of the corporation is: Equality for a Cause, Inc.

**ARTICLE II**

The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The specific activities of said corporation are to host not-for-profit entertainment events to raise money for charitable and like groups.

**ARTICLE III**

1. The corporation is organized upon a Nonstock basis.  
(Stock or Nonstock)

2. If organized on a stock basis, the total number of shares which the corporation has authority to issue is

\_\_\_\_\_ . If the shares are, or are to be, divided into classes, the designation of each class, the number of shares in each class, and the relative rights, preferences and limitations of the shares of each class are as follows:

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Use space below for additional Articles or for continuation of previous Articles. Please identify any Article being continued or added. Attach additional pages if needed.

I, (We), the incorporator(s) sign my (our) name(s) this 11 day of December, 2009.

Michael P. Meza

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_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**BY-LAWS OF EQUALITY FOR A CAUSE, INC.,  
A NOT-FOR-PROFIT MICHIGAN CORPORATION**

**ARTICLE I; ORGANIZATION**

1. The name of the organization shall be Equality for a Cause, Inc.
2. The organization shall not use a seal.
3. The organization may at its pleasure by a vote of the membership body change its name.

**ARTICLE II; PURPOSES**

The following are the purposes for which this organization has been organized:

1. Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
2. The specific purpose for which this corporation is organized is to conduct charitable gaming events, including but not limited to local bingo events, the proceeds of which shall be donated to other non-profit and charitable community organizations.
3. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons.
4. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.
5. If dissolved, said corporation shall distribute its assets for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

**ARTICLE III; BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERSHIP**

Said corporation shall consist of a Board of Directors elected by majority vote of the Board. The

Board shall consist of at least one member and not more than five. At least one of the directors elected shall be a resident of the State of Michigan and a citizen of the United States. The directors to be chosen for the ensuing year shall be chosen at the annual meeting of this organization in the same manner and style as the officers of this organization and they shall serve for a term of two (2) years. The Board of Directors shall have the control and management of the affairs and business of this organization. Such Board of Directors shall only act in the name of the organization when it shall be regularly convened by its chairman after due notice to all the directors of such meeting. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum and the meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held regularly on a date and time set by the Board with notice given to all members. Each director shall have one vote and such voting may not be done by proxy. The Board of Directors may make such rules and regulations covering its meetings as it may in its discretion determine necessary. Vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the remaining members of the Board of Directors for the balance of the year. The President of the organization by virtue of his office shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall select from one of their members a secretary. A director may be removed when sufficient cause exists for such removal. The Board of Directors may entertain charges against any director. A director may be represented by counsel upon any removal hearing. The Board of Directors shall adopt such rules for this hearing as it may in its discretion consider necessary for the best interests of the organization.

#### ARTICLE IV; MEETINGS

The annual membership meeting of this organization shall be held at least once annually at a time and place to be determined by the Board. The Secretary shall cause to be mailed to every member in good standing at his address as it appears in the membership roll book in this organization a notice telling the time and place of such annual meeting. The majority of directors shall constitute a quorum and shall be necessary to conduct the business of this organization. A quorum as herein before set forth shall be required at any adjourned meeting. Special meetings of this organization may be called by the president when he deems it for the best interest of the organization. Notices of such meeting shall be mailed to all members at their addresses as they appear in the membership roll book at least ten (10) days before the scheduled date set for such special meeting. Such notice shall state the reasons that such meeting has been called, the business to be transacted at such meeting and by whom it was called.

#### ARTICLE V; VOTING

At all meetings, except for the election of officers and directors, all votes shall be by voice. For election of officers, ballots shall be provided and there shall not appear any place on such ballot that might tend to indicate the person who cast such ballot. At any regular or special meeting, if a majority so requires, any question may be voted upon in the manner and style provided for election of officers and directors. At all votes by ballot the chairman of such meeting shall, prior to the commencement of balloting, appoint a committee of three who shall act as "Inspectors of

Election" and who shall, at the conclusion of such balloting, certify in writing to the Chairman the results and the certified copy shall be physically affixed in the minute book to the minutes of that meeting. No inspector of election shall be a candidate for office or shall be personally interested in the question voted upon.

#### ARTICLE VI; ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Roll Call. 2. Reading of the Minutes of the preceding meeting. 3. Reports of Committees. 4. Reports of Officers. 5. Old and Unfinished Business. 6. New Business. 7. Adjournments.

#### ARTICLE VII; OFFICERS

The initial officers of the organization shall be as follows: President: Vice President: Secretary: Treasurer: The President shall preside at all membership meetings. He shall by virtue of his office be Chairman of the Board of Directors. He shall present at each annual meeting of the organization an annual report of the work of the organization. He shall appoint all committees, temporary or permanent. He shall see all books, reports and certificates required by law are properly kept or filed. He shall be one of the officers who may sign the checks or drafts of the organization. He shall have such powers as may be reasonably construed as belonging to the chief executive of any organization. The Vice President shall in the event of the absence or inability of the President to exercise his office become acting president of the organization with all the rights, privileges and powers as if he had been the duly elected president. The Secretary shall keep the minutes and records of the organization in appropriate books. It shall be his duty to file any certificate required by any statute, federal or state. He shall give and serve all notices to members of this organization. He shall be the official custodian of the records organization. He may be one of the officers required to sign the checks and drafts of the organization. He shall present to the membership at any meetings any communication addressed to him as Secretary of the organization. He shall submit to the Board of Directors any communications which shall be addressed to him as Secretary of the organization. He shall attend to all correspondence of the organization and shall exercise all duties incident to the office of Secretary. The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of all monies belonging to the organization and shall be solely responsible for such monies or securities of the organization. He shall cause to be deposited in a regular business bank or trust company a sum not exceeding \$ 100.00 and the balance of the funds of the organization shall be deposited in a savings bank except that the Board of Directors may cause such funds to be invested in such investments as shall be legal for a non-profit corporation in this state. He must be one of the officers who shall sign checks or drafts of the organization. No special fund may be set aside that shall make it unnecessary for the Treasurer to sign the checks issued upon it. He shall render at stated periods as the Board of Directors shall determine a written account of the finances of the organization and such report shall be physically affixed to the minutes of the Board of Directors of such meeting. He shall exercise all duties incident to the office of Treasurer. Officers shall by virtue of their office be members of the Board of Directors. No officer shall for reason of his office be entitled to receive any salary or compensation, but nothing herein shall be construed to prevent an officer or director for receiving

any compensation from the organization for duties other than as a director or officer.

#### ARTICLE VIII; COMMITTEES

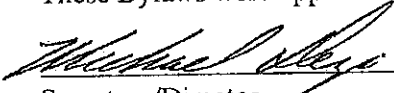
All committees of this organization shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and their term of office shall be for a period of one year or less if sooner terminated by the action of the Board of Directors. The committees shall be determined by the Board.

#### ARTICLE IX; AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be altered, amended, repealed or added to by an affirmative majority vote of the members.

#### CERTIFICATION

These Bylaws were approved by a majority vote of the Board on January 4, 2010.

  
Secretary/Director

1-8-10  
Date