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M E M O R A N D U M

February 3, 1970

TO: The General Membership Body of the Southwest Intergroup Relations Council, Inc.

FROM: Edwin Stanfield, Executive Director

RE: Proposed amendments to Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws

The Board of Directors of the Southwest Intergroup Relations Council, Inc., meeting at Scottsdale, Arizona, October 3, 1969, adopted resolutions setting forth a proposed amendment to our Articles of Incorporation and two proposed amendments to our By-Laws, and directed that these be submitted to a vote of the General Membership Body at its next annual meeting. The annual meeting is to be held in Denver, Colorado, March 13-14, 1970.

The above-mentioned resolutions were recorded in the minutes of the October 3rd Board meeting, a copy of which was mailed to each member of S.I.R.C. The Board also directed, however, that the full text of the affected sections, as proposed to be amended, be sent to the membership. This communication is in fulfillment of that instruction.

The following are the amendments proposed by resolution of the Board of Directors. Immediately after each, in parentheses, is the affected section as it now stands.

1. Article IX, Section 3, of the Articles of Incorporation shall be stricken and the following substituted therefor:

"The Nominating Committee or the Committee designated in the by-laws to act as the Nominating Committee shall be representative of the recognized groups specified in Article VII, Section 3, of these Articles and of the States of the Southwest Region. The number and method of selection of the Nominating Committee, or the designation of a committee to act as the Nominating Committee, shall be as provided in the by-laws."

(Article IX, Section 3 now reads: "The members of the Nominating Committee will be designated at the beginning of each fiscal year of the corporation. Two members of the committee will be designated from the General Membership Body by the Board of Directors. The remainder will be designated by organizations authorized by the by-laws to designate them. These organizations shall be listed in the by-laws by the ethnic group from which they are authorized to designate committee members with the first two organizations listed for each group acting the first year, the next two the following year, and so on in that order. Each recognized group shall have two members of the committee designated by an authorized organization.")

2. Article V of the By-Laws shall be stricken and the following substituted therefor:

"The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors shall act as the Nominating Committee."

(Article V now reads:

"1. The organizations which are authorized to designate members of the Nominating Committee are as follows:

- a. for the Anglo group:
 - (1) The American Civil Liberties Union
 - (2) The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
- b. for the Indian group:
 - (1) Southwest Indian Development, Inc.
 - (2) Original Cherokee Community Organization, Inc.
- c. for the Mexican-American group
 - (1) League of United Latin American Citizens
 - (2) The American G. I. Forum
- d. for the Negro group:
 - (1) National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
 - (2) National Urban League
- e. for the Other group:
 - (1) Welfare Rights Organization
 - (2) United Farm Workers Organization, AFL-CIO

The tenure and future composition of this committee shall be determined by the board.")

3. Article II, Section 13, of the By-Laws shall be amended by striking therefrom the words, "Twenty-five percent of the General Membership Body," and substituting therefor the following: "Twenty members or 10 percent of the General Membership Body, whichever is larger...."

(Article II, Section 13 now reads: "Twenty-five percent of the General Membership Body shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of official business.")