

City of Vernon Annual Financial Report of its

Proposition A Local Return Fund Proposition C Local Return Fund Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund

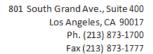
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2016 with Report of Independent Auditors





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OFFICE LOCATIONS: Los Angeles Sacramento San Diego

Report of Independent Auditors

To the Honorable Members of the City Council of the City of Vernon, California and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Proposition A Local Return Fund, Proposition C Local Return Fund, and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (collectively, the Funds), of the City of Vernon, California (the City) which comprise the Funds' balance sheets as of June 30, 2016, and the related statements of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.



Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Proposition A Local Return Fund, the Proposition C Local Return Fund, and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund of the City of Vernon, California, as of June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matter

The financial statements of the Proposition A Local Return Fund, the Proposition C Local Return Fund and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund of the City, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, were audited by other auditors, whose report, dated November 11, 2015, expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 2, the financial statements present only the Proposition A Local Return Fund, the Proposition C Local Return Fund, and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund of the City and do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of the City as of June 30, 2016, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on each of the Funds' financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information identified in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The supplementary information identified in the table of contents is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the Funds' basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the Funds' basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the Funds' basic financial statements or to the Funds' basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to each of the Funds' basic financial statements as a whole.



Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

Varguer & Company LLP

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 27, 2016 on our consideration of the City's internal control over the Funds' financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over the Funds' financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over the Funds' financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control over the Funds' financial reporting and compliance.

Los Angeles, California December 27, 2016

		June 3	0
		2016	2015
	ASSETS		
Cash and investments	\$ _	<u> </u>	-
	Total assets \$	\$_	
LIABILITIES	AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ _	\$_	
	Total liabilities	<u> </u>	
Fund balance			
Restricted	_	<u> </u>	
	Total fund balance	<u> </u>	
	Total liabilities and fund balance \$	\$	

		Years end	led June 30
	_	2016	2015
Revenues			
Proposition A	\$	2,202	\$2,140
	Total revenues _	2,202	2,140
Expenditures			
Various projects		2,202	2,140
	Total expenditures _	2,202	2,140
Excess of revenues over expenditures		-	-
Fund balance at beginning of year	_		
Fund balance at end of year	\$		\$

City of Vernon Proposition A Local Return Fund Supplementary Information Schedule of Expenditures – Actual and LACMTA Approved Project Budget Year ended June 30, 2016 (With Comparative Actuals for 2015)

					2016				
		_					Variance		
Project			LACMTA				Positive		2015
Code	Project Name		Budget	_	Actual		(Negative)		Actual
170-01	Transit Stop Trash Removal	\$_	2,202	\$_	2,202	\$_	<u> </u>	;	2,140
	Total expenditures	s \$_	2,202	\$_	2,202	\$_	- \$;	2,140

City of Vernon Proposition A Local Return Fund Supplementary Information Schedule of Capital Assets Year ended June 30, 2016

Date Acquired		Description		Balance July 1, 2015	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2016
	None		\$_ Total \$	<u>-</u> \$ -\$		<u>-</u> \$	-

			Ju	ne	30
		_	2016		2015
	ASSETS			_	
Cash and investments		\$	-	\$	-
	Total assets	\$ _	-	\$	-
LIABILITIES	S AND FUND BALANCE				
Liabilities					
Accounts payable		\$_	-	\$_	-
	Total liabilities	_	-	_	-
Fund balance					
Restricted			-		-
	Total fund balance	_	-		-
	Total liabilities and fund balance	\$_	-	\$	-

		Years end	ed June 30
		2016	2015
Revenues			
Proposition C	\$	1,799	1,750
	Total revenues	1,799	1,750
Expenditures			
Various projects		1,799	1,750
	Total expenditures	1,799	1,750
Excess of revenues over expenditures		-	-
Fund balance at beginning of year	_		
Fund balance at end of year	\$	- 9	-

City of Vernon Proposition C Local Return Fund Supplementary Information Schedule of Expenditures – Actual and LACMTA Approved Project Budget Year ended June 30, 2016 (With Comparative Actuals for 2015)

					2016			
Project Code	Project Name		LACMTA Budget	_	Actual	 Variance Positive (Negative)	_	2015 Actual
170-01	Transit Stop Trash Removal	\$	1,799_\$	S_	1,799	\$ <u>-</u>	\$_	1,750
	Total expenditure	s \$	1,799 \$	S	1,799	\$ 	\$_	1,750

City of Vernon Proposition C Local Return Fund Supplementary Information Schedule of Capital Assets Year ended June 30, 2016

Date _Acquired_		Description		Balance July 1, 2015		Additions	Deletions	June	ance e 30, 16
	None		\$_ Total \$	<u>-</u>	\$_ \$	<u>-</u> \$ - \$	<u>-</u>	\$ \$	-

		Jui	ne 30	
		2016		2015
	ASSETS			_
Cash	\$_	5,818	\$	-
	Total assets \$	5,818	\$	-
	_			
LIABILITIE	S AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ _	-	\$	
	Total liabilities _	-	. <u> </u>	
Fund balance				
Restricted	_	5,818		
	Total fund balance _	5,818		
	Total liabilities and fund balance \$ _	5,818	\$	

		Years end	led June 30
Revenues	-	2016	2015
Intergovernmental Allocations: Article 3	\$_	15,000	\$
	Total revenues	15,000	-
Expenditures Construction/Maintenance		9,182	
	Total expenditures _	9,182	-
Excess of revenues over expenditures		5,818	-
Fund balance at beginning of year	_		
Fund balance at end of year	\$_	5,818	\$

City Vernon Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund Supplementary Information Schedule of Transportation Development Act Allocation for Specific Projects Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99234 Year ended June 30, 2016

	Program				Totals to Date	Unexpended	Project
Project Description	Year	_	Allocations	<u>-</u>	Expenditures	Allocations	Status
Local Allocations							
Bicycle Master Plan	2016	\$	7,000	\$	9,182 \$	(2,182)	Ongoing
Citywide Concrete Repair	2016		8,000			8,000	Ongoing
Tota	Is	\$	15,000	\$	9,182	5,818	
Fund balance at beginning of year							
Fund balance at end of year					\$	5,818 *	

^{*} The unspent fund balance of \$5,818 was encumbered for the Citywide Concrete Repair Project as of June 30, 2016.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Fund Accounting

The operations of the Proposition A Local Return Fund (PALRF), Proposition C Local Return Fund (PCLRF), and Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (TDAA3F) (collectively, the Funds) are accounted for in the City's General Fund, with separate account coding to monitor the receipt of revenues and payment of expenditures.

PALRF and PCLRF represent 25% and 20%, respectively, of the ½ cent Proposition A and ½ cent Proposition C sales taxes which are distributed to the jurisdictions within Los Angeles County based on population and must be used exclusively for transportation related programs and projects.

TDAA3F is a Special Revenue Fund that accounts for the City's share of the Transportation Development Act Article 3 allocations which are legally restricted for specific purposes.

Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

The PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, and TDAA3F are reported in the accompanying financial statements as Special Revenue Funds of the City and are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they become "susceptible to accrual", that is, measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the liability is incurred.

Special Revenue Funds are reported on a spending or "financial flow" measurement focus. This means that generally only current assets, current liabilities and deferred inflows and outflows of resources are included on their balance sheets. Statements of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for Special Revenue Funds generally present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The budgeted amounts presented in this report for comparison to the actual amounts are presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fair Value Measurement

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application, which became effective for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the City categorizes its fair value measurement within the fair value hierarchy that is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the investment. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical investments; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. Accordingly, the City reports its investments at fair value and recognizes unrealized gain (loss) on investments.

Refer to the City's 2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for detailed disclosures regarding the City's investments policy and fair value measurements.

Fund Balance Reporting

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, establishes the fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources reported in governmental funds.

The PALRF, PCLRF, and TDAA3F report the following fund balance classification as of June 30, 2016:

Restricted - Amounts that are constrained for specific purposes, which are
externally imposed by providers, such as creditors, or amounts constrained
due to constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The use of the
Funds' remaining fund balances are restricted for projects approved by
LACMTA.

Information regarding the fund balance reporting policy adopted by the City is described in Note 1 to the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

NOTE 2 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements reflect only the financial position and results of operations of the PALRF, PCLRF, and TDAA3F, and do not purport to, and do not present fairly the City's financial position as of June 30, 2016, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

NOTE 3 PROPOSITION A AND PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Proposition A Ordinance requires that Local Return (LR) funds be used exclusively to benefit public transit. Expenditures related to fixed route and paratransit services, Transportation Demand Management, Transportation Systems Management and fare subsidy programs that exclusively benefit transit are all eligible uses of Proposition A LR funds. Proposition A LR funds may also be traded with other Jurisdictions in exchange for general or other funds.

The Proposition C Ordinance directs that LR funds also be used to benefit public transit, as described above, but provides an expanded list of eligible project expenditures including Congestion Management Programs, bikeways and bike lanes, street improvements supporting public transit service, and Pavement Management System projects. Proposition C LR funds cannot be traded.

In accordance with *Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Program Guidelines*, funds received pursuant to these guidelines may only be used for Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return approved programs. See accompanying Compliance Matrix.

NOTE 4 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with *Public Utilities Code Section 99234*, funds received pursuant to this Code's section may only be used for activities relating to pedestrians and bicycle facilities. See accompanying Compliance Matrix.

NOTE 5 CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The PALRF, PCLRF, and TDAA3F cash balances were pooled with various other City funds for deposit and investment purposes. The share of each fund in the pooled cash account was separately maintained and interest income was apportioned to the participating funds based on the relationship of their average quarterly balances to the total of the pooled cash and investments.

Please refer to the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for a full description of risks relating to cash and investments.

NOTE 6 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND REVENUE ALLOCATION

The revenue allocations for the year ended June 30, 2016 consisted of the following:

	2016	2015
FY 2013/14 reserve	\$ 5,000	\$ -
FY 2014/15 reserve	5,000	-
FY 2015/16 reserve	5,000	-
	\$ 15,000	\$ -

NOTE 7 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUNDS RESERVED

In accordance with TDA Article 3 (SB821) Guidelines, funds which will not be spent during the fiscal year have been placed on reserve in the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) account with the County Auditor-Controller to be drawn down whenever the funds become eligible for a specific project and an approved drawdown request is received by LACMTA. As of June 30, 2016, the City has funds on reserve as follows:

	7	2016	2015
FY 2013/14 reserve	\$	- \$	5,000
FY 2014/15 reserve		-	5,000
	\$	- \$	10,000

For FY 2015/16, any TDA Article 3 funds left on reserve for FY 2011/12 or prior, are subject to lapse if not claimed by the City by June 30, 2016. There were no funds that lapsed in FY 2015/16.

NOTE 8 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The City has evaluated subsequent events through December 27, 2016, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and concluded no events have occurred that require disclosure or adjustments to the financial statements.





OFFICE LOCATIONS: Los Angeles Sacramento San Diego

Report of Independent Auditors on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

To the Honorable Members of the City Council of the City of Vernon, California and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Proposition A Local Return Fund, the Proposition C Local Return Fund and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (collectively, the Funds) of the City of Vernon, California (the City) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 27, 2016.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audits of the Funds' financial statements, we considered the City's internal control over the Funds' financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the Funds' financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Funds' financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audits we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.



Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City's Proposition A Local Return Fund, Proposition C Local Return Fund, and Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audits, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Los Angeles, California December 27, 2016

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Report of Independent Auditors on Compliance

To the Honorable Members of the City Council of the City of Vernon, California and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Report on Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the City of Vernon, California (the City) with the Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Guidelines, Transportation Development Act Article 3, and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Funding and Allocation Guidelines for Transportation Development Act Article 3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Funds (collectively, the Guidelines) for the year ended June 30, 2016.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for the City's compliance with the Guidelines.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the City's compliance with the Guidelines based on our audit. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the Guidelines. Those standards and the Guidelines require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the Proposition A Local Return Program, Proposition C Local Return Program, and Transportation Development Act Article 3 Program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the City's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance with the Guidelines. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City's compliance with the Guidelines.

Opinion

In our opinion, the City of Vernon, California complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements of the Guidelines for the year ended June 30, 2016.



Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the City is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the City's internal control over compliance to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with the requirements, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with the requirements that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Guidelines. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Los Angeles, California December 27, 2016

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Compliance Requirements		In Compliance		Questioned	If no, provide details and	
	·	Yes	No	N/A	Costs	management response.
	pposition A and Proposition C Local turn Funds					
1.	Uses the State Controller's Uniform					
١.	System of Accounts and Records.	X				
2	Timely use of funds.	X				
3.	Funds expended were approved					
0.	and have not been substituted for					
	property tax.	Χ				
4.	Expenditures that exceeded 25% of					
	approved project budget have					
	approved amended Project					
	Description Form (Form A)	Χ				
5.						
	the 20% cap of the total annual					
	Local Return Expenditures.	Х				
6.	0 0 , , ,					
	were reported in Form B.	Х				
7.	Annual Project Summary Report	.,				
	(Form B) was submitted on time.	Х				
8.	Annual Expenditure Report (Form	\ \ \				
	C) was submitted on time.	Х				
9.	Cash or cash equivalents are	V				
40	maintained.	Х				
10.	Accounting procedures, record					
	keeping and documentation are adequate.	Х				
11.	Pavement Management System	^				
''.	(PMS) in place and being used for					
	Street Maintenance or Improvement					
	Projects Expenditures.			Χ		
12.	Local Return Account is credited for					
	reimbursable expenditures.			Χ		
13.	Self-Certification was completed					
	and submitted for Intelligent					
	Transportation Systems projects or					
	elements.			Χ		
14.	Assurances and Understandings					
	form was on file.	Χ				
15.	Recreational Transit Form was					
<u> </u>	submitted on time.			X		
B. Tra	ansportation Development Act Article 3					
1.	Timely use of funds.	Х				
2.	Expenditures were incurred for		 			
	activities relating to pedestrian and					
	bicycle facilities and amenities.	Х				



There were no findings noted.



An exit conference was held on December 27, 2016 with the City of Vernon representative. Those in attendance were:

Vasquez and Company LLP representative: Marialyn Salvador – Audit Manager

City of Vernon representative: Joaquin Leon – Deputy Treasurer

Matters discussed:

Results of the audit disclosed no significant compliance or financial statement issues.

A copy of this report was forwarded to the following City of Vernon representatives for comments prior to the issuance of the final report:

William Fox – Finance Director Masami Higa – Assistant Finance Director Joaquin Leon – Deputy Treasurer



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