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ELLIOT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD, INC. MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006

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ORGANIZATION SCHEDULE 2007

Board Members	Term Expires
	1. 2000
Arthur Agnew	May 2009
Adam Ali	December 2007
Elizabeth Beissel	May 2009
Dustin Bennett	October 2007
Gerry Berglin	January 2007
Tom Borrup	April 2007
Kim Forbes	May 2009
Timothy Gee	October 2007
Dean Jacobson	May 2008
Garrett Johnson	May 2007
Julie Kearns	May 2007
Kristina Kliber	May 2008
Jeffrey Matos	September 2007
Jeff Millikan	May 2008
Christopher Naumann	May 2009
Daniel Quirk	May 2008
Millie Schafer	May 2009
Jim Souris	May 2009
Doug Spiotta	September 2007
Patti Wettlin	May 2008
Abdul Yusuf	May 2008
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Executive Director	
Susan Braun	Indefinite







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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc.

We have audited the statement of financial position of the Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc., (EPNI) (a nonprofit corporation) as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the related statements of activity, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the EPNI's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the EPNI as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The Schedule of NRP Activity listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements of the EPNI. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/Rebecca Otto

/s/Greg Hierlinger

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August 7, 2008



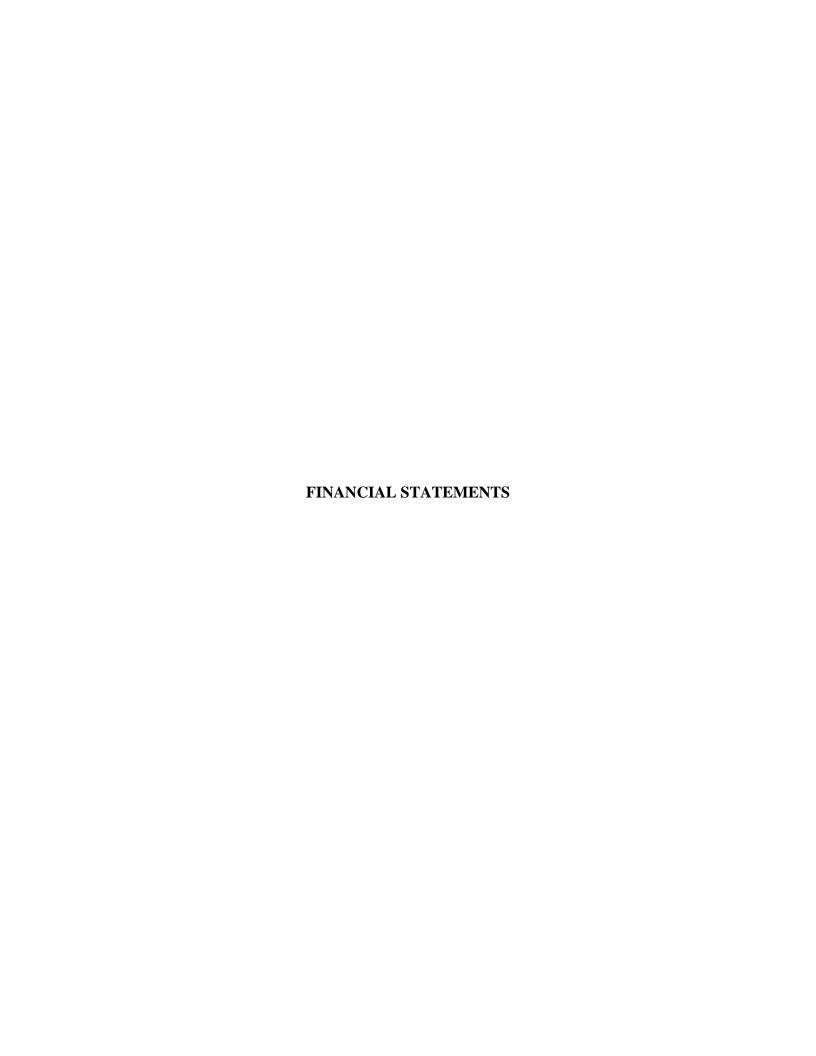


EXHIBIT 1

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006

	<u>-</u>	2007		2006
<u>Assets</u>				
Current assets				
Cash and investments	\$	66,789	\$	93,693
Prepaid insurance		428		765
Grants receivable		94,705		44,897
Pledges receivable		37,387		
Total Assets	<u>\$</u>	199,309	\$	139,355
<u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>				
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$	2,914	\$	331
Accrued payroll		7,186		8,473
Deferred revenue		18,500		18,500
Total Liabilities	<u>\$</u>	28,600	\$	27,304
Net Assets				
Unrestricted	\$	106,877	\$	65,626
Temporarily restricted		63,832		46,425
Total Net Assets	<u>\$</u>	170,709	\$	112,051
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	199,309	\$	139,355

EXHIBIT 2

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007 WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

			Temporarily		Temporarily To		otals		
	Un	restricted	Restricted		2007		2006		
Public Support and Other Revenue									
Public support									
Government grants									
Minneapolis Community Planning and									
Economic Development (CPED)	\$	14,024	\$	-	\$ 14,024	\$	16,800		
Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP)		182,374		-	182,374		188,758		
McKnight Foundation with matching grants		25,188		63,832	89,020		-		
Contributions		8,428		- (46.405)	8,428		1,600		
Satisfaction of time and purpose restrictions		46,425		(46,425)	 		-		
Total public support	\$	276,439	\$	17,407	\$ 293,846	\$	207,158		
Other revenue									
Miscellaneous income		637			 637		8,649		
Total Public Support and Other Revenue	\$	277,076	\$	17,407	\$ 294,483	\$	215,807		
Expenses									
Program services									
CPED	\$	14,105	\$	-	\$ 14,105	\$	16,762		
NRP		179,722		-	179,722		187,975		
McKnight Foundation		25,188		-	25,188		-		
After School Program		2,952		-	2,952		5,079		
Annual Meeting		3,918		-	3,918		217		
All People's Gathering		2,227		-	2,227		-		
Summer Concert Series		1,925		-	1,925		300		
Spring Clean Up Event		1,481		-	1,481		-		
Archeology Project		499		-	499		988		
Annual Giving Campaign		330			 330		-		
Total program services	\$	232,347	\$	-	\$ 232,347	\$	211,321		
Support services									
Management and general		3,478			 3,478		6,800		
Total Expenses	\$	235,825	\$	-	\$ 235,825	\$	218,121		
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$	41,251	\$	17,407	\$ 58,658	\$	(2,314)		
Net Assets - January 1		65,626		46,425	112,051		114,365		
Net Assets - December 31	\$	106,877	\$	63,832	\$ 170,709	\$	112,051		

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007 WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	 CPED	PED NRP		McKnight Foundation	
<u>Expenses</u>					
Salaries	\$ 10,186	\$	105,463	\$	14,934
Payroll taxes	915		9,837		1,177
Benefits	1,062		21,816		2,661
Insurance	25		2,903		144
Professional services	-		19,842		3,642
Occupancy	1,295		10,385		1,187
Office supplies	-		1,224		24
Office equipment	310		3,986		629
Telephone	312		1,214		338
Postage and delivery	-		789		-
Printing	-		539		-
Travel	-		185		-
Board and staff training	-		476		-
Program expense	-		-		-
Centennial Commons Initiative	-		-		452
Advertising fees	-		411		-
Special events	-		-		-
Bank fees	-		363		-
Subscriptions and dues	 		289		-
Total Expenses	\$ 14,105	\$	179,722	\$	25,188

Aft	ter School		nnual		Other	Man	agement	Totals			
P	rogram	N	Ieeting]	Events	and	General		2007		2006
\$	-	\$	2,737	\$	4,892	\$	541	\$	138,753	\$	129,410
	-		180		403		51		12,563		9,887
	-		-		-		921		26,460		1,840
	-		-		-		-		3,072		22,253
	2,952		140		120		-		26,696		21,384
	-		242		511		740		14,360		14,262
	-		9		-		28		1,285		2,768
	-		439		128		710		6,202		3,173
	-		171		9		131		2,175		2,607
	-		-		69		-		858		1,414
	_		-		-		-		539		189
	-		-		-		8		193		221
	_		-		70		138		684		989
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	_		_		_		172		583		932
	_		_		_		-		-		2,400
	_		_		_		_		363		459
					260		38		587		437
\$	2,952	\$	3,918	\$	6,462	\$	3,478	\$	235,825	\$	218,121

EXHIBIT 4

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006

		2007		2006
Cash Flows from Operating Activities	¢	E0 /E0	ø	(2.214)
Increase (Decrease) in net assets	<u>\$</u>	58,658	\$	(2,314)
Adjustments to reconcile changes in net assets to net cash				
provided by (used in) operating activities				
(Increase) decrease in prepaids	\$	337	\$	(185)
(Increase) decrease in grants receivable		(49,808)		28,871
(Increase) decrease in pledges receivable		(37,387)		-
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable		2,583		(3,398)
Increase (decrease) in accrued payroll		(1,287)		5,803
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue		-		5,000
Total adjustments	\$	(85,562)	\$	36,091
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$	(26,904)	\$	33,777
Cash - January 1		93,693		59,916
Cash - December 31	\$	66,789	\$	93,693

Noncash investing and financing activities

During 2006, Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc., carried a Wells Fargo line of credit valued at \$5,000.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Organization

The Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc., (EPNI) is bounded by Fifth Street on the north, Fifth Avenue on the west, Interstate 94 on the south, and Interstate 35W on the east.

EPNI's mission is to bring people and resources together to preserve and promote the unique urban character of the historic Elliot Park Neighborhood.

B. Board of Directors and Officers

The EPNI's Board of Directors consists of at least seven but no more than 20 members. Directors are elected after the annual meeting in May and serve two-year terms. The four officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) are elected by the Board members at the annual meeting and serve as members of the Executive Committee.

C. Basis of Presentation

The provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 116, Accounting for Contributions Received and Contributions Made, and SFAS No. 117, Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations, have been applied to the amounts presented in these financial statements. Under these provisions, net assets and revenues, gains, and losses are classified based on donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets for the EPNI and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

<u>Unrestricted</u> - Those resources over which the EPNI has discretionary control.

<u>Temporarily Restricted</u> - Those resources subject to donor-imposed restrictions that will be satisfied by actions of the EPNI or passage of time.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

C. <u>Basis of Presentation</u> (Continued)

<u>Permanently Restricted</u> - Those resources subject to a donor-imposed restriction that they be maintained permanently by the EPNI. The donors of these resources permitted the EPNI to use all or part of the income earned, including capital appreciation or related investments, for unrestricted or temporarily restricted purposes.

D. Basis of Accounting

The EPNI is reported on the accrual method of accounting where revenues are recognized when they are earned and expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

E. Expense Allocation

Salaries and related expenses are allocated based on job descriptions and the best estimates of management. Expenses, other than salaries and related expenses, which are not directly identifiable by program or supporting service, are allocated based on the best estimates of management in relation to grant budgets. Fundraising expenses are considered to be minimal, and those costs are included in management and general expenses.

F. Income Taxes

The EPNI is a not-for-profit corporation that is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and comparable state statutes.

G. Cash and Investments

Cash and investments consist of:

		2006		
Checking accounts Certificate of deposit	\$	41,283 25,506	\$	93,693
Total	_ \$	66,789	\$	93,693

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

H. Equipment

All purchased equipment is valued at cost. Donated equipment is valued at fair value at the date of contribution. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives of three to five years, depending on the type of asset.

I. Grants and Contracts

The EPNI's funding includes cost-reimbursement grants from the Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED) and the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). Government grants and contracts recognize revenue as earned when eligible expenses, as defined in each grant or contract, are made. Funds advanced on the above grants but not yet earned are shown as deferred revenue. Expenses under government grants are subject to review by the granting authority. To the extent, if any, that such a review reduces expenses allowed under these grants, the EPNI will record such disallowance at the time the final assessment is made.

J. Donated Services

The EPNI had no donated services during the year ended December 31, 2007.

K. Accrued Vacation

Employees of the EPNI earn between 10 and 16 days of vacation each year, depending on length of service. Since the EPNI cannot charge its primary granting authorities for accrued vacation until it is used, no provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements for recording the accrued vacation liability and related expense at year-end. At December 31, 2007 and 2006, the amount of accrued vacation was \$4,235 and \$5,119, respectively.

2. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment at December 31, 2007 and 2006, is as follows:

	20	(Restated) 2006		
Equipment Less: accumulated depreciation	·	17,681 17,681)	\$	17,681 (17,681)
Total Property and Equipment	_ \$		\$	

3. Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue at December 31, 2007 and 2006, is as follows:

	2007		2006		
NRP Contract #20795 NRP Contract #23124	\$	8,500 10,000	\$	8,500 10,000	
Total	\$	18,500	\$	18,500	

4. <u>Temporarily Restricted Net Assets</u>

Temporarily restricted net assets at December 31, 2007 and 2006, were:

	2007		 2006
All People's Gathering	\$	-	\$ 1,108
Annual Meeting		-	590
Whitney Foundation		-	43,855
Archeology Project		-	12
Summer Concert Series		-	860
McKnight Foundation and matching grant		63,832	
Total Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$	63,832	\$ 46,425

5. Operating Leases

The EPNI is committed under various leases for office space and for equipment used in its operations. The EPNI has a month-to-month lease for office space. Lease payments for office space were \$10,740 in 2007 and \$10,740 in 2006. Equipment lease periods vary from one to three years. Payments under equipment lease obligations in 2007 and 2006 were \$3,000 and \$3,243, respectively.

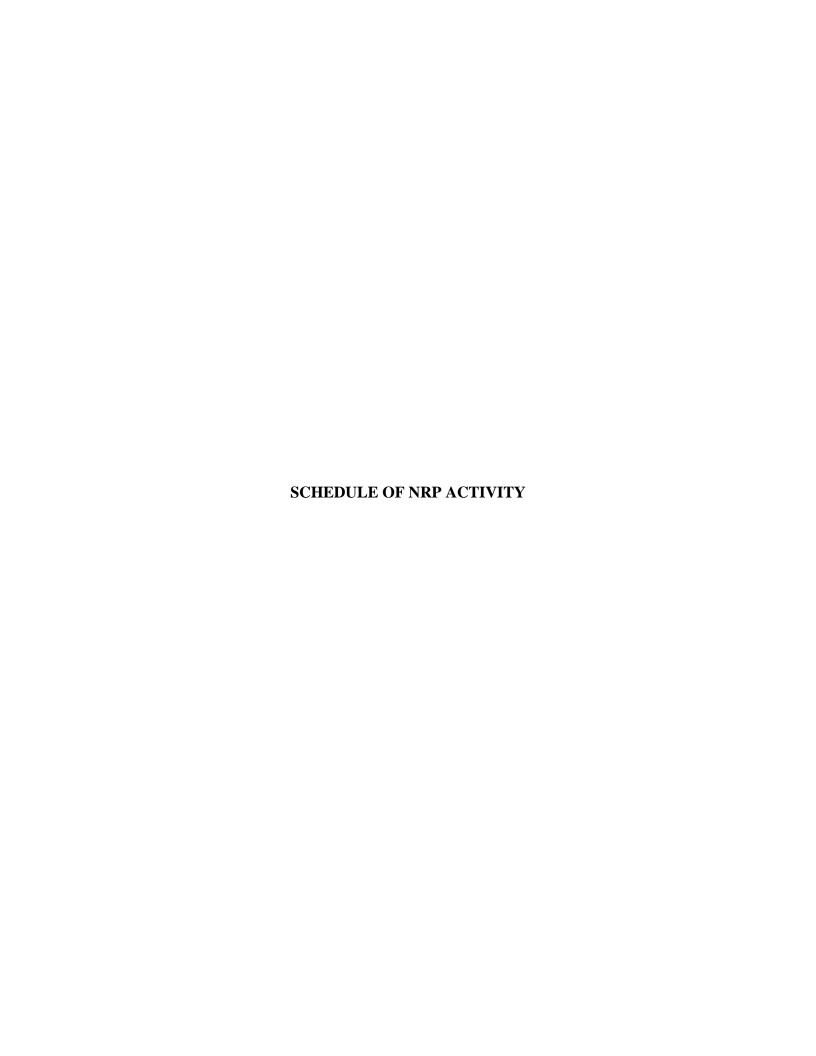
Future minimum lease payments for operating leases are:

2008	\$ 3,000
2009	3,000
2010	3,000
2011	 1,250
Total	\$ 10,250

6. <u>Home Improvement Program</u>

The EPNI has initiated the EPNI Home Improvement Program. The Center for Energy and Environment administers the program. Funding for this program is provided by the NRP. Total funds available for the program are \$749,174. At the end of the fiscal year, the program originated grants and loans totaling \$740,675. Funds remaining in the program budget at year-end were \$8,499.







Schedule 1

SCHEDULE OF NRP ACTIVITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	Agreement #20795		Agreement #23124		Total	
Revenues	\$	101,001	\$	81,373	\$	182,374
Expenses						
Salaries	\$	61,238	\$	44,225	\$	105,463
Payroll taxes		5,648		4,189		9,837
Benefits		9,586		12,230		21,816
Insurance		2,583		320		2,903
Professional services		5,546		14,296		19,842
Occupancy		7,731		2,654		10,385
Office supplies		772		452		1,224
Office equipment		3,974		12		3,986
Telephone		855		359		1,214
Postage and delivery		789		-		789
Printing		439		100		539
Travel		185		-		185
Board and staff training		260		216		476
Advertising fees		411		-		411
Bank fees		363		-		363
Subscriptions and dues		289		-		289
Total Expenses	\$	100,669	\$	79,053	\$	179,722
Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	\$	332	\$	2,320	\$	2,652





Schedule 2

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

I. COMPLIANCE

None.

II. INTERNAL CONTROL

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ITEM RESOLVED

Segregation of Duties (96-1)

Previous reports have noted that the Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc., (EPNI) did not have an adequate segregation of duties. We recommended that management maintain an awareness of this condition and realize that the concentration of duties and responsibilities in a limited number of individuals is not desirable from an accounting point of view.

Resolution

The EPNI Board of Directors is very active in ongoing financial operations of the neighborhood. We reviewed the EPNI's accounting procedures and found that Board members were involved with approvals of transactions, review of financial reports, and review of bank reconciliations. Based on the active participation by Board members in the ongoing accounting activities, we are resolving this finding. In addition to current activities being performed by the Board, we encourage the Board to perform an annual assessment of its internal controls to determine if they continue to meet the needs of the neighborhood.

III. MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

None.





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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE

Board of Directors Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc., (EPNI) (a nonprofit corporation) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the EPNI's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the EPNI's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the EPNI's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the EPNI's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the EPNI's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the EPNI's internal control over financial reporting.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the EPNI's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the EPNI's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, 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 audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the EPNI's Board of Directors, its management, and the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than those specified parties.

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