



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING COMMITTEE
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
4th FLOOR

MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026—10:00 A.M.

Committee Members

Michael J. Houser, Sr., Chair | Dist. 10
Pernel Jones, Jr., Vice Chair | Dist. 8
Patrick Kelly | Dist. 1
Robert E. Schleper, Jr. | Dist. 6
Sunny M. Simon | Dist. 11

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 2, 2026 MEETING**
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
 - a) R2026-0068: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$2,500, to Legacies Empowered, Inc. for the Re-enter and Heal Project from the District 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
 - b) R2026-0069: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$2,000, to Legacies Empowered, Inc. for the Minority Career Fair Project from the District 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
 - c) R2026-0071: A Resolution authorizing the City of Cleveland to retain certain parcels the City acquired as part of its land reutilization program for devotion to various public uses as more fully described herein; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- 6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Houser called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Houser asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Committee members Houser, Jones, Kelly and Schleper were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Simon arrived after the roll call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 2, 2026 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Houser, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2026 meeting.

[Clerk's Note: Item No. 6.a) was taken out of order and was heard before Item No. 5.a)]

5. MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0063: A Resolution making awards to various municipalities and agencies in the total amount not-to-exceed \$1,124,500.00 for various projects or programs in connection with the FY2026 Community Development Supplemental Grant Program for the period 2/1/2026 – 3/31/2027; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreements and contracts and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
- i) City of Bedford in the amount not-to-exceed \$35,000.00 for Upgrade Ellenwood Recreation Center's Fire Alarm System & Install New Fire Suppression System for Commercial Kitchen.
 - ii) City of Bedford Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Renovation of "Fun Town" Playground.

- iii) City of Berea in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Jason Malone Park Pickleball Courts Project.
- iv) City of Brecksville in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Public Tennis Court Rehabilitation Project.
- v) City of Brooklyn in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Exterior Home Repair Grant Program.
- vi) City of Cleveland Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for ADA-Compliant Tot Playground at Denison Park.
- vii) City of Euclid in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Restore 21129 North St. as a Library/Storage of Euclid Historical Society's Archives.
- viii) City of Fairview Park in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for W. 210th St. Resurfacing and Rehabilitation.
- ix) City of Garfield Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Exterior Home Repair Grant Program.
- x) City of Lakewood in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Renovation of Two Futsal Courts in Madison Park.
- xi) City of Maple Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Exterior Home Repair Grant Program.
- xii) City of Middleburg Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for ADA Compliant Playground Equipment.
- xiii) City of Parma Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Repair & Resurfacing Tennis & Pickleball Courts at Town Center Greenbrier Commons.
- xiv) City of Richmond Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Community Park Tennis & Pickleball Court Renewal Project.
- xv) City of Warrensville Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for New Playground Equipment at Green Road Park.
- xvi) Cleveland Cultural Gardens in the amount not-to-exceed \$40,000.00 for One-World Day.
- xvii) Cleveland Neighborhood Progress in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Lighting & Façade Improvement at Shaker Square.

- xviii) Northwest Neighborhoods CDC in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Technology Upgrade to Capital Theatre Main Auditorium.
- xix) Oakwood Village in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for First Place Pavement Improvement Project, Phase 2.
- xx) One South Euclid in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Senior Landscaping & Snow Removal Program.
- xxi) Village of Highland Hills in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for HVAC System at Village Hall.
- xxii) Village of North Randall in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Housing Rehabilitation and Preservation Program.
- xxiii) Woodmere Village in the amount not-to-exceed \$49,500.00 for ADA Entrance Ramp to Building Department.

Ms. Kellie Glenn, Administrator of Development, for the Department of Housing and Community Development, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0063. Discussion ensued. Committee members asked questions of Ms. Glenn pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2026-0063 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading. Committee members Jones, Schleper, Kelly, Houser and Simon requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

6. PRESENTATION

- a) Update Office of Violence Prevention Six-Month Impact Report: An overview of engagement activities, partnerships, and progress to date. –

Myesha Watkins, Administrator, Office of Violence Prevention, Public Safety and Justice Services

Ms. Myesha Watkins, Administrator, Office of Violence Prevention, Public Safety and Justice Services, addressed the Committee and gave an update on the creation of a new partnership with the National Basketball Social Justice Coalition; collaboration with hospitals, law enforcement, faith leaders and grass roots organizations; creation of Internship opportunities; launch of the Stop the Violence Pledge; hosted a national training at the Cleveland Foundation with the ROCA Impact Institute; moderated a conversation at the City Club of Cleveland regarding the Omaha 360 Model; collected over 100 gun locks and 40 gun storage boxes from police departments throughout Cuyahoga County and the Academy of Medicine; partnering with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health to create safe firearm training in 12 communities; did an Opinion Article for Crains of Cleveland regarding investing in communities to reduce violence; the Office of Violence and Prevention received a National Award for the establishment of the inaugural Office. Ms. Watkins announced that she will be traveling to New York to speak at the

Northwell Gun Violence Prevention Forum; partnering with the P. League to host the first annual Office of Violence Prevention Celebrity Basketball game event on Saturday, March 28, to engage community through positive connections. The Office will be expanding community training opportunities; strengthening data informed prevention strategies; increasing safe storage education and distribution; supporting youth opportunities pathways and continuing countywide engagement to ensure communities are included.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Houser adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2026-0068

Sponsored by: Councilmember Houser	A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$2,500, to Legacies Empowered, Inc. for the Re-enter and Heal Project from the District 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County calculated 100% of the ARPA dollars as loss revenue under the U.S. Department of the Treasury Final Rule; and

WHEREAS, since all the ARPA dollars have been calculated as loss revenue, the ARPA dollars have been deposited in the County’s General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive and County Council have authorized \$86 million of the ARPA dollars for community grants to benefit the residents of Cuyahoga County (the “ARPA Community Grant Fund”); and

WHEREAS, of the \$86 million for community grants, \$66 million have been encumbered for equal distribution to each County Council District; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding from the District 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$2,500 to Legacies Empowered, Inc. for the Re-enter and Heal Project; and

WHEREAS, Legacies Empowered, Inc. estimates approximately 200 people will be served annually through this award; and

WHEREAS, Legacies Empowered, Inc. estimates the total cost of the project is \$2,500; and

WHEREAS, Legacies Empowered, Inc. is estimating the start date of the project will be April 2026 and the project will be completed by December 2026; and

WHEREAS, Legacies Empowered, Inc. requested \$2,500 from the District 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund to complete this project; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding in the amount of \$2,500 to Legacies Empowered, Inc. to ensure this project is completed; and

WHEREAS, this Council by a vote of at least eight (8) members determines that it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue to provide for the usually, daily operations of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby awards a not-to-exceed amount of \$2,500 to Legacies Empowered, Inc. from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the Re-enter and Heal Project.

SECTION 2. If any specific appropriation is necessary to effectuate this agreement, the Director of the Office of Budget and Management is authorized to submit the requisite documentation to financial reporting to journalize the appropriation.

SECTION 3. That the County Council staff is authorized to prepare all documents to effectuate said award.

SECTION 4. That the County Executive is authorized to execute all necessary agreements and documents consistent with said award and this Resolution.

SECTION 5. If requested or necessary, the Agency of the Inspector General or Department of Internal Audit is authorized to investigate, audit, or review any part of this award.

SECTION 6. To the extent that any exemptions are necessary under the County Code and contracting procedures, they shall be deemed approved by the adoption of this Resolution.

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COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION:	
Name of Requesting Entity (City, Business, Non-Profit, etc.): LEGACIES EMPOWERED, INC.	
Address of Requesting Entity: 6100 OAK TREE BLVD. INDEPENDENCE, OH 44131	
County Council District # of Requesting Entity: 6	
Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: 1547 ST. CLAIR AVE. CLEVELAND, OH 44114 and 6815 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, Ohio 44103	
County Council District # of Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: 8	
Contact Name of Person Filling out This Request: CHARDE' HOLLINS	
Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity: 51 JACKSON BLVD. BEDFORD OH 44146	
Email: HOLLINS@LEGACIESEMPOWERED.ORG	Phone: 216-208-7211
Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.: 85-4017087	Date: 02/26/2026

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

REQUEST DESCRIPTION (include the project name, a description of the project, why the project is important or needed, and timeline of milestones/tracking of the project):

Reenter & Heal is a collaborative initiative between Legacies Empowered and More Than a Felon, designed to support individuals returning from incarceration by integrating workforce readiness with trauma-informed mental health stabilization.

This project brings together the reentry expertise of More Than a Felon and the mental health prevention and community-based engagement model of Legacies Empowered to provide coordinated support during one of the highest-risk transition periods in an individual's life.

Through community-based events, workshops, and resource navigation, Reenter & Heal will embed mental health education, overdose and suicide prevention awareness, and coping skill development directly into reentry spaces such as job fairs, workforce readiness events, and community gatherings. Participants will receive access to supportive conversations, prevention education, and warm connections to community resources while simultaneously engaging in employment and reintegration opportunities.

Rather than treating employment and mental health as separate systems, this initiative aligns both to strengthen long-term stability, public safety, and successful reintegration.

Individuals returning to the community face elevated risk of overdose, suicide, untreated trauma, housing instability, and employment barriers.

While employment support is critical, economic opportunity alone does not address the emotional and psychological impact of incarceration, stigma, and community reintegration stress. Without integrated mental health stabilization, individuals remain vulnerable to crisis, relapse, disengagement, and recidivism.

Reenter & Heal addresses this gap by:

- Hosting free, community-based reentry job fairs that remove financial barriers to employment access
- Embedding no-cost mental health education, prevention support, and resource navigation into reentry spaces
- Providing connections to workforce opportunities that increase income stability
- Offering accessible educational content through public platform to ensure ongoing support beyond in-person events

Timeline & Milestones

April – December 2026

- Host one integrated Reentry Job Fair, embedding on-site mental health education, resource navigation, and prevention support alongside workforce opportunities.
- Provide trauma-informed mental health education and stabilization resources during the event to support employment readiness, retention, and family reintegration.
- Deliver ongoing weekly public education focused on employment stability, mental health support, family reintegration, and stigma reduction for returning citizens.
- Track participation, engagement, and referrals to inform future workforce and mental health efforts.

Project Start Date: April 1, 2026	Project End Date: December 30, 2026
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IMPACT OF PROJECT:
<p>Who will be served:</p> <p>Returning citizens throughout Cuyahoga County who are reentering the community and seeking employment, workforce readiness, and mental health support.</p>
<p>How many people will be served annually:</p> <p>200</p>
<p>Will low/moderate income people be served; if so how:</p> <p>Yes. The initiative is intentionally designed to serve low- and moderate-income returning citizens, who often face economic instability and limited access to mental health support upon release. Reenter & Heal provides free workforce events, embedded mental health education, prevention resources, and accessible weekly podcast content to reduce barriers to employment, increase retention, and strengthen family and financial stability.</p>
<p>How does the project fit with the community and with other ongoing projects:</p> <p>Reenter & Heal aligns with existing reentry and workforce initiatives by addressing a critical gap: the integration of mental health stabilization with employment support. Rather than duplicating services, the initiative enhances ongoing workforce and reentry programming by embedding trauma-informed education, prevention strategies, and resource navigation into established community platforms. This integrated approach supports shared community goals of reducing recidivism, increasing employment retention, strengthening families, and improving overall public safety.</p>
<p>If applicable, how many jobs will be created or retained (specify the number for each) and will the jobs be permanent or temporary:</p> <p>This initiative does not directly create new permanent jobs. It supports workforce participation and employment retention among returning citizens through integrated workforce readiness and mental health education and resources.</p>
<p>If applicable, what environmental issues or benefits will there be:</p> <p>N/A</p>

If applicable, how does this project serve as a catalyst for future initiatives:

Reenter & Heal is an intentional and coordinated model that integrates workforce readiness and mental health stabilization within reentry programming. This approach can be replicated across future workforce events, partner sites, and community initiatives. By strengthening cross-sector collaboration and establishing a sustainable educational platform, the project builds infrastructure that supports long-term reentry success, employment retention, and family stability.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Total Budget of Project:

\$2,500

Other Funding Sources of Project (list each source and dollar amount separately):

Legacies Empowered – In-kind contribution (staff time, educational materials, prevention resources) \$1,500

More Than a Felon – In-kind contribution (staff time, event coordination, workforce resources) \$1,500

Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars:

\$2,500

Since these are one-time dollars, how will the Project be sustained moving forward:

Reenter & Heal builds on an existing partnership between Legacies Empowered and More Than a Felon and integrates services into ongoing workforce and community engagement efforts. Both organizations are committed to continuing to seek additional partners and funders to maintain this work.

DISCLAIMER INFORMATION AND SIGNATURE:

Disclaimer:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have the authority to apply for financial assistance on behalf of the entity described herein, and that the information contained herein and attached hereto is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

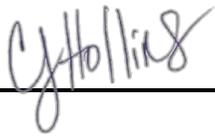
I acknowledge and agree that all County contracts and programs are subject to Federal Guidelines and Regulations, the Ohio Revised Code, the Cuyahoga County Charter, and all County Ordinances including all information submitted as part of this application is a public record.

I understand that any willful misrepresentation on this application or on any of the attachments thereto could result in a fine and/or imprisonment under relevant local, state, and/or federal laws or guidelines.

I agree that at any time, any local, state, or federal governmental agency, or a private entity on behalf of any of these governmental agencies, can audit these dollars and projects.

Printed Name:
Charde' Hollins

Signature:



Date: 02/26/2026

Additional Documents

Are there additional documents or files as part of this application? Please list each documents name:

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2026-0069

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Contact Name of Person Filling out This Request:	
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85-4017087	03/3/2026

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

REQUEST DESCRIPTION (include the project name, a description of the project, why the project is important or needed, and timeline of milestones/tracking of the project):

Minority Business and Employment Outreach Event: This is an event Councilman Michael J Houser is sponsoring that will be held at Tri-C's Jerry Sue Thornton Center on May 15th, 2026. Legacies Empowered, Inc. will be the hosting entity that will provide refreshments and assist with the set-up and organization at the event site. The goal of the event is to connect minority employers that have active job-openings with jobseekers while providing resources for small businesses and those seeking employment with informational materials. In addition, there will be Cuyahoga County resources for small businesses and jobseekers alike.

As the host, Legacies Empowered Inc., will be responsible for conducting the following activities:

- Set-up of the venue
- Purchase of Refreshments for the event
- Creating a registration interface where attendees can sign up
- Marketing of the event on the Legacies Empowered website
- Distribution of any materials for promotion of the event

Project Start Date:
May 15th, 2026

Project End Date:
May 15th, 2026

IMPACT OF PROJECT:

Who will be served:

This is an outreach event that will host employers that are seeking available Cuyahoga County residents who are seeking employment. The impact is expected to be significant in that this event will assist in job creation for Cuyahoga County residents.

How many people will be served annually:

Since this is a one-time event, the anticipated attendance is expected to serve up to 100 people.

Will low/moderate income people be served; if so how:

N/A

How does the project fit with the community and with other ongoing projects:

Employment continues to be a need for both residents and businesses. Offering opportunities to connect job seekers with employers enhances the economic and familial success of the county.

If applicable, how many jobs will be created or retained (specify the number for each) and will the jobs be permanent or temporary:

N/A

If applicable, what environmental issues or benefits will there be:

N/A

If applicable, how does this project serve as a catalyst for future initiatives:

The expectation is that this will continue as an annual event.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Total Budget of Project:

\$2,000

Other Funding Sources of Project (list each source and dollar amount separately):

N/A

Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars:

\$2,000

Since these are one-time dollars, how will the Project be sustained moving forward:

The funding for this event will assist with ordering the refreshments. Councilman Houser will lead the efforts for continuation of this event in the future.

DISCLAIMER INFORMATION AND SIGNATURE:

Disclaimer:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have the authority to apply for financial assistance on behalf of the entity described herein, and that the information contained herein and attached hereto is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I acknowledge and agree that all County contracts and programs are subject to Federal Guidelines and Regulations, the Ohio Revised Code, the Cuyahoga County Charter, and all County Ordinances including all information submitted as part of this application is a public record.

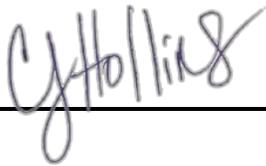
I understand that any willful misrepresentation on this application or on any of the attachments thereto could result in a fine and/or imprisonment under relevant local, state, and/or federal laws or guidelines.

I agree that at any time, any local, state, or federal governmental agency, or a private entity on behalf of any of these governmental agencies, can audit these dollars and projects.

Printed Name:

Charde' Hollins

Signature:



Date:

March 3, 2026

Additional Documents

Are there additional documents or files as part of this application? Please list each documents name:

N/A

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2026-0071

Sponsored by: Councilmember Sweeney	A Resolution authorizing the City of Cleveland to retain certain parcels the City acquired as part of its land reutilization program for devotion to various public uses as more fully described herein, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code (“ORC”) 5722.07, the City of Cleveland may retain certain parcels of real property the City acquired as part of its land reutilization program for devotion to public use upon approval from the legislative authorities of those taxing districts entitled to share in the proceeds from sale of said land; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland desires to retain those certain parcels of real property the City acquired as part of its land reutilization program and identified on Exhibit A, attached hereto, for the various public uses described on the exhibit and has requested the County approve the City’s retention of said parcels for such uses in accordance with ORC 5722.07; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that the usual daily operation of the County be continued and for the further reason that the public peace, health or safety of the County will be preserved by allowing the City of Cleveland to retain those certain parcels identified on Exhibit A for public uses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby authorizes the City of Cleveland to retain those certain parcels of real property the City acquired as part of its land reutilization program identified on Exhibit A, attached hereto, for the various public uses described on the exhibit.

SECTION 2. That the County Executive and the Director of Public Works are, and each is, authorized to execute all documents consistent with this Resolution. To the extent that any exemptions are necessary under the County Code and contracting procedures, they shall be deemed approved by the adoption of this Resolution.

First Reading/Referred to Committee: March 10, 2026
Committee(s) Assigned: Community Development & Housing

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November 11, 2025

Joseph Nanni
Chief of Staff, Cuyahoga County Council
County Administrative Headquarters
2079 East 9th Street, 8th Floor
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Mr. Nanni,

As we have done in the past, the City seeks to transfer 157 parcels presently owned by the City Land Bank to City departments for public uses (list of parcels and locations is attached). The transferred parcels will be used for various long term public purposes, including expansion of existing City parks and recreation centers, and for facilities for City's Departments of Public Safety and Port Control.

Transfer of City Land Bank parcels for public purpose requires approval by several taxing entities, including County Council, before we can take the matter to City Council for final approval.

City requests Cuyahoga County to please prepare legislation in support of the transfer of these parcels. Commissioner of Real Estate Susanne DeGennaro has had conversations with you and Greg Huth in County's Law Dept. about this matter and is prepared to speak as needed at County Council meetings. Please contact Susanne with any specifics about the future uses of the Land Bank parcels or feel free to give me a call to discuss how to move this request forward. Susanne can be reached at 216-664-2371 or SDeGennaro@clevelandohio.gov.

The City is looking forward to working with the County to approve transfer of these parcels to the City to further the identified public purpose for each parcel. We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

James DeRosa, Director
Mayor's Office of Capital Projects

Attachments

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