

**LONG BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION
and
FRIENDS OF THE LONG BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY
2014 VOTER GUIDE**





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Dear Long Beach Voter,

The Long Beach Public Library Foundation and the Friends of the Long Beach Public Library have jointly created a **2014 Voter Guide** to prepare library supporters to make an informed decision regarding the Long Beach elections, which will be held on April 8, 2014. This is a very important election with several seats available. The newly elected City Council members and Mayor will help set the direction and determine future budgets for all City departments, including Library Services. This guide focuses specifically on the candidates' positions regarding the Long Beach Public Library.

To prepare the guide, we sent a letter to all candidates who had registered with the City Clerk's office by January 1, 2014, including 10 mayoral candidates and 19 city council candidates running for seats in the odd-numbered Council Districts (1,3,5,7,9). The letter invited candidates to submit a brief statement outlining their views about the library system and, if elected, their plans for its future. Twelve candidates responded with position statements by the deadline and we have included their statements. For those that did not respond by the deadline, we have included email and website information as submitted to the City Clerk (if available) and encourage you to do additional research to find out their positions on the Long Beach Public Library.

Please note that the **Long Beach Public Library Foundation** and the **Friends of the Long Beach Public Library** are 501(c)(3) organizations. By law, we cannot endorse or campaign for candidates. We have presented the statements exactly as we received them, without edits, and we are distributing the guide to our stakeholders as an education piece without commentary.

We invite you to read the complete comments from all the candidates who participated and we encourage you to make sure you are registered to vote and participate in this important civic process.

Important Long Beach 2014 Primary Election Dates:

(As reported on the City Clerk's Website)

March 10- April 1: Vote by Mail -- First and last day to apply. Vote By Mail applications may be submitted on and between these dates. Applications received prior to the 29th day preceding the election will be processed during this period. (E.C. 3001).

April 1: First day to begin Vote-by-Mail canvass (E.C. 15101).

March 24: Last Day to Register to Vote (E.C. 2107) -- <http://www.longbeach.gov/cityclerk/elections/>

April 2-8: Emergency Vote-by-Mail Period -- A voter may apply for a vote-by mail ballot if conditions require his/her absence from the polling place on Election Day. An authorized representative may pick up and return the ballot (E.C.3021)

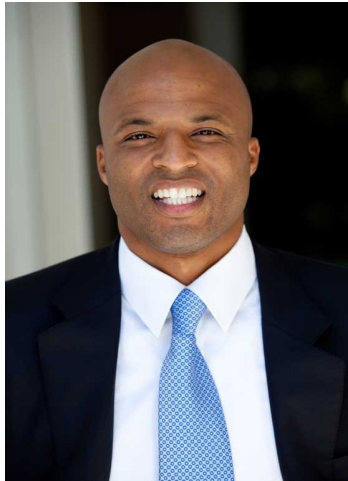
April 8: Election Day --To find your polling place visit: <http://www.longbeach.gov/cityclerk/elections/>

Thank you,

Stephanie S. James
President
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Jo Rae Zuckerman
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MAYORAL CANDIDATE



DAMON DUNN

As a child, I did not have access to a quiet place to study, books to read, or tutors to help with my homework. I would stay after school and work on my homework in the library. Libraries play a crucial role in bridging the education gaps of the low-income students that exist in every city of this nation. They provide access to educational tools; access to knowledge; and, ultimately, access to success.

Ray Bradbury said: "I don't believe in colleges and universities. I believe in libraries because most students don't have any money. When I graduated from high school, it was during the Depression and we had no money. I couldn't go to college, so I went to the library three days a week for 10 years."

I, of course, believe in colleges and universities, but Mr. Bradbury is not exaggerating in expressing the importance that libraries play for children facing economic and family challenges, indeed, for all children and adults.

Long Beach offers programs like the Family Learning Centers where all children can receive assisted bilingual homework help, access the latest technology, data and research resources, and where adults can grow needed skills in an evolving job market.

Nationwide, Long Beach libraries rank near the bottom in per capita spending on books, materials and programs for youth. This must change.

As mayor, I will play a leading role in a campaign to raise money for our libraries. I will meet with large and small businesses, education leaders, parents and students to build a coalition to establish a library system that sets a standard for community resource and learning centers. I also believe that a portion of the one-time revenue that comes at the end of each fiscal year should go toward library projects and initiatives.

T. S. Eliot was right: "The very existence of libraries affords the best evidence that we may yet have hope for the future of man." Outstanding libraries also speak to the hope for the future of cities. After all, libraries also house one of our great resources: librarians.

Libraries will be a priority for me as Mayor as they have been throughout my education and career.

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MAYORAL CANDIDATE



ROBERT GARCIA

Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest.

~Lady Bird Johnson

Long Beach has long been a place where our libraries have been much more than a repository of books and materials. Our libraries are a place of engagement and wonder. Yet, I believe there is so much more they could do if given more resources.

I have been a supporter of our Library system during my time on the Council and want to be a champion for the Library as our Mayor. One of the aspects that excites me most about the Civic Center Project is the opportunity it brings us to make the library the centerpiece of the project. My vision for the Civic Center is not only a city hall, library and park. It is truly a gathering place for our community. A place to hold salons and promote the exchange of ideas. This should be at the core of what our libraries do: encourage our residents to be involved in their community, to offer access to ideas, technology and a wealth of resources. Imagine the library as the centerpiece of a complex that houses city government, contains a park where our children can actually play, perhaps includes faculty or graduate student housing or maybe a place for artists to live and work.

As an immigrant I grew up in a family of very limited means. One of our major sources of entertainment and education was the public library. I spent countless hours marveling at the books available to me that I never dreamed I would have access to when my family escaped the brutality in Peru in the early 80s.

To me, libraries represent what is true and best about America. They are open to everyone, there is a treasure inside and it is available to all. Books for those who want to just browse or check them out to take home, librarians to help them find the information they need, computers to open up an entire world of information to those who can't afford to own one, classes and workshops to enlighten or provide basic skills and an atmosphere of acceptance and learning that our most disadvantaged residents can enter without fear of judgment or limitation.

I would love to partner with our libraries to make them what we dream about. I realize that requires more funding for the acquisition of materials, the purchase of technology the hiring of more staff and the funding to open our libraries longer hours. Our libraries need to be open seven days a week and we need to increase our materials budget. Now that we are experiencing economic growth, it's time to invest in our libraries.

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MAYORAL CANDIDATE



MINEO GONZALEZ

It is absurd that the future of our libraries is in question. We all remember our first trip to the library when we were exposed to a magical place where you could pick a book and travel through time, space, and reality without taking a step. This feeling was only eclipsed by the day we finally got our very own library card that allowed us to take this incredible power home with us. How this could be denied from children today is despicable. There never seems to be enough money left by the time libraries are brought up in the budget making process.

It seems that people assume with all the technology we have today that libraries are no longer essential. Where exactly do these people think writers come from? Only once you are a great reader can you become an accomplished writer. Reading off a tablet will never replace reading from a book. As mayor I will make maintaining our libraries open a priority. I will make sure that libraries are given the priority they deserve during the budget making process and not an afterthought. I will ensure that they are not regulated to the non-essential to operations side of the budget. I will reach out to the public and invite them to use our libraries and show the city council how much we need them open and full of books.

Our city needs a place for all people to come and borrow or read a book. We need quiet places to study or places to do research for a paper. Every great society in history provided a library. That is because libraries provide an education to the masses. Education is the solution to poverty, crime and many other social problems. Giving up on our libraries is giving up on our society. If we fix our social problems and get our priorities right we will have more than enough money for libraries.

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MAYORAL CANDIDATE



BONNIE LOWENTHAL

Public libraries serve as the backbone of our community ----- They provide our youth, adults and seniors with the tools needed to learn, grow and succeed.

I've lived in Long Beach for over forty years and raised my family here. My involvement in our city's success started at the grassroots level, as a teacher and activist in the community, organizing for better, safer neighborhoods. From there, I was fortunate enough to serve on our school board, where I helped implement the reforms that led to Long Beach being named one of the best urban districts in the nation. This couldn't have been possible without our libraries.

I have always been, and will continue to be, an ardent supporter of our libraries because I have seen first-hand the positive impact our libraries have in our community.

Our libraries help make up the social fabric that defines Long Beach. Through programs, classes and events, our libraries provide residents with resources for literacy, education, technology and information. Libraries help reduce crime, increase jobs and keep our neighborhoods whole. They provide a gathering place for everyone from students to seniors to have an opportunity for lifelong learning, information sharing and technology literacy.

As Mayor, I will fight to ensure our libraries are accessible, equally located throughout every district in our city and equipped with state of the art technology. I will work with the City Council to make our libraries a priority because a library, especially in a dense, multi-family neighborhood, serves as a resource and community center.

Our main library must remain in its current location, at the same size, and continue to maintain the archives for our city. The main library needs to be a destination for events that attract visitors and citizens alike – and all this must be done in its current location; that's why it's called a "CIVIC CENTER". The main library is centrally located for districts one and two and more accessible than other nearby libraries, which are many miles away and difficult to get to for individuals without access to transportation.

While we advocate for safer streets, more jobs and quality neighborhood services, it is important that we recognize and utilize the power of our neighborhood libraries in that effort. When our youth have a place to study, learn and explore they are safe. When communities have a place to meet and discuss ideas they can grow. When individuals entering and re-entering the work force have a place to fine tune their resumes, access the internet to look for jobs and prepare for interviews, our residents get hired. That's why it's important that libraries are part of the conversation when we talk about neighborhood services, jobs and public safety.

The Family learning Centers at our libraries serve as a tool for students and adults by providing help with homework, resumes and the English language. Our community literacy events like Long Beach reads one book, make a difference everyday. Programs like Storytime and Book Clubs engage residents and make them active participants in their communities.

As Mayor, I will advocate for programs like The Digital Lab that encourage and cultivate creativity in our community. I will work with the school district to open school libraries to communities as an additional resource. Shared-use facilities bring the community together and provide residents with the resources they deserve. We need to explore joint use projects between our schools, universities, parks and libraries to help address funding and programming challenges.

Together, we can make our libraries and in turn our city, the best in our region and I look forward to working with all of you to move Long Beach forward.

For more information, contact Bonnie Lowenthal at www.bonnieforlongbeach.com or call (562) 981-2111.

MAYORAL CANDIDATE



STEVE MOZENA

To the Friends of the Long Beach Library and Long Beach Public Library Foundation: I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to give you my position statement on the current Long Beach Library System and my plans for its future.

First, let me tell you I have been an active user not only of the public library system in Long Beach but also the Los Angeles Public Library and Cerritos Public Library.

My wife, Lucille, and I, and our 11-year old-daughter, Arista, have used these libraries for school projects such as Arista's science fair experiment to her summer reading lists.

To back up, I'm an academic publisher and pioneer of electronic college textbooks with my ETEXT.net website in 1994. Major New York educational publishers like Prentice Hall College and McGraw Hill would look at my website almost on a daily basis to see my innovativeness with this new technology.

Additionally, I wrote numerous letters in the mid-90s to Amazon's CEO Jeff Bezos about my vision for the future of books. This I believe helped him create Amazon's Kindle. In fact, Barnes and Noble had me sign a non-compete, non-disclose agreement about their Nook because of my experience with electronic textbooks.

But let's talk about the Long Beach City library. First and foremost, I'd like to see the system accessible to the public by having the library not only open 7 days a week but to move it into each K-12 school libraries, so our children could use the system even more as well as have access for local community residents for the respective library resources.

I'd also like to ensure that the library system makes full use of state-of-the art information and gaming technology, so that our kids can learn in ways that are both informative, innovative, and fun. It should be mandatory that all the children from the Long Beach School District take regular monthly field trips to learn how to use the new main Civic Center/downtown library, which will be a more comprehensive library than the satellite school/city libraries.

I do support the proposed move of the main library to the new Civic Center. Moreover, I would like to see a 22nd century state-of-the-art facility that would not only be a great facility for our children and families locally but become a tourist attraction as well, with plenty of free parking for the local citizens. One of the ways we can make sure our facility becomes the envy of all city libraries is to study not only the offerings and facilities of the downtown main Los Angeles Public Library and the Cerritos City Public Library but also all libraries across the state and nation, including collegiate libraries. Then we can make sure we have the most comprehensive and technologically advanced library beyond the online library that Google or Yahoo offers access to.

Just look at the eight floors of the downtown Los Angeles Library with its amenities, including a mini-food court and gift shop, and the Cerritos Library, with the aquarium. We need a library that offers similar quality and appeal. We could have an area with a rotating museum like the Smithsonian, or an art museum in which kids can become educated about art in America and around the world.

Then, instead of hanging out at the mall or going to the movies, young people would want to go to the downtown Long Beach Public Library.

What I need is the authority as your mayor of Long Beach to make my vision become a reality to help all our fellow citizens.

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MAYORAL CANDIDATE



DOUG OTTO

Long Beach needs to be a community focused on education and its youth. Given compelling demographics, Long Beach cannot be a prosperous, and therefore successful, city unless the education and safety of our youth becomes a top priority. As a member of the Library Foundation Advisory Board and an inveterate proponent of our libraries, I know that library supporters agree.

When we hear the word "library," the image that comes to most of our minds (in fact the image that is on the LBPLF's logo) is a book. And while a majority of the physical space in a library is taken up by books, the role of our Long Beach libraries is evolving. Instead of being merely a repository of

books, Long Beach libraries are increasingly becoming access points to literacy and learning for the community at-large, particularly for the low-income.

With smartphones and high-speed internet, most of us are able to access the worldwide web instantly. Whether it's mapping the nearest Mexican restaurant, figuring out what the weather is going to be, or seeing how the traffic is moving on the 710 Freeway, we are able to find answers. It's easy to take this instant access to information for granted.

But there is a population in Long Beach who rarely has this experience. If you are poor, you may not be able to afford a smart phone with a data plan. You may not have enough money for high-speed internet. Many of our residents do not even have home computers. Our Long Beach library system is one of the few places where anyone in the city has access to the information and technology that many of us take for granted. Libraries in Long Beach play a critical role in helping to bridge the technology gap. More than that, our libraries serve as gathering places, bringing residents together. They serve as safe spaces for our youth, especially after school, where young students can engage in productive knowledge-seeking activities. Libraries also have programs that teach mothers how to read to their children and promote a path to future learning. For all of these reasons, it is crucial that we do everything we can to support, maintain, and expand our library system.

As Mayor, I will work with the library staff, Library Foundation, library experts, and the City Council to perform a needs-based assessment of the libraries in our city. I will work to ensure that our libraries are modernized and that each library meets the unique needs of the communities that they serve. The construction of the New North Library in the 9th District and the almost new Mark Twain Library in the 6th District can provide us with case studies for how we can support and improve our library system. I want to see more of these collaborative projects in our city, and I believe that our library system would benefit.

I have been and will always be an avid reader and seeker of information. From an early age, I understood that libraries were portals that made the world a wider place and expanded the reach of the mind. That is a gift without a price, and it's a legacy I want to preserve for the citizens of this city, both now and in the future.

For more information, contact Doug Otto at doug@dougottoforlongbeach.com or call (562) 491-1191.

MAYORAL CANDIDATE



GERRIE SHIPSKE

As a teacher, elected official, parent and grandparent, I believe that libraries are essential to a democratic society and providing access to an appropriately funded library system is one of the most important things a city can do to benefit its residents.

Since my election to the City Council in 2006, I have been a tireless advocate of both our libraries and the volunteer organizations that help keep them alive by:

- Encouraging my colleagues to restore cuts made to staff and materials;
- Fighting against the closure and re-location of the Main Library and publicly questioning the suggested down-sizing of the Main Library in a new civic center;
- Establishing the “Library Round Up” which asks residents to “round up” their spare change that is donated to Friends of the Long Beach Public Library to supplement the library materials budget. One year we were able to raise enough funds to replace the Western paperback collection;
- Rescuing the cornerstone of the city’s library which was donated in 1908 by Andrew Carnegie. The cornerstone was placed at the Main Library garden;
- Launching “I Love Libraries and I Vote” campaign during my re-election for Council to bring the importance of libraries to the voters’ attention;
- Convening a public taskforce to explore additional sources of funding for the library system;
- Holding events at my branch libraries to attract more residents;
- Designating more than \$250,000 of 5th District infrastructure funds for a long list of overdue repairs at Bach and El Dorado branches;
- Designating \$8,000 of my office budget surplus to the library for materials; and
- Providing an annual proclamation at City Council in honor of library workers and National Library Month.

As Mayor, I will continue my activism on behalf of a strong library system by proposing an appropriate budget that includes restoration of staff and materials and facilities repair and maintenance. I will also establish a committee of the City Council (Arts and Libraries) that can give the necessary attention. Finally, I will recommend that the City Council obtain real bids for retrofitting and refurbishing the Main Library instead of demolishing and building a smaller building. I ask for your vote on April 8th. Gerrie Schipske for Mayor.

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MAYORAL CANDIDATE



JANA SHIELDS

Fully-functioning libraries are a vital resource

- Libraries provide all economic levels of society access to information via printed materials and technology.
- Library staffs provide assistance to individuals in accessing available information. Modern libraries provide sanctuaries that facilitate learning and relaxation.

Funding Priorities and Resources

- Restore cut funding, with libraries being equally important as public safety. Reason: Libraries provide youth with resources needed for their education to help them become productive citizens that are not a drain on future public safety resources.
- Focus on technological upgrades and expansion, which provide access to unlimited e-information. Specific upgrade projects could be presented to the private sector for sponsorship and grant funding.

Re-evaluate 'undesignated' funds that are reportedly held in a 'slush fund' that are spent in unsupervised ways.

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MAYORAL CANDIDATE

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CANDIDATE FOR CITY COUNCIL— DISTRICT 5



Joseph Luyben

Our Long Beach libraries are a valuable community resource and if elected to City Council, I will fight to protect this resource.

Public libraries face new challenges in the Digital Age. While modern technology may have displaced some of the traditional services offered at public libraries, I believe Long Beach public libraries can embrace technological advancements and better serve their patrons. There is no reason to believe Long Beach libraries shouldn't be provided funding to be well equipped with the latest technology that offers active hands-on creative programming. Libraries must offer patrons cutting-edge technology, software, to remain relevant in a continuously changing Digital Age. Increasing the number of

available computers with access to the internet to patrons should be a high funding priority for the City of Long Beach.

Another priority should be to invest in providing additional training and education to library staff which will increase their knowledge and understanding of new technologies to better serve patrons. The City can invest all the money it wants to provide Digital Age tools, but without training staff to use these new technologies and being able to offer assistance to library patrons, the investment is fruitless.

The City should also find private industry or non-profit foundation partners to fund youth programs to increase proficiency in science, technology, engineering, and math. Children are fascinated with science. The library can be act as an extension of the Long Beach Unified School District by providing programs to increase these skills. Quality programs for children often include instruction that is fun and fun to do. Children don't often realize they are learning basic skills in these programs because they enjoy participating.

The City of Long Beach needs to continue making its library services relevant, cutting-edge, and a place where residents want to visit. If elected to City Council, that is my pledge to the community.

For more information, contact Joseph Luyben at joeluyben@yahoo.com or call (562) 874-8259.

CANDIDATE FOR CITY COUNCIL— DISTRICT 3



James Lewis

Although some feel that the digital age has eclipsed the need for libraries, I believe there remains a definite need for brick and mortar facilities in our community.

You can recognize a healthy community by the state of its libraries. The library system is about more than making information accessible—it's about making information accessible to everyone. Whether that information is stocked on shelves or stored in hard drives, any community that aims to improve the conditions of the marginalized and offer equal opportunities for minority demographics must ensure the quality and availability of its libraries.

Literacy has evolved beyond the mere ability to read, write, and comprehend; in our global society, literacy now includes an understanding of culture and social issues. I see libraries evolving as the new social centers, especially for minority demographics—those lacking connection to the internet or the space for being with others. Some raise the argument that schools already have libraries. However, they are not necessarily open or accessible to the public when the needed, nor are they stocked with the broader range of material of a public library.

We often overlook the multitude of services our library system affords us. Apart from providing a remarkable collection of physical and digital reading material—and advancing the cause of literacy should be reason enough to support such a system—our libraries have the potential to become thriving community centers. As the financial limitations of our current economic climate constrain other such public facilities, libraries can absorb the impact of those losses. With programs for children, rooms for community meetings, and dedicated staff and volunteers available for a wide variety of research needs, libraries already offer something for every segment of our society. And they are only underutilized insofar as they are under-supported.

Obviously there is a limit to what we can do with the resources we have. But our aim should be to make the library system as accessible as possible to the people who need it most. And I believe there are innovative ways we can support our vision—particularly through the development of public/private collaborations like the Long Beach Public Library Foundation & Friends of the Long Beach Public Library. The more we involve our community in supporting one another, the closer we get to the heart of what the library system is all about in the first place.

One may also refer to my Community Priority: <http://www.jimlewisforcouncil.com/#!community/c204o>

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CANDIDATE FOR CITY COUNCIL— DISTRICT 3



Susan Price

I am running for City Council because I want to bring energetic and imaginative leadership to our community. I want to help build a future in which we can raise our children in a community that is safe and gives them opportunities to thrive in a competitive educational and professional environment. We need to work together to keep our streets safe, maintain the City infrastructure through development and repair projects and help our local businesses thrive and grow in the new eco-friendly marketplace. As a Councilwoman, I will have the opportunity to work on many issues that impact our unique district. I intend to focus my priorities on public safety, supporting business growth and creating jobs and maintaining a fiscally responsible city government while providing imaginative and innovative leadership.

I moved to Long Beach in 1990 and have served as a community advocate and leader, a PTA executive board member and have been working as a Deputy District Attorney for over 14 years, currently handling homicide cases for the Orange County District Attorneys office. I earned my Bachelor's degree in Political Science and a Masters in Public Policy and Administration from California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) where I served as Student Body President and was selected Outstanding Graduate. I live with my husband, Mark, in Alamitos Heights and two elementary school age children.

I am a big fan of the Long Beach Public Library, as are my two boys that attend Long Beach Unified School District schools. The boys and I have a route in which we go to the library every three weeks – sometimes it is the Bay-shore branch and other times we go to the Main Library.

The libraries are a truly important part of our lives. Going to the library is something we look forward to doing together, it is fun and we all learn something new every time we go. While we have electronic devices in our home that our boys can use for their reading, they still prefer using actual books. This may be because they were grounded in using the libraries at a young age. During their pre-school years, when they were just beginning to learn to read, they attended various reading programs at the libraries which provided them an important foundation when they entered kindergarten.

The public libraries are an important service to the community that I will support as a member of the city council. The libraries serve as an excellent place for groups and classes to gather and learn and study. They serve an extremely important role in providing our residents a venue with access to materials and technology that they might not otherwise have access to. It provides them learning opportunities that may not be available to them at their schools or in their homes.

When I am a member of the city council I will take a leadership role in working with the libraries to adapt to the needs of a new generation. Today we have a generation who uses e-books and the internet. I know the Long Beach Public Library is working in a progressive manner to incorporate technology in their facilities and find innovative methods to serve this new type of reader and library customer. I want to be a part of this progressive effort and do everything possible to help make sure the libraries are a vibrant and important part of our communities.

For more information, contact Susan Price at www.susanpriceforcitycouncil.com or call (805) 407-3943.

CANDIDATE FOR CITY COUNCIL— DISTRICT 7



Roberto Uranga

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 5

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