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In 2012, Philippine Ambassador to the United States Jose L. Cuisia Jr. selected 10 outt standing Filipino American young leaders from across the nation for the inaugural Fil-Am Young Leaders Program (FYLPro).

Since then, the program has brought 20 top Fil-Am young leaders in an all-expense paid exposure trip to the Philippines to learn about the country's progress in its socioo economic, political and cultural landscape. The 3rd batch will be on its way July 2014.

The program's alumni has continued their advocacies in the United States, in promott ing Philippine tourism, social entrepreneurship, voter awareness and education, and have launched political campaigns of their own.

The delegates wished to continue the momentum of the program and planned to get together in a summit.

There are approximately 4 million Filipino-Americans in the United States making up the 2nd largest Asian American population in the country. The largest concentration is in California, followed by Hawaii.

The 2010 census showed that Filipinos are now Hawaii's largest ethnic group.

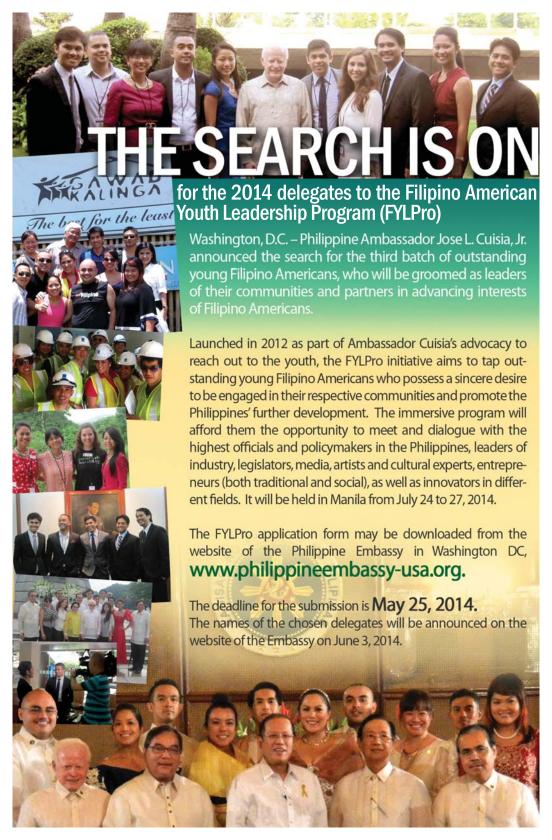
On May 3, 2014, the first Filipino American Young Leaders Summit will take place at the Filipino Community Center in Waipahu, Hawaii.

Delegates from across the nation will convene to share and discuss measures on how to advance the priorities of the Filipino community. With organization and a united effort, the Filipino-American is on its way to becoming the most influential ethnic group in the United States, led by today's young leaders.



Welcome to the Fil-Am Young Leaders Summit. You are now an integral part of a movement across the nation, young leader.

Use #filamsummithi and we'll publish your tweets at www.fylsummit.com.





President & CEO , ODM Enterprise Chairman of U.S. Gawad Kalinga

Tony didn't want anything to do with being Filipino in the Unites States. He didn't speak the language, he stayed away from Filipino events, he didn't associate himself with anything Filipino.

"I recall the trash in the shoreline from all the "squatters" living in shanties on the side of the roads. I remember being uncomfortable with the heat, humidity, and the toilets that you have to flush with a bucket.

From what I experienced, I couldn't see anything "beautiful" about the place. My home was the United States of America and I had no interest really in going back. I couldn't see anything I could be proud of, so I just lived as any typical American would."

All changed when a particular trip to the Philippines opened his eyes.

Olaes described himself on that particular trip as someone coming to the Philippines as an American but returning to the United States a Filipino.

At the Fil-Am Young Leaders Summit, Tony will share his personal journey to what it means to be a Filipino-American. His story, travels and charitable work will give an understanding to why Fil-Ams are they way they are and why Fil-Ams do the way they do.

More importantly, it is our hope to open the discussion as to why until now, we struggle to find a single voice.



As chairman of Gawad Kalinga-USA, he recently signed an MOA with the Congress of Visayan Organization, Foundation to establish a partnership to build two villages, one in Bohol and one in Tacloban, to benefit the earthquake and Typhoon Haiyan victims.



### **SCHEDULE:**

7 a.m. CHECK-IN

8:00 Introduction of delegates, special guests,

Opening remarks by

Ambassador Jose Cuisia Jr.

9:00 Guest Speaker, Tony Olaes

#### MORNING SESSIONS

10:30 am

**Breakout Session 1** 

#### Filipino Community & Civic Engagement

Topics may include important legislation, Dual-citizenship & voter registration as a way of making a positive and permanent impact to your community. Our delegates may share their personal experiences in politics and why more FilAm leaders may need to step up.

10:30 am Breakout Session 2

#### Philippine Arts and Culture take centerstage

Filipino idiosyncrasies are becoming more commonly recognized in popular media. Is it finally time that we take a leading role? The delegates share their challenges in promoting a colorful culture in a critical society.

12 noon LUNCH BREAK, special performance, Tekniqlingz Crew 12:30 p.m. Lunch Speaker, **Rovaira Dasig**, pulse.ph

#### AFTERNOON SESSIONS

1:30 pm

**Breakout Session 3** 

#### Filipino talent drives tourism, business, economy

Find out why it's more fun in the Philippines, and why it's more fun to be working with Filipino-Americans. The delegates will talk about entrepreneurship, technologies & how our innate talent translates to progress.

1:30 pm

**Breakout Session 4** 

#### Education as the key to uniting the Filipino diaspora

Join the discussion on how you can leave an impact and give back to the community & the motherland one person at a time. The delegates share how their experience has influenced their careers and outlook in educating the global community.

#### 3:00 p.m. WRAP-UP Session

Moderators from breakout sessions will give the body an overview of highlights and actions points.

What is #YourMove?

3:30 Closing and networking Group photo



## Meet the FYLPro delegates

#### Melissa Apuya, Sacramento

District Representative for California State Legislature Senator Leland Yee. Current Director of Community Affairs of the Young Filipino Professionals Association. Member of the Board of Advisors of the Manilatown Heritage Foundation and Board of Directors of the San Francisco Filipino American Democratic Club. Graduated from the University of San Francisco.

#### Louella Cabalona, Chicago

Campaign Manager for Walgreen Company and Walgreens Representative for the Asian American Group Leaders of the National Association of Asian American Professionals. Founder, Writer, Singer and Creative Director of SamaSama Project, the premier Filipino Folk Fusion Band in Illinois. Community News Reporter for Chicago Philippine Reports TV on Chicago Cable 25 and Arts News Columnist for the 30 year-old Via Times News Magazine, the oldest FilAm Magazine in the Midwest. Producer and Actress of Center for Immigrant Resources and Community Arts - Pintig Cultural Group. Founded and organized the Illinois Philippine Relief Operations with a mission of responding to the call of Filipinos in times of need through responsible fund raising and Philantrophy.Board Member of the non-profit organization, Filipino Musicians of Chicago, Graduate of De La Salle University in Manila, Philippines

#### JR Calanoc, San Francisco

JR is currently CEO of One Virtual Source, a San Francisco-based startup that looks to bridge the gap between Philippine technology companies and the global market. Founder of ActiVentures Philippine Adventure Tours. ActiVentures continues to promote the beauty of the Philippines through scuba diving and other adventure sports. Served as Director of Business Development for Rendition Digital International and spent eight years in the financial services industry with US Bank as the San Francisco AVP and Branch Manager. He completed his Bachelors degree in Economics at the University of San Francisco.

#### Gregory Cendana, Washington D.C.

Executive Director of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO. Founder and President of "Can't Stop Won't Stop Consulting." Served as President of the United States Student Association and Foundation. At UCLA, involved with Samahang Pilipino as Kabalikat Coordinator. Serves on the national board for Kaya: Filipinos for Progress and the national advisory board for Asian Pacific Americans for Progress. Recently elected a D.C. delegate to the Democratic National Convention. Graduated from UCLA with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Labor & Workplace Studies Minor.









Alexander De Ocampo, Los Angeles

Alex is a Senior Program and Project Manager of Saban Family Foundation and Saban Capital Group Corporate Affairs. First Filipino American elected as President of California College Democrats and California Young Democrats. Member of the Board of Directors of the Coalition of Asian Americans Pacifics in Entertainment. Former member of the California Advisory Board on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency. Graduated from California State University, Northridge.

Angela Cabellon, Maryland

Senior Analyst at the Office of Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley. Founded Maryland Democratic Party's Asian American/Pacific Islander Leadership Council. Elected as delegate to the Democratic National Convention to represent Maryland Congressional District 7. Recognized with a Philippine American Foundation for Charities Dakila Achievement Award for Public Service. Obtained her Master's degree at the Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, where she started the Religion, Ethics & Public Policy Interest Caucus and was a member of the Diversity Committee.

Francine Antoinette Maigue, San Diego

Francine is the District Director for the California State Assembly's 80th District representing Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez, writes the widely-followed weekly column, "The Pampered Pinay," for The Filipino Press, and serves as Board Member of the Filipino-American Chamber of Commerce of San Diego and the Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center Foundation Advisory Board. She received honors from the Royal Academy of Dancing & the Filipino American History Achievement Award in the three areas of Humanitarianism, Arts, and Community Service. She graduated with a Master's Degree in Management with a Specialization in Operations from Harvard University, where founded the Women's Empowerment Convention and Network (WECAN).

Steven Raga, New York

Steve is currently a National Urban Fellow at AARP, specializing in Multicultural Markets & Engagement and has worked on multiple advocacy campaigns, including Philippine disaster relief efforts, Filipino WWII Veterans Equity, and Justice for Sentosa Nurses. He is the youngest member of the Board of Governors at the National Federation for Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA) and was the founding President and Executive Director for Pilipino American Unity for Progress (UniPro). Steven was the recipient of the Most Outstanding Graduate Student Award from Cornell University, the Youth Leadership Award from Filipinas Magazine. He's also kind of clever, so follow him on Twitter @StevenRaga.









#### Michael Vea, New York

Co-founder of the Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP) Infinity Charter School in New York City and teacher of 7th Grade American History and Journalism. The KIPP Infinity Charter School has consistently received an "A" rating from New York City's Department of Education. In the 2008-2009 school year, the school was ranked the top public middle school in New York City. Recipient of the Frederick Sontag Prize in Urban Education and the Kinder Award for Excellence in Teaching. Graduated from Northwestern University with a Bachelor's Degree in Education and Social Policy and from Pace University with a Master's in Teaching. Co-founder of Teach for the Philippines.



Communication Director for Maui County Council, former Deputy Chief of Staff, Maui County Mayor's Office. Former Executive Assistant for Senator Loren Legarda in the Philippines. Current Vice President of the Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce and PRO of UP Alumni Association of Hawaii. Creative mind behind Kit Zulueta Productions. Second dan black belt in shotokan karate. Graduated from the University of the Philippines, cum laude, BA Film and Audio Visual Communications. Columnist for FilAm Courier newspaper.



Executive Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff and Chief Operating Officer for the Office of the Governor of the State of Illinois; Volunteer at the Almost Home Foundation and active member of the Cosmopolitan United Church; Served as Vice President of the University of Illinois' College Democrats.

#### Nico Barawid, Tennessee

Graduate of Yale University (with honors) in Economics and currently pursuing Master of Public Policy at the University of Oxford; Served as president of KASAMA, Yale's Filipino student association; Delegate to Climate Change conferences and founder of organization to fight environmental exploitation; Will start work at the European Investment Bank this summer and in management consulting at the Boston Consulting Group in Miami in September.









Rex Brown, Daly City

New Business Development at Google Inc. Founded Baskets 4 Hope, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that empowers inner-city youth through athletic events and mentoring services, an inaugural participant of Harvard Law School's TRIALS Residential Scholarship Program, and currently serves on Skyline College of Business Advisory Board. Selected as the Class of 2010 Outstanding Graduate from San Diego State University where he graduated with his BS in Business Management, summa cum laude.



Program Specialist at the US State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations in Honolulu; Current president of the JCI Hawaii Filipino Junior Chamber, where he was a Presidential Merit awardee; member of Knights of Rizal, Hawaii Chapter; Fulbright-Hays scholar, Phi Beta Kappa (honor society); and Dean's List at the University of Hawaii.

#### Anthony Guevara, Texas

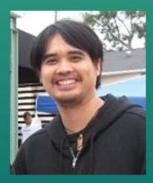
Senior Loan Officer at Affiliated Bank Mortgage; founded the Filipino American Council of South Texas; Regional Youth Coordinator of National Federation of Filipino-American Associations-Region VI; served on the board of the Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Texas; graduate of Texas A&M University, where he served as president of the Philippine Student Association.

#### Melissa Medina, Washington D.C.

Serves as the Legislative Assistant and US House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee Liaison to the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman-Rep. Edward Royce. She attended the Women's Campaign School at Yale. She also is a Foreign Policy Initiative Congressional Scholar and Woodrow Wilson Foreign Policy Fellow. In 2012, she represented the state of California during the 2012 Cherry Blossom Festival's 100th anniversary. She graduated with a B.A. in Political Science and a B.S. from Haas School of Business from the University of California, Berkeley and upon graduation was awarded the UC Berkeley Haas Business School's Undergraduate Woman in Business Award and is a Phi Beta Kappa.









#### Rachelle Ocampo, New York

Health Educator specializing in tobacco control. She is the President of Pilipino American Unity for Progress (UniPro) with the mission to facilitate and encourage cooperation through coalition development. She is also one of the TV Co-Hosts of the 1st Fil-Am TV Talk Show in the East Coast called Makilala which means "get to know" in Tagalog. She earned a B.S. in Health Services Administration at St. John's University and earned her M.S. Education in Science and the Public from SUNY University at Buffalo earlier this year. She was recently named as the 2014 Pan American Concerned Citizens Action League, Inc. (PACCAL) Women's History Month Awardee in Community Service.



Bea Querido has eight years of international business strategy experience in aerospace. She has been employed with the Boeing Company since 2007 holding various leadership roles in business development and strategy, program management, supplier management. She was also with Lockheed Martin in finance and accounting and the United States White House in correspondence management. Currently, Bea is pursuing a Master of Engineering for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology- Zaragoza in Spain. She holds bachelor and master degrees from the George Washington University, and a graduate of the Advance Project Management Program at Stanford University.

#### Dennis Rodriguez, Guam

On his second-term as a senator in the Guam Legislature, where he is the Legislature's Majority Whip and chairman of the Committee on Health and Human Services, Health Insurance Reform, Economic Development and Senior Citizens; previously served as research analyst at the Committee on Municipal Affairs, Aviation, Housing and Recreation; graduate of the University of Guam.

#### **Edward Santos, New York**

Consultant at Department of Education. Previously, a candidate for New York City Council, District 8 in 2013; served as a Teach For America teacher in East Harlem, New York, where he worked with under-served students; recipient of special recognition for volunteer service by Rep. Charles Rangel; appointed as Treasurer on Manhattan Community Board 11; graduate of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and Pace University.









#### Meet the breakout session reactors:

CARMILLE LIM is the executive director of Common Cause Hawaii. Lim worked as development and advocacy manager for the YWCA of Oahu and she serves as board member for National Association of Commissions for Women. She is a commissioner on the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, a University of Hawaii-Manoa graduate, one of Pacific Business News' 2012 Forty under 40, Hawaii Business magazine's 20 for the Next 20: People to Watch 2014, and recognized as an Outstanding Young Filipino by the Hawaii Filipino Junior Chamber.

NICOLE VELASCO is the executive secretary of the Honolulu City and County's Neighborhood Commission, overseeing 33 neighborhood boards island-wide. Velasco worked as a government affairs specialist at Ashford and Wriston, LLP, and as an analyst for the State Office of the Auditor. Velasco serves on the board of managers for the Kalihi YMCA and coaches the Farrington Women's Water Polo team. She is a graduate of Princeton University, named Outstanding Young Filipino by the Hawaii Filipino Junior Chamber, and recognized as one of Hawaii Business magazine's 20 for the Next 20: People to Watch 2014.

JEFFREY ACIDO, a Student Regent at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, is currently pursuing his Ph.D. After graduating from Farrington High School, he attended UH and earned a B.A in Religion. He decided to enter the seminary at the Pacific School of Religion at Berkeley, California earning him a Masters in Theological Studies. He worked in varied fields of employment—food service industry, truck delivery, non-profit organizations, community college promoter, DOE part-time teacher and a lecturer at UHManoa, where Acido continues to teach Philippine Popular Culture for the Ilokano program.









IRIS GIL VIACRUSIS is an artist, a fashion designer and a cultural warrior whose discerning eye and talent creates amazing masterpieces. Iris had been designing dresses for over 15 years and in interior design for over six years using fabrics from India, Japan and Philippines. His love for Filipino fashion and culture led to exhibit after exhibit which promoted one of his advocacies called "Pinay Dressing-Wearing Culture in Everyday Apparel". He attended Ecole Chambre Syndical dela Coutre, a premier fashion school in Paris in 2001, and worked in Interior Design in Dallas, Texas in 2004. He now has his own business Iris Gil Design, a dress shop specializing in Filipiniana and Hawaiian attire.

GABRIEL TORNO has lead the award-winning Tekniqlingz Crew, a traditional and modern Philippine folk dance group which perpetuates the Filipino American youth culture through the creative fusion of traditional Philippine folk dances and the world of hip-hop. Torno has served and has been involved in many organizations including the Honolulu Filipino Junior Chamber of Commerce, where he was recognized as an Outstanding Young Filipino, Fort Shafter Youth Center, Bishop Museum, and Read Aloud America. Torno is a graduate of the University of Hawaii with a Bachelors of Arts degree in Ethnic Studies.

JANE CLEMENT is the President of the Congress of Visayan Organization Foundation and the President of the Kona Visayan Club. Her leadership and energy have been instrumental in numerous projects that promoted Filipino culture and in the development of relationships among governments in the Philippines and in Hawaii county. She is a legislative assistant to Councilmember Dru Kanuha. In addition to numerous volunteer activities, Clement hosts "Truly Pinoy," a Filipino television show on the local cable channel and is a column writer in the Fil-Am Courier newspaper.

ROUEL VELASCO is the educator and advisor at University of Hawaii West Oahu as the Student Life Coordinator. Rouel is actively involved in the community, focusing his energies and talents towards youth empowerment and community capacity building. His passion lies in creating opportunities for young people to self-actualize their potential and be an "agent" of change for their self, families, communities, and the world beyond. Some of the organi zations he is actively involved in include: Sariling Gawa Youth Council, National Federation of Filipino Americans Associations, The Aloha Project and Wai'anae High School's Leadership and Student Activities Program.









JASON UBAY is the managing editor and social media manager for Hawaii Business magazine, the oldest regional business magazine in the United States reaching more than 58,000 business decision makers each month. He is also the president of the Asian American Journalists Association-Hawaii chapter. Ubay was born and raised in Orange County, California, then moved to Hawaii in 2001, where he received his bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

DAVID AQUINO is a project specialist for Blue Planet Foundation. He graduated with a B.A. in Environmental Studies from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where he led the Energy Team of Sustainable UH. Aquino's team engaged campus groups in energy efficiency efforts, training them in how to assess the energy consumption in their campus facilities. He was one of three students chosen by Blue Planet Foundation to attend the Powershift conference in Washington DC. The conference brought together 12,000 young activists from across the globe to lobby for clean energy and green jobs in front of the nation's Capitol. David has since carried this momentum forward and continues to deliver the clean energy message to Hawaii's youth.

**DESIREA AGUINALDO** is the CEO of OneSource, Inc., which provides businesses the opportunity to outsource human resources functions such as payroll and workers' compensation. She has been named Pacific Business News' 2012 Young Business Leader of the Year. Aguinaldo-Helsham is active in the community through various organizations, including the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. She is a founder of The Aloha Project, a Hawaii born, grass-roots organization devoted to developing human potential and making real world change through projects in Hawaii and around the world.

JEOFFREY CUDIAMAT, a USC Summa Cum Laude, owns Structural Builders Hawaii, Inc., a general contracting company and Cudiamat Design and Engineering Services, an outsourced architectural and engineering firm based out of Cubao, Quezon City. He was a former Chief Engineer for the City and County of Honolulu and the current president of the Filipino American League of Engineers and Architects. He was recognized as Pacific Business News' Forty under 40 in 2010, and his company as one of Hawaii's fastest growing in 2009. He was awarded the Young Filipino Entrepreneur of the Year in 2008 by the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and Young Engineer of the Year by the Hawaii Council of Engineering Societies. At USC, he was a founding father a Filipino-American fraternity, Zeta Phi Rho









MARIA ANDREA JURADO is currently a senior at Waipahu High School. Jurado excels in academics, most especially in history and in science & technology. She has repeatedly represented her school at the Annual Hawaii State Science and Engineering Fair where she was awarded Best in Mathematics. She also won Best in Biochemistry at her District Science Fair. Jurado is a 2013 Alexander Hamilton Leaders Academy scholar and won Reiyukai America's Letter to my Parents contest where she detailed her experience growing up as a young Filipina who immigrated to Hawaii.

DANIEL EISEN, PH.D. started his work on the subject of Filipino ethnic identity while earning his Ph.D. in sociology at the University of Hawaii. To this day, he continues his research on the role of education and role models during the process of molding a Filipino ethnic identity. Eisen is currently an assistant professor of sociology and assistant dean of strategic initiatives at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon. Before moving to the mainland, Eisen taught at Honolulu Community College in the sociology department. In addition to racial identity construction, Eisen also studies the racial tensions and spatial politics that occur in diverse cultural contexts, specifically focusing on small college campuses similar to Honolulu Community College.

ZHOYDELL MAGAOAY is the current president of the Honolulu Filipino Junior Chamber of Commerce and is currently pursuing his Doctorate of Education in Organizational Leadership at Argosy University. He received his Master of Arts in Education, Special Education in 2003, and Masters of Science in Counseling Psychology in 2012. He is a Student Services Coordinator and Teacher at Farrington High School. He is a recipient of the Ten Outstanding Young Filipinos award in 2011, given by the Filipino Jaycees as part of The Outstanding Young Professional program. He is an active member of the Hawaii State Teachers Association, serving as Vice-President Elect for 2014-2016 for the Honolulu Chapter. He is also a dance instructor at Dance Hawaii and at the Hawaii Ballroom Dance Association.

PATRICIA ESPIRITU HALAGAO, PH.D. is an associate professor of multicultural education and social studies in the College of Education at UH Manoa. Her scholarship focuses on culturally responsive curriculum and pedagogy, particularly the education of Filipino Americans. She is co-founder of Pinoy Teach and recipient of two Smithsonian Institution grants to develop their Centennial online and multimedia Filipino American curriculum, iJeepney.com. She received the first Young Pioneer Award from the Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS) for her innovative work with Filipino Americans and education.











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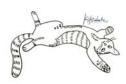


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### Rovaira Dasig, Lunch Speaker

President, The PULSE Group – Creative Partners, Inc.

Born in the Philippines, Dasig migrated to the US as a child, growing up solidly "American," becoming class president, valedictorian and studying economics at one of the nation's leading universities, Wellesley College, outside of Boston.

Dasig said she imagined what her life would have been like in the Philippines if they had not left the country. This was a realization she made during her first trip back to Manila when she saw where her mother grew up, and realistically, the life she should have had.





# 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Filipino Fiesta and Santacruzan

May 10, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Honolulu Municipal Grounds

The day-long, 22nd Annual Filipino Fiesta and Parade this year will be held at the Honolulu Municipal Grounds. The fiesta will provide a multi-faceted Filipino cultural experience that includes traditional Filipino food, games, cultural exhibits and live entertainment.

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