



Texas Parental Rights Association

"Equal Rights for Equally Fit Parents. Period."

Structure, Leadership, Member rights, etc.

If you are a “noncustodial” parent because of any TEXAS “family” court (or other Texas court), with an active case, or at least recent case, and without formal CPS history, you are most likely eligible to join online as a fellow co-plaintiff.

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Note: This Handbook should be effectively considered as the by-laws of the Association.

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>>> TexasPRA Organizational Structure <<<

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The Texas Parental Rights Association (TexasPRA) is an “unincorporated association” formed under Chapter 252 of the Texas Business Organizations Code. This formation provides two (2) important legal keys to our class action mission success: (A) allowing the Association to sue as a particular type of group of people [“Class”] acting pro se for themselves as a group without requiring the use of a licensed attorney; and also (B) allowing federal court relief to pass through the unincorporated association *directly* to all Association Members themselves. In other words, using an unincorporated association allows a small group of upper leadership to fight the good fight directly without every Member having to actually participate personally within the class action litigation, while preserving the goal of a federal court victory providing direct legal relief in voiding out the personal case of each individual “Lead Class” Member (all those eligible parents who joined into the Class by self-registering *before* the class action is first filed, whereas everyone else who joined *later* has to wait for their relief to become official by subsequent processing in phases, because there are 1M+ victims to process).

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>>> Leadership Basics / Overview / Criteria <<<

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The leadership structure of the entire TexasPRA purposefully mirrors the jurisdictional breakdown of the federal court system, i.e., there are State leaders and District leaders that comprise the total Board of Directors, and then Division leaders over each entire federal-named cluster of Texas counties, adding a local leadership team for each County itself. Every leader shall be mature enough to know that the enemy is unconstitutional practices by family courts themselves, and not the entire other gender of parents. Further, all leaders should make an affirmative habit of correcting all such newbie talk.

All lower leaders must first be vetted by higher leaders as authentically eligible Class Members for the class action lawsuit, which means – unless they already know each other very well and long enough – checking info provided via the online Class self-registration form versus an online county court records search to confirm: (A) the person’s name matches up to a regular Parent-v-Parent family court case in the given Texas county; (B) that case is either active still now or at least was still active anytime on or after July 4, 2023; (C) the same county records search by name does not indicate either any CPS case activity or any felony violence/weapon/drug charges against the person; and (D) checking the person’s Facebook profile enough to confirm for general compatibility, i.e., seems okay enough, not a fool, no wackos, etc. If you are the higher leader, and you know all about your friend’s court case history, and *know* that your friend qualifies as a *lower* leader you need, then you can install your friend as a leader without further ado, except that he/she must still complete and submit the online Class Member self-registration form, first, *before* being installed.

TexasPRA also allows Supporting Members to join, and even be in the leadership, but these are relatively rare, in comparison to the Membership-at-large. See that dedicated section below for more details. Nevertheless, we require that Supporting Members also register their contact and other relevant information via a much shorter online form than is used for registering all regular Class Members.

In order to facilitate the above processes, Division-level and higher leaders are given “read-only” access to the class action Membership database and the Supporting Member database, whereas all County leaders, all other Members, the media, and the regular general public themselves will have viewing access to only a very limited “statistical” (general) version that does not ever display anyone’s personal information, but only displays general statistics, like the total # of registered Members statewide so far, # by County, # by gender, # by age bracket ranges, and so forth and so on. County leaders may always request, from Division leadership, the registration info of any local Member.

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>>> TexasPRA Network Facebook Groups <<<

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With eventually building a standard of 5 leaders per TX County, and the more/most populated TX counties having 7, 9, or more leaders each eventually, the total TexasPRA leadership statewide may eventually become 1400+ leaders, and by then it is reasonably expected to easily have many tens of thousands of people upon the TexasPRA groups.

In short, official network Facebook groups are jointly “owned” by all the “admins” of a given **higher** leadership team, and all the leaders of the next **lower** leadership team are full-power “moderators” upon all of their geo-level set of network Facebook groups. The matching 3-person “District” team leaders on the Board of Directors are the owners and admins of the several “Division” Facebook groups, while all three Division leaders of a particular Division leadership team are equal/full-power “moderators” upon *their own* Divisional group. Likewise, that particular three Division leaders are the equally-joint “admin” owners of each of the individual County groups within their own Division, and a given set of County leaders are the full-power “moderators” upon *that* County group.

State Leaders Facebook Group ---> PRIVATE for all State, District, and Division leaders, plus any County leaders that wish to stay fully informed (but no general public allowed)

Each of 4 District Facebook Groups ---> PRIVATE for all District, Division, and County leaders ONLY in that District (but no general public allowed) (any/all Board allowed)

Each of 27 Division Facebook Groups ---> PUBLIC for all Division and County leaders, and Members, in that Division (and for the general public) (these = “newsletter” groups)

Note: Individual County groups *may* be added (setup) by the given Division leader team prior to filing the class action, and *should* be added/setup for any County within their own Division that has a very large population (100K+ people within the given County).

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>>> Supporting Members Defined/Allowed <<<

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Due to popular demand, the Association allows Supporting Members to join our efforts directly as Leadership and Members themselves. A “Class Member” is the normal, standard Association Member, i.e., the eligible victim parent who registered online as a fellow co-plaintiff of the class action Lead Class itself, whereas a “Supporting Member” is one of these three (3) types:

- (1) An immediate family member of the victim parent Member, i.e., the brother or sister of the victim parent, which would be the uncle or aunt of the child/ren in question, and either/both of the actual parents of the victim parent, which would be the grandparents of the child/ren in question;
- (2) The new/current spouse or similar partner of the victim parent Member; and,
- (3) Exceptional known advocates, which will usually only happen by special invite.

Supporting Members must also self-register to be official, via their much shorter form, and to the extent reasonable under whatever circumstances, are also subject to the same rules of administration, behavior, and everything else that a Class Member is subject to.

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 >>> Professional Communications Expected <<<
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All Division and higher leaders in good standing get their own first.last@texaspra.org email address which must always be used only for official Association purposes. Such email addresses may also be available for County leaders in the future. A standard template will be made available by the Public Relations Director for any leader to make their own authorized style of official TexasPRA business cards, if desired, which also must always be used only for official Association purposes.

EVERY leader, in any *initial* written TexasPRA communication to anyone or anything newly contacted for the first time, should always include a signature block as follows:

[Thank You, or Sincerely, or Regards, or whatever usually works best for you...]

FirstName LastName [with a comma and your *short* full Officer title here]

[*or* your *longer* full Officer title goes here on its own separate line]

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<https://TexasPRA.org> [it should be a clickable link, not just be mere text]

[your first.last@texaspra.org email address, which you may capitalize as

First.Last@TexasPRA.org if you prefer]

[your full ten-digit phone number with area code] [optional but recommended]

Any standard font in your email is fine (*please* do not ever use unprofessional fonts like “Comic Sans” or etc., or any “dingbat” or artsy-character fonts). You may also optionally include a reasonably-sized version of the official TexasPRA logo in your signature block.

And of course, you *should* essentially always also include your standard signature block upon any/all of your official written approaches to the outside world, and *may* include it within any internal communications to other TexasPRA leaders/Members as you wish.

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>>> Board of Directors: State Officers/Roles <<<

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The Board of Directors includes five (5) “state” Officers plus the top two (2) Officers from each District (*in practical effect, ALL thirteen people are “state” officers*). These first four (4) “state” Officers must *always* represent each and all four (4) federal court system Districts of Texas, i.e., the Northern, Eastern, Southern, and Western Districts.

Executive Director (Rustin Wright) (**Eastern** District of Texas) --- political liaison to the Texas House and Senate, works to build support partnerships with other organizations (Amici briefs and more), general Executive leadership of the Association, key driving force for increasing TexasPRA Membership statewide, key spokesperson for the Association to national media and others, is an equal “admin” and trustee owner of all several Facebook official TexasPRA Division-level groups for own District (either 6 or 7 groups, per that corresponding District jurisdictional breakdown into its own several Divisional clusters of Texas counties), maintains statewide donation fundraising efforts until court victory finally achieved, and is one (1) of the total thirteen (13) persons on the Board of Directors.

President (Kaitlyn Ross) (**Southern** District of Texas) --- key driving force for increasing TexasPRA Membership statewide, key spokesperson for the Association to national media and others, commands all other leaders (and all Members) within the State, schedules and calls to order and conducts each monthly Board of Directors meeting (choice of either private online group meeting or private group conference call), is the manager in charge over any statewide public event (like the Media Presser just after filing the new class action lawsuit), is an equal “admin” and trustee owner of all several Facebook official TexasPRA Division-level groups for own District (either 6 or 7 groups, per that corresponding District jurisdictional breakdown into its own several Divisional clusters of Texas counties), maintains statewide donation fundraising efforts until court victory finally achieved, and is one (1) of the total thirteen (13) persons on the Board of Directors.

Chief Legal Reform Officer (Arnold Yan) (**Northern** District of Texas) --- responsible for and director of all things legal, leads team of 3-4 other top legal scholars for the class action lawsuit case itself, works directly with all twenty-seven (27) Division Legal Directors (see below) to distribute ongoing snippets and subjects of continuing key legal education to the entire Membership at large, is an equal “admin” and trustee owner of all several Facebook official TexasPRA Division-level groups for own District (either 6 or 7 groups, per that corresponding District jurisdictional breakdown into its

own several Divisional clusters of Texas counties), and is one (1) of the total thirteen (13) persons on the Board of Directors.

Public Relations Director (Tori Hernandez) (**Western** District of Texas) --- creates and/or crowdsources official written/digital TexasPRA promos, memes and such similar messaging in conjunction with direction by the Board of Directors, works with all four (4) District Vice-Presidents (see below) and all Division Directors (see below) and all County Relations Officers (see below) to disseminate such information out to the entire Membership at large, key spokesperson for the Association to national media and others, is an equal “admin” and trustee owner of all several Facebook official TexasPRA Division-level groups for own District (either 6 or 7 groups, per that corresponding District jurisdictional breakdown into its own several Divisional clusters of Texas counties), helps maintain statewide donation fundraising efforts until court victory finally achieved, provides written/digital materials to assist all Membership recruitment drive efforts, and is one (1) of the total thirteen (13) persons on the Board of Directors.

Note: The above four (4) “state” Officers have dual-duty as District leaders (see below).

Executive Secretary-Treasurer (Torm Howse) --- non-voting Board Member except as tie-breaker, maintains all state-level accounting records, receives all incoming donations for the Association, pays state-level expenses and distributes remainder pro-rata shares of same said monies to District-level Secretary-Treasurers, handles non-profit business and tax records and filings for the Association, provides periodic reports to the Membership at large, general Executive leadership of the Association, responsible for enforcing gender neutrality and equality of all Association leadership and leadership levels by the power of the purse, is an “admin” and trustee owner of all four (4) Facebook official TexasPRA District-level groups, the official TexasPRA website, online form, and etc., and is one (1) of the total thirteen (13) persons on the Board of Directors.

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>>> Board of Directors: District Officers/Roles <<<
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For each of the four (4) federal Districts of Texas, these 3 Officer roles comprise the full Leadership team of each District, also completing the full 13-person Board of Directors

[xxxxxxx] District Vice-President --- key driving force for increasing TexasPRA Membership District-wide, commands all other leaders (and all Members) within the District, schedules and calls to order and conducts each monthly District-wide group meeting of leaders (choice of either private online group meeting or private group conference call), is the manager in charge over any District-wide public event, is an equal “admin” and trustee owner of all several Facebook official TexasPRA Division-

level groups for that District (either 6 or 7 groups, per that corresponding District jurisdictional breakdown into its own several Divisional clusters of Texas counties), maintains District-wide donation fundraising efforts until court victory finally achieved, receives and re-shares official Public Relations promos to the Division groups of the District, and is one (1) of the total thirteen (13) persons on the Board of Directors.

[xxxxxxx] District Secretary-Treasurer --- second-in-command of all leaders (and all Members) within the District, keeps all key notes from each above-described monthly District-wide group meeting of leaders (but using a private online group meeting should maintain the entire discussion anyway), promptly transmits key note highlights from said meetings to all several Division-level Secretary-Treasurers within the same District by simply posting the same key notes highlights in each Division group of that District with the respective Division Secretary-Treasurer tagged, is second-in-charge over any District-wide public event, is an equal “admin” and trustee owner of all several Facebook official TexasPRA Division-level groups for that District (either 6 or 7 groups, per that corresponding District jurisdictional breakdown into its own several Divisional clusters of Texas counties), receives ongoing pro-rata District shares of all incoming public donation fundraising efforts, pays District expenses and distributes remainder pro-rata shares of same said monies to Division-level Secretary-Treasurers, provides Treasurer an ongoing monthly accounting statement of all said monies, maintains contact list of all leaders within the District by getting updates from the Division Secretary-Treasurers, and is one (1) of the total thirteen (13) persons on the Board of Directors.

[The geo-matching person of the above first four “state-level” Officers] --- besides his/her own “state-level” Officer duties, also assists with any/all of the above for the District level as needed. He or she completes the full three-person District-level Leadership team, and he/she falls under “District” leadership for all regular and normal purposes herein, i.e., regarding command-and-control of TexasPRA network Facebook groups, also regarding being over the next-level Division leaders, and so on and so forth.

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Board of Directors – Signatories and Quorums

The above total of thirteen (13) Officers comprise the overall Board of Directors, and between 5-12 of them shall sign all court case paperwork jointly as Officers leading, and on behalf of, the entire full Texas Parental Rights Association list of all registered membership statewide (*i.e., legally on behalf of all of the regular, normal, standard “Class Members” and not on behalf of, nor including within the class action lawsuit, any “Supporting Members”*). A valid quorum of the Board of Directors for any and all voting purposes shall always consist of at least nine (9) Members of the total full Board, including at least two (2) Members from each of the four (4) respective Districts.

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>>> Divisional Leaders: Roles/Powers/Duties <<<

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For each federal court system Division cluster of Texas counties within a given District, there are always these 3 Officer roles for the full Leadership team of each such Division.

[xxxxxxx] Division Director --- key driving force for increasing TexasPRA Membership Division-wide, commands all other leaders (and all Members) within the Division, schedules and calls to order and conducts each monthly Division-wide group meeting of leaders (choice of either private online group meeting or private group conference call), is the manager in charge over any Division-wide public event, is a “moderator” on the Facebook official TexasPRA group for his/her own Division, is an equal “admin” and trustee owner of all several Facebook official TexasPRA County-level groups for that Division (for its own Divisional cluster of Texas counties), maintains Division-wide donation fundraising efforts until court victory finally achieved, key spokesperson contact for any local media of cities and towns within that Divisional cluster of counties, receives and re-shares official Public Relations promos to the County groups of the Division.

[xxxxxxx] Division Secretary-Treasurer --- second-in-command of all leaders (and all Members) within the Division, keeps all key notes from each above-described monthly Division-wide group meeting of leaders (but using a private online group meeting should maintain the entire discussion anyway), promptly transmits key note highlights from said meetings to all County-level Secretary-Treasurers within the same Division by simply posting the same key notes highlights in each County group of that Division with the respective County Secretary-Treasurer tagged, is second-in-charge over any Division-wide public event, is a “moderator” on the Facebook official TexasPRA group for his/her own Division, is an equal “admin” and trustee owner of all several Facebook official TexasPRA County-level groups for that Division (for its own Divisional cluster of Texas counties), receives ongoing pro-rata Division shares of all incoming public donation fundraising efforts, pays Division expenses and distributes remainder pro-rata shares of same said monies to County-level Secretary-Treasurers, provides District Secretary-Treasurer and state Treasurer with an ongoing monthly accounting statement of all said monies, maintains official contact list of all active/inactive County leaders within the Division by also receiving updates from County leadership teams as they grow, and provides routine updates of the same leadership info to the District Secretary-Treasurer as needed.

[xxxxxxx] Division Legal Director --- third-in-command of all leaders (and all Members) within the Division, is third-in-charge over any Division-wide public event, is

a “moderator” on the Facebook official TexasPRA group for his/her own Division, is an equal “admin” and trustee owner of all several Facebook official TexasPRA County-level groups for that Division (for its own Divisional cluster of Texas counties), must be competent with the general law at least enough to direct and manage all things legally oriented/related within the Division (such as organizing local court watcher tribes by County, connecting with any/all other pro se legal scholars within the Division, sharing legal tips with the County group Members, reposting/sharing legal/class action news from the Board of Directors, possibly setting up an internal case-to-scholar matchup network for reasonable compensation, and any other such law-focused activities).

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>>> County Leaders: Roles/Powers/Duties <<<

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For each County within a Division, min 3 leaders/County initially, then build future as standard 5 leaders/County, w/higher odd numbers for more/most populated counties.

[xxxxxxx] County Director --- key driving force for increasing TexasPRA Membership County-wide, is a “moderator” of the official TexasPRA County group (for Members and the general public), directs and is the manager-in-charge over all things for the County including County-wide public events, maintains County-wide donation fundraising efforts until court victory finally achieved, key spokesperson contact for any local media of cities and towns within the County, schedules and calls to order and conducts monthly meeting for all County-wide Membership.

[xxxxxxx] County Secretary-Treasurer --- second-in-command of all leaders (and all Members) within the County, keeps all key notes from each above-described monthly County-wide group meeting, is second-in-charge over any County-wide public event or similar action, is a “moderator” of the official TexasPRA County group (for Members and the general public), receives ongoing pro-rata County shares of all incoming public donation fundraising efforts, pays County expenses (staff gas and travel, permit fees for public events, sign printings, and etc.), provides District Secretary-Treasurer and Division Secretary-Treasurer with an ongoing monthly accounting statement of all said monies, informs Division Secretary-Treasurer about any changes to the County leadership team, i.e., adding leaders.

[xxxxxxx] County Relations Officer --- third-in-command of all leaders (and all Members) within the County, is third-in-charge over any County-wide public event or similar action, is a “moderator” of the official TexasPRA County group (for Members and the general public), receives and re-shares official Public Relations promos out to

non-Facebook social media platforms related to Texas generally, the County itself, and/or forums of general public people from/in Texas and/or the County itself.

[xxxxxxx] County Manager/Leader --- equal voting Member of the full County leadership team, leads/assists anything as needed, is an additional “moderator” of the official TexasPRA County group (for Members and the general public).

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Add more Managers/Leaders as needed to divide coverage areas by voting precincts, Zip Codes or otherwise as desired and decided by that County leadership team as best for their own particular County. Reminder: the full Leadership team of the County must be an odd number, so after achieving the minimum base of the 5 above roles filled, any more Managers/Leaders will have to be added in pairs, so that the team jumps from 5 to 7 leaders, or up to another odd number of leaders, all depending upon the size and population and other coverage factors of that given particular County.

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>>> Miscellaneous Related Terms and Notes <<<

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Initially, each above three-person District-level leadership team selects *their own next-level set* of Divisional leaders, which is picking each of the three (3) persons to be the above-described Officers per each of their own several Divisions, hence, depending upon which District, that means choosing and vetting between 18 to 21 Members as those various Division leaders. And likewise initially, after each unique set of 3 chosen Division leaders is complete, that Division leader team will initially select and vet all of its own County leaders as desired to best fill those roles. All three-person Leadership teams (District Leadership teams which are all also Members of the Board of Directors, and all Division-level Leadership teams) shall consist of at least one (1) father Member and at least one (1) mother Member, with the third parent Member being of either gender. All such leaders must already be registered Class Members of the TexasPRA, of course, but then also actually vetted for confirmation of Class eligibility, leader ability and compatibility, or any Supporting Member can become a leader by special invitation.

However, there will be formal Division-wide elections held on each *annual* anniversary date of the filing of the class action lawsuit, to determine Division-level leaders by vote of all County leaders, and likewise, but on a *bi-annual* schedule, there will be elections held for District leaders by vote of all Division leaders in that District, whereas *annual* elections for County leaders will begin *at the 18-month mark* after the class action

lawsuit was first filed in federal court, always therefore being offset six months from elections of higher leadership, and all County leaders will be chosen by votes of their entire respective County-wide Membership. It is expected that leaders will typically tend to usually retain their leadership positions by winning re-election, but the process allows for change as needed. In the event of death, serious medical/biological condition, government incarceration of over 30 physical days, or similar inability of a leader to perform his or her duties for the TexasPRA, a suitable replacement for the term will be unanimously chosen by that leader's next higher level full leadership team jointly together in special meeting called by the ranking Officer, or they may choose to use an immediate special election, and if that new replacement leader is a sudden promotion from a lower leadership level role, then within 30 more days that newly vacant role must be likewise filled by its own replacement, and so on, as applicable, by each respective level of corresponding leadership team.

Once installed as a listed leader, removal of the leader, other than via normal future elections (see below), requires that substantial proof of serious cause be found to exist by a two-thirds majority of a higher level of leadership over that leader, but unless such cause includes proof of Class ineligibility, the same person shall not lose their TexasPRA Membership, nor lose their "Lead Class Member" status within the federal lawsuit if applicable, nor lose any benefits or privileges thereof. Likewise, punishment for any disruptive behavior by anyone on any official TexasPRA network Facebook group is limited to simply banning the person from said group, or otherwise just "snoozing" or permanently muting their ability to post and/or comment on posts, all as actually warranted, and if a leader (instead of just a regular Member), then see also the first sentence again. In the unlikely event of a Board Director going rogue, removal requires mutual Executive agreement. In the event of a leader quitting and/or abandoning their role, the next higher leader team shall select a replacement.

Together, all State + District + Division leaders = exactly 94 eligible and qualified "Lead Class" Members, which all by itself is *almost* the bare minimum legal threshold (100) of co-plaintiffs to constitute a *bona fide* Class, to then be **automatically* certified as* a Class under federal class action law. Naturally, we would like to have plenty more Members before filing suit (10K+? 25K+? 100K+?), hence the importance of ongoing Membership drive efforts while the legal team prepares the full lawsuit package.

Even **after** winning the class action victory to restore fundamental rights as protected, there will still be work for the established Association to do, switching over to paid assistance services in helping, over the course of the next 6, 12 and 18 (and maybe 24) month periods, the rest of the over 1M non-custodial parents across Texas process their package of newly-made court paperwork forms to finally get their own personal active custody cases corrected to constitutional compliance, all of which will include some smaller percentage of applications from parents living in other States as well. And/or

there are other related options, like getting into aspects of public schools, children's sports, and etc., or creating an online marketplace for products and services offered by Members, being a large enough organization to start influencing the campaigns of pro-family candidates for political office, and/or any of several other such possibilities.

For questions, you should always contact *your own direct next-higher* Leadership team, preferably the given **Secretary-Treasurer** thereof, but if and when necessary, contact:

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