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To: Mattaniah Jahn <mjahn@thelawmpowered.com>
Subject: Tides/Boca Ciega Millenium Park Fraternal Twins

Dear Pinellas County Commissioners, Members of our LPA Board, Ladies and Gentlemen of our Pinellas County Staff:

The Tides plus the Boca Ciega Millenium Park form an ESTUARY that is one of hundreds, maybe thousands lining the GULF OF MEXICO around it's nearly eight million acres of shoreline! This ESTUARY that you see below allows millions of fish to survive, mature and eventually take their God given place in the Gulf of Mexico.



JUST IMAGINE, we are part of the 600,000 square mile surface of the Gulf Of Mexico that forms the GULF STREAM(massive Current) feeding life in the Gulf and into the Atlantic Ocean! Allowing life like this tiny Flounder to grow and mature!



We are an important part of our GULF that must not be destroyed by a DEVELOPER's LUST FOR MONEY!

Our Community is relying on us!

These vast amounts of living creatures calling the TIDES ESTUARY their birth place and home are RELYING ON US!

OUR TIDES RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE and the BOCA CIEGA MILLENIUM PARK are Fraternal twins, each having it's own beauty and purpose!

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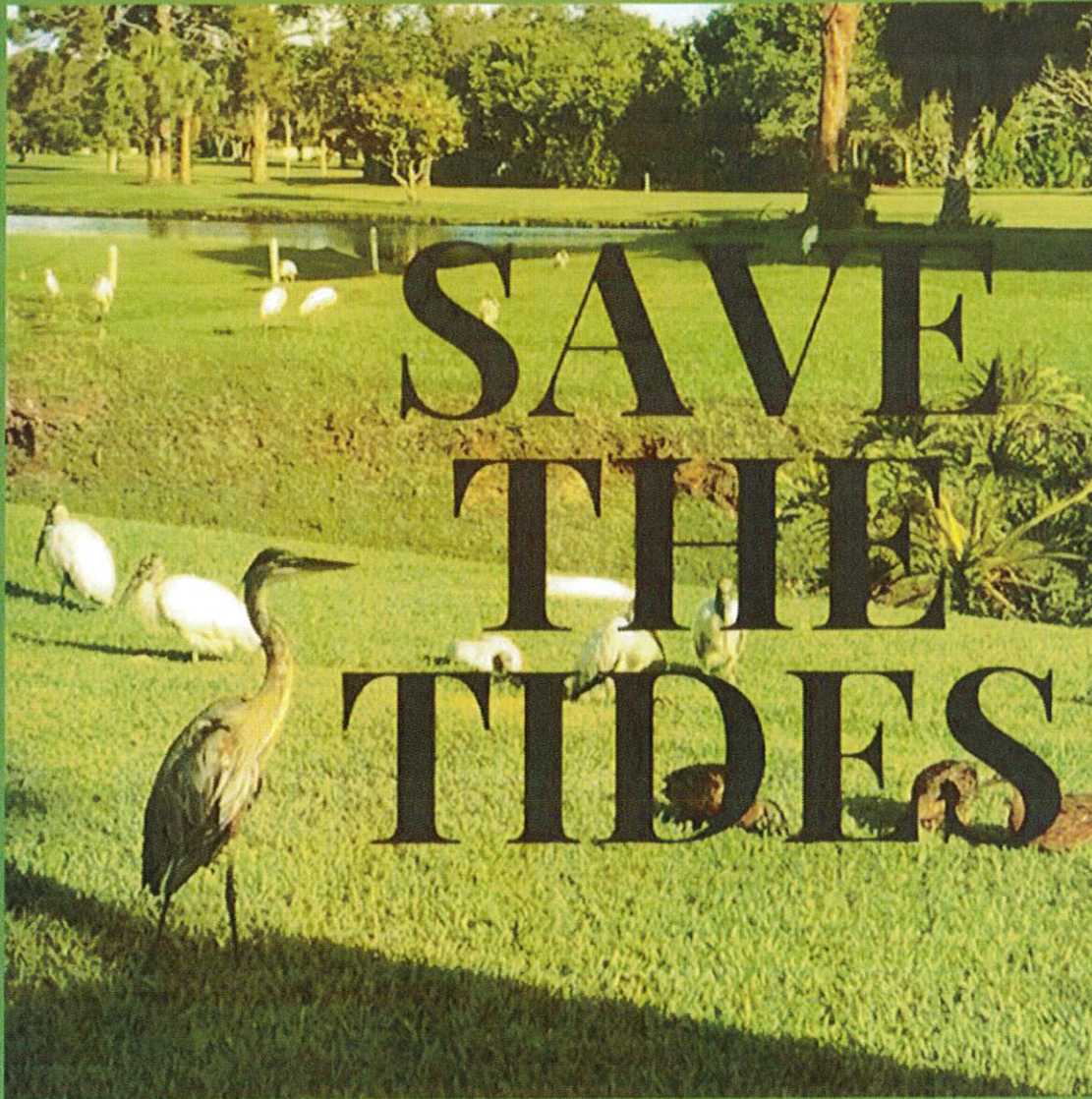
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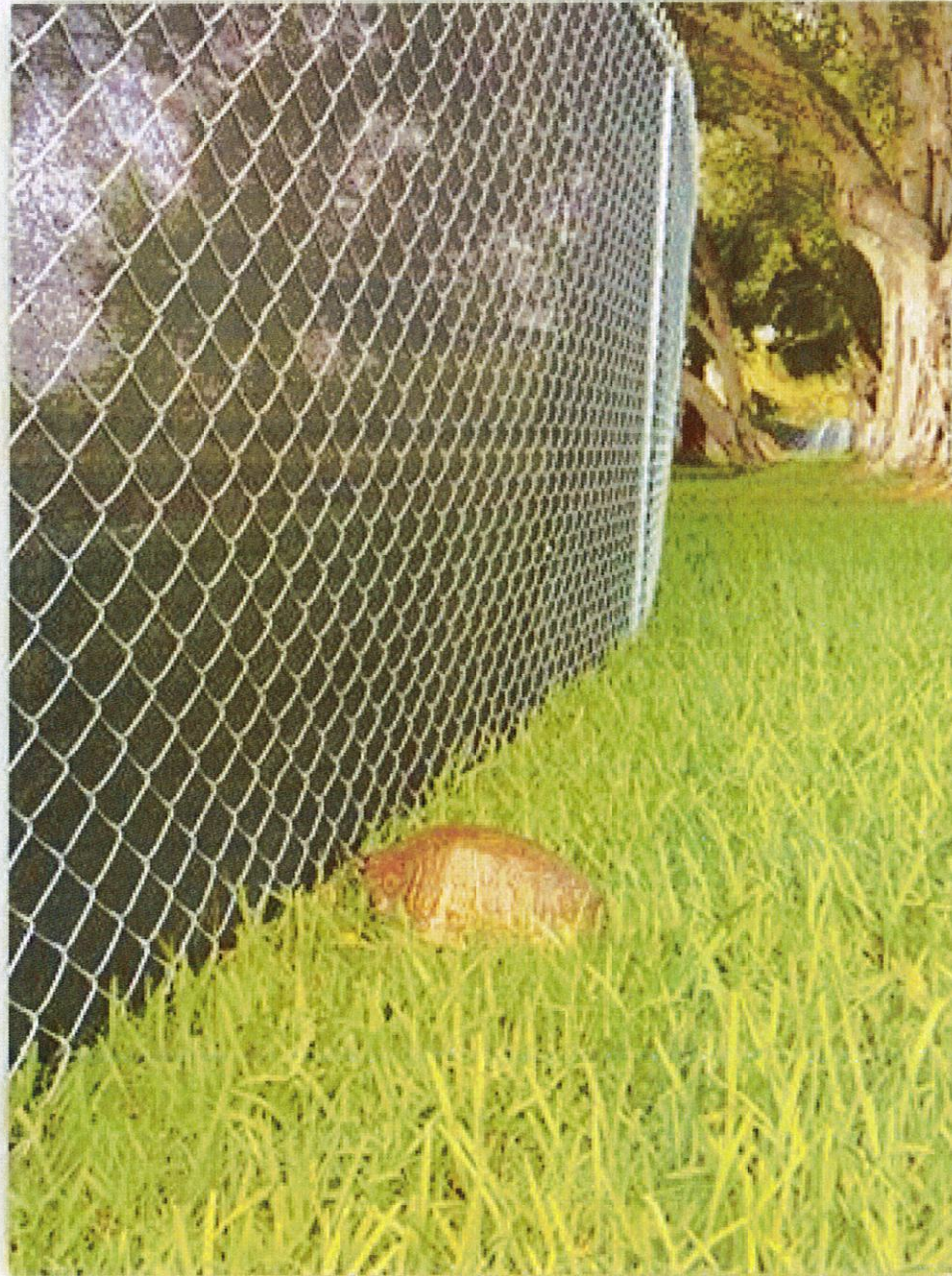
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THE DEVELOPER's LETTER SENT TO OUR COUNTY STAFF, rebuffing STAFF's RECOMMENDATION OF DENIAL (TRYING TO INFLUENCE OUR STAFF'S DECISION) TELLING OUR STAFF THEY DID NOT KNOW WHAT THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT IN REFERENCE TO THE DEVELOPER's PLAN AND OUR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

SUCH AROGANCE CHANGES NOTHING...THE PLAN MUST STILL BE DENIED BECAUSE NOTHING HAS CHANGED! STAFF RECOMMENDATION WAS CORRECT....THE DEVELOPER WAS WRONG!

Dear Pinellas County Commissioners and Members of our LPA Board....when this development plan comes before you...we are asking you to:

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RESPECTFULLY!

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From: Ron Stephens <ronvstephens@gmail.com>
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To: Swinton, Tammy M
Subject: RAIN CAUSES UNDUE FLOODING!

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Dear Pinellas County Commissioners, Members of our LPA Board, Ladies and Gentlemen of our Pinellas County Staff:

We have been Blessed as an **UNINCORPORATED AREA OF PINELLAS COUNTY** to have the *Tides Golf Course Recreational Open Space* as the *center point of our Community*. It has been our entertainment piece, neighborhood hangout, and our salvation during some of the perfect storms our Community has endured! **It saves us from Flooding!**

**WHEN WE VIEW..... (EVEN THOUGH IT LOOKS DIFFERENT TODAY)
..... WHAT WE HAVE BELOW, WE MUST FIGHT ON SO WE NEVER
LOSE IT!**

**OUR COMMUNITY....OUR COUNTY WOULD SUFFER A
GREAT LOSS! OUR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TELLS US WE MUST
RECOGNIZE THE PROPERTY VALUE AND SAVE IT!**



Mr. Hills, with his Development plan, wants to destroy that centerpiece and make it into 273 homes! **SUCH SHOULD NEVER HAPPEN ON PROPERTY THAT IS A 100/500 YEAR FLOOD ZONE! FEMA TELLS US IT IS NOT A GOOD IDEA!**

We have been fighting against development of our Precious Tides Recreational Open Space since December, 2012!

That shows you the total COMMITMENT OUR COMMUNITY HAS.....TO SAVE OUR TIDES GOLF COURSE RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE!

People are not aware of how much flooding occurs with storms, especially hurricanes! Storm surge is not always the flood threat. Since August 2017, three

hurricanes have set **rainfall records** for Tropical weather Systems.

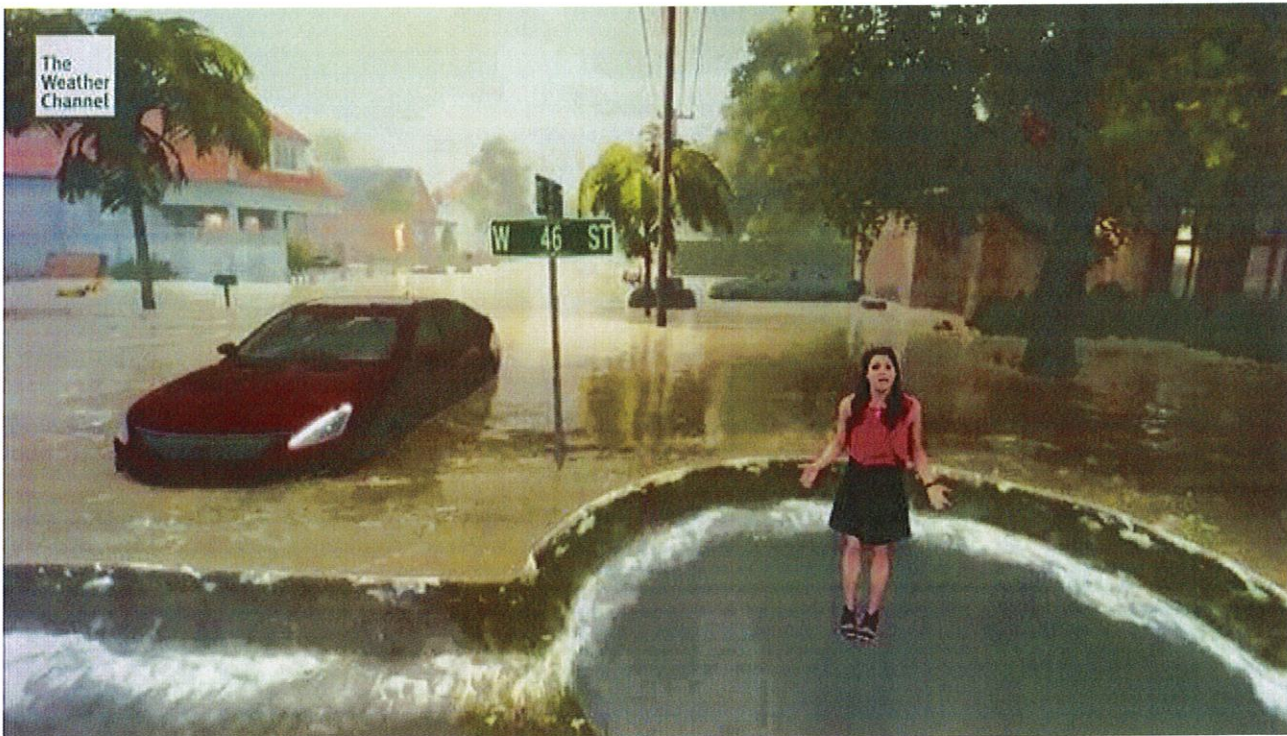
Harvey dumped 5 feet of rain in Texas in August, 2017.

This scene below could be the Tides if built with 273 Homes!



Harvey generated 33 trillion gallons of water over Texas, enough water to engulf Houston in a tank of water 3.1 miles high!

Florence in September 14, 2018, hit the Carolinas dispensing over 11 trillion gallons of rainfall.



This might be *what the Tides could look like after a major storm.....after building 273 homes on it.....with water cascading off the Tides Built Out Property..... rushing South into our Intra-Coastal water way!*

Our Staff of Engineers are telling us that with Coastal Management Element Objective 1.3: "Pinellas County shall restrict development within the Coastal Storm area and shall direct population concentrations out of the Coastal Storm area!" Our Comprehensive Plan tells our County....*you do not build 273 homes in a flood zone!* We are suppose to be directing people instead away from flood zones for their own protection.

Tampa Bay Times Staff Writer, Emily L. Mahoney, wrote an article, "**Property Values Put at Risk**". A Case Study Report Using climate change, elevation mapping, tidal gauge readings and property data, that major amounts of properties in Pinellas County are facing the greatest threat of the growing risk of losing value because of sea level

rise by 2050!

Statewide, the report estimates from \$10 billion to \$30 billion of property devaluation by 2030, and \$30 to \$80 billion by 2050! Imagine...two thirds of Florida's 20+ Million people live in Counties like Ours that border the Coast!

This is a serious problem that Mr. Hills and Mr. Carpenter are pushing off like it will never happen! **They will just tell prospective buyers that they will be living in a flood zone....so they will need flood insurance!**

What He should be saying....**We are putting you in harms way so we can PROFIT BY IT!**

We must not let this happen!

Pinellas County Commissioners, Ladies and Gentlemen of our LPA Board when this comes before your meeting on April 6th, let this developer know, as the Pinellas County Staff has done in no uncertain terms before, that this development plan must not go forward:

PLEASE:

Vote No to any designation change of the Tides Golf Course Recreational Open Space!

Vote No to any zoning change of the Tides Golf Course Recreational Open Space!

Vote no to any development of the Tides Golf Course Recreational Open Space!

Respectfully,

Ron Stephens

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OBJECTIVE 1.5 of the Recreation, Open Space and Culture Element of our County Comprehensive Plan states that "In recognition of the limited amount of available open spaces remaining within the County, Pinellas County shall prohibit the conversion of dedicated recreation/open space land uses "

Our Commissioners in 1985 lead by Commissioners Charles Rainey and Barbara Sheen Todd, in Zoning case # Z-3468 designated the Tides Golf Course Property Recreational Open Space and changed the zoning that was applicable at the time to assure the Tides would be in existence for **ALL OF OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO ENJOY!**

Mr. Hills in his GREED is trying to take that property away from these **FUTURE GENERATIONS! WE MUST NOT LET THAT HAPPEN!**

For probably over 1,000 years or longer, two pieces of property have lived side by side....At one time... together as one very large piece of property over 330 acres! Land that residents hunted on! Land that became dirt bike tracks! Land that got divided, one into our Beloved Boca Ciega Millennium Park.....the other... our Tides Golf Course Recreational Open Space!

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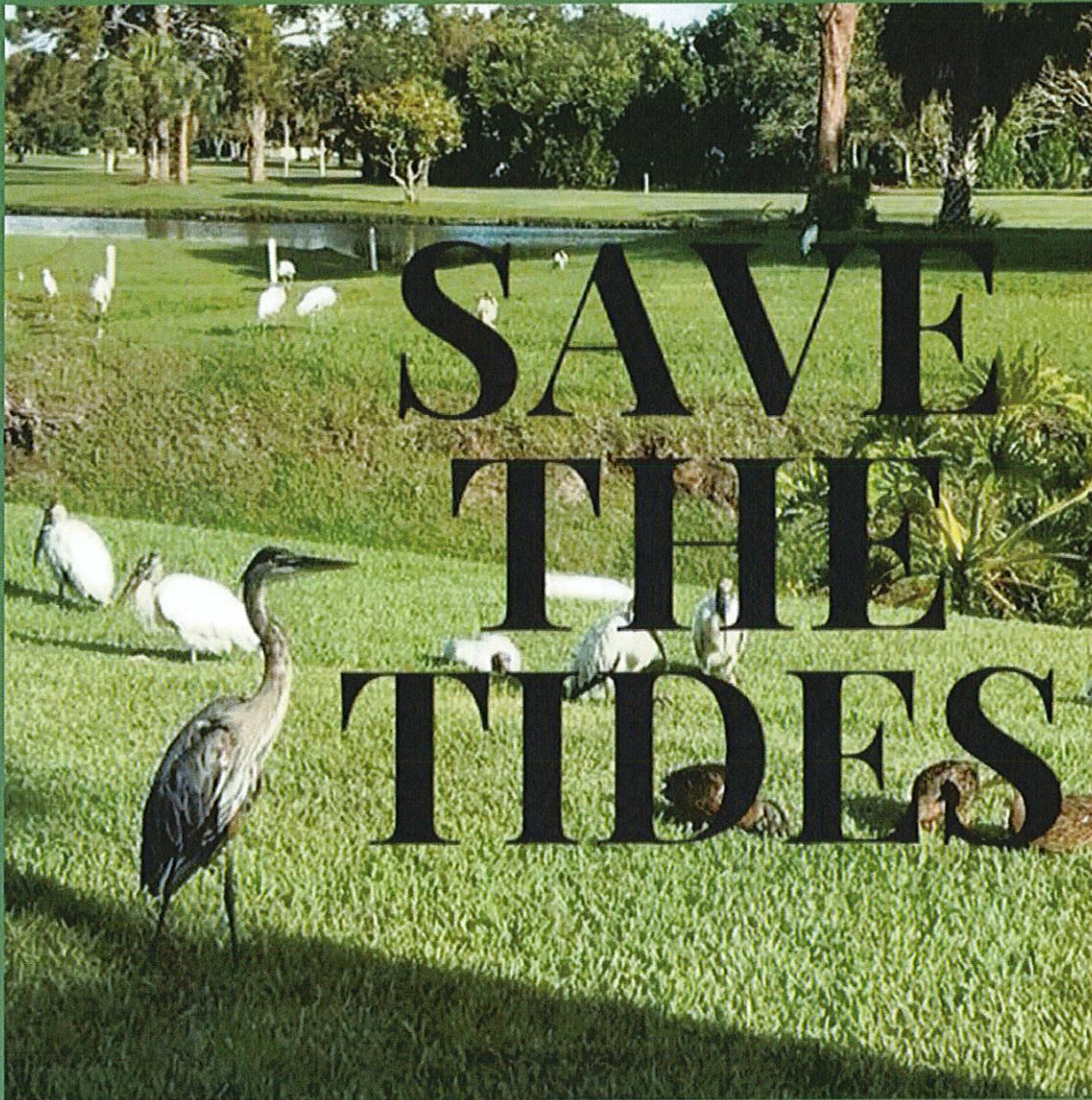
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**DEAR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF OUR PINELLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS!
PLEASE DO NOT TAKE OUR TIDES GOLF COURSE HOME FROM US !!!!!!!!**



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There are many more stories of wild life needing the Tides for it's survival...they are just too numerous to capture here. **My point to all this...The Tides is needed not just because our Community Needs it...The Tides becomes the reason why wildlife in our area survives and thrives....rather than dying!** The Tides and the Boca Ciega Millennium Park need each other for the sake of the wildlife that use these areas for their very survival!

LET'S SAVE THE TIDES FOR OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO ENJOY, AND FOR THE SAKE OF ALL THE WILDLIFE THAT DEPEND ON THE TIDES FOR THEIR VERY SURVIVAL.

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NOTHING HAS CHANGED HERE COMMISSIONERS! THE ONLY CHANGE IS A LETTER BEING SENT BY MR> HILL'S ENGINEERS TELLING OUR COUNTY STAFF THAT THEY DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT IN DENYING HIS DEVELOPMENT PLAN. THIS HAS CAUSED OUR COUNTY TO RELOOK AT THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AGAIN! IN DENYING HIS DEVELOPMENT PLAN.....HIS PEOPLE KNOW BETTER... IN OTHER WORDS , OUR COUNTY ENGINEERS ARE NOT AS WELL VERSED ON OUR PINELLAS COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS THEY ARE!!!

WE KNOW OUR COUNTY ENGINEERS ARE RIGHT! MR> HILLS AND HIS GROUP ARE WRONG!!!

THEY KNOW WHAT THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT! MR.HIILLS AND HIS GROUP ARE JUST USING THE OLD "BULLDOZER TACTICS" TO TRY AND PUSH THROUGH THAT WHICH MUST NEVER BE APPROVED!

THIS DEVELOPMENT PLAN MUST BE DENIED FOR THE SECOND TIME....NOTHING HAS CHANGED!

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