CITY OF CORAL GABLES 1 acting as a lobbyist? Pursuant to the City of 1 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT HYBRID FORMAT 2 Coral Gables Ordinance Number 2006-11, you must 2 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024, COMMENCING AT 9:07 A.M. 3 register with the City Clerk prior to engaging 3 4 in lobbying activities or presentations before 4 City Staff, Boards, Committees and/or the City 5 Board Members Present: 5 Gema Pinon, Chairperson Jorge Arrizurieta Commission. A copy of the ordinance is 6 6 Alberto Perez Eugene Wolman available in the Office of the City Clerk. 7 8 Failure to register and provide proof of 8 registration shall prohibit your ability to 9 9 present before the Board. 10 City Staff and Consultants: Jennifer Garcia, Planning Official Arceli Redila, Zoning Administrator Jill Menendez, Administrative Assistant, Board Secretary Stephanie Throckmorton, Assistant City Attorney Clifford R. Friedman, Assistant City Attorney Okay. I now officially call the City of 11 Coral Gables Board of Adjustment meeting of 12 12 September 9th, 2024 to order. The time is -- I 13 13 14 14 don't have the time --15 15 MR. ARRIZURIETA: 9:07. Also Participating: MS. PINON: -- 9:07. 16 116 Ceasar Mestre Olga Lago Could we have a roll? 17 117 18 18 THE SECRETARY: Sure. 19 Jorge Arrizurieta? 19 20 MR. ARRIZURIETA: Present. 20 21 21 THE SECRETARY: Albert Perez? MR. PEREZ: Present. 22 22 THE SECRETARY: Gustave Perez? 23 23 24 24 MS. REDILA: Excused. 25 THE SECRETARY: Eugene Wolman? 25 1 3 THEREUPON: MR. WOLMAN: Present. 1 1 (The following proceedings were held.) THE SECRETARY: Gema Pinon? 2 2 MS. PINON: Okay. Good morning, everybody. MS. PINON: Present. 3 3 Okay. So please be advised that this Board Let's call this meeting to order. 4 4 The Board of Adjustment is comprised of is a quasi-judicial board and the items on the 5 5 seven members. Four members of the Board agenda are quasi-judicial in nature, which 6 6 constitute a guorum and the affirmative vote of requires Board Members to disclose all ex parte 7 7 four members of the Board present shall be communications and site visits. An ex parte 8 8 9 necessary to authorize or deny a variance or 9 communication is defined as any contact, grant an appeal. A tie vote shall result in communication, conversation, correspondence, 10 the automatic continuance of the matter to the memorandum or other written or verbal 11 next meeting, which shall be continued until a communication, that takes place outside a 12 12 majority vote is achieved. If only four public hearing between a member of the public 13 members of the Board are present, an and a member of this quasi-judicial Board, 14 14 15 application shall be entitled to a postponement 15 regarding matters to be heard by the Board. If to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the anyone has made any contact with a Board Member 16 16 Board. regarding an issue before the Board, that Board 17 17 18 So I raise that question to you, Mr. 18 Member must state on the record the existence 19 Mestre. 19 of the ex parte communication and the party who MS. MESTRE: Caesar Mestre, on behalf of originated the communication. Also, if a Board 20 20 21 the applicants. My office is at 8105 Northwest 21 Member conducted a site visit specifically 155th Street, Miami Lakes, Florida. 22 related to the case before the Board, the Board 22 We'd like to proceed. 23 Member must also disclose such visit. In 23 MS. PINON: Okay. Great. 24 either case, the Board Member must state on the 24 All right. Do we have anyone here who is 25 record whether the ex parte communication 25 4

1	and/or site visit will affect the Board	1	going to be testifying, please raise your right
2	Member's ability to impartially consider the	2	hand, as well.
3	evidence to be presented regarding the matter.	3	(Thereupon, the participants were sworn.)
1	The Board Member should also state that his or	4	MS. PINON: Okay. So now let's proceed to
	her decision will be based on substantial,	5	the agenda item, and Staff will open its
	competent evidence and testimony presented on	6	presentation.
	the record today.	7	MS. REDILA: Good morning, Madam Chair,
	Does any Board Member have such	8	Members of the Board. Good morning, everyone.
	communication and/or site visit to disclose at	9	Arceli Redila, Zoning Administrator,
	this time?	10	Development Services.
	Okay. Well, I do. I received an ex-parte	11	Now, the item before you this morning, we
	call from an individual that just was asking me	12	only have one item, is a request for variance
	whether I had received copies of the agenda	13	for the side street setback for a gazebo. The
	items, and it was a very vanilla conversation,	14	applicant, Mr. Ceasar Mestre, on behalf of the
	nothing was discussed, and, therefore, I	15	property owners, Vince and Olga Lago, is
	believe that I am able to make a decision	16	requesting a variance to reduce the side street
	that's not biased and that I would like to	17	setback of an accessory structure, a gazebo,
	proceed with my role.	18	from ten feet to ten feet, where fifteen
	Okay. So our next item is approval of the	19	feet is required.
	minutes. Do I have someone that will make a	20	Now, let's have the presentation. Let's
	motion to approve the minutes or are there any	21	see.
	amendments of the minutes?	22	Okay. Let's do the applicant's
	MR. ARRIZURIETA: Move for approval.	23	presentation first. Mr. Mestre, if you can
	MR. PEREZ: I'll second.	24	begin.
	MS. PINON: Okay. Could we have a roll	25	MR. MESTRE: So I need to share the screen,
	call on that?	1	then?
	THE SECRETARY: Sure.	2	MS. REDILA: Yes.
	Alberto Perez?	3	MR. MESTRE: Good morning, again, Board
	MR. PEREZ: Yes.	4	Members. Thank you for having us here this
	THE SECRETARY: Eugene Wolman?	5	morning. My name is Ceasar Mestre. My offices
	MR. WOLMAN: Yes.	6	are at 8105 Northwest 155th Street, Miami
	THE SECRETARY: Jorge Arrizurieta?	7	Lakes, Florida. I'm here today representing
	MR. ARRIZURIETA: Yes.	8	Mr. and Mrs. Lago, the owners of 5200 San Amaro
	THE SECRETARY: Gema Pinon?	9	Drive, Coral Gables.
	MS. PINON: Yes.	10	You will see on the screen a site location.
	All right. Everyone who wants to speak	11	This is a corner house that's on the southwest
	today must complete the roster on the podium.	12	corner of San Amaro Drive and the intersection
	We ask that you print clearly, so that the	13	of Urbino. It is an 11,035 square foot lot,
	official records of your name and address will	14	and it has a house on it, a structure, of 2984
	be correct.	15	square feet.
	Now, with the exception of attorneys, all	16	We're here today, as Staff said, requesting
	persons who will speak on agenda items before	17	a variance on the side street setback from
	us this morning, please rise to be sworn in.	18	fifteen feet to ten feet, in order to be able
	In deference to those present, we ask that	19	to build a 250 square foot gazebo.
	you kindly turn off all of your cell phones,	20	The Lagos have been in this property since
	pagers and all electrical devices.	21	2011, when they purchased it, and the house was
	Now we will proceed.	22	built in 1956. It also occupies two lots.
	Is there anyone here who is going to speak	23	It's located directly across the street from
	or is there anyone online that we have?	24	the University of Miami.
	MS. THROCKMORTON: If anybody on Zoom is	25	This is an aerial view of the home and

1	this is very important right here you will	1	not change the use to one that's not permitted.
2	see that the house is on a corner. It has kind	2	It's a single-family home with a yard. We're
3	of a semi "L" shape, which is what I call it.	3	not asking you to change that. All we're
4	It has a pool, which was already there when the	4	asking is to move the setback a little in.
5	home was purchased. It has a pool deck, which	5	Standard Number 7, granting it will be in
6	was already there when the home was purchased.	6	harmony if you grant it, the property will
7	So the location of the pool, the location of	7	be in harmony with the neighborhood and will
8	the deck, have absolutely nothing to do with	8	not be detrimental to the public welfare. We
9	Mr. and Mrs. Lago.	9	meet that. Just because we're allowed the five
0	The area to the north, the top of the pool,	10	extra feet does not mean that this is going to
.1	is the area where they are proposing to put the	11	be a detriment to the public welfare.
.2	gazebo, between the pool deck and the street.	12	And Number 8 Staff has found is not
3	These are just some other shots of the	13	applicable.
.4	property, and here, it kind of gives you an	14	So those four, out of the eight, we already
.5	idea of where the gazebo will be placed. Here,	15	meet.
.6	you see it, also. It is covered by the trees.	16	With regards to the other four, of course,
7	In this photograph here, you can see that the	17	we feel that we meet those standards, as well.
.8	driveway is located just to the east of where	18	So let's address those.
L9	they are planning to put the gazebo, and that	19	Number 1 is that special conditions and
20	fence that's there would be replaced with a CBS	20	circumstances exist peculiar to this land. As
21	wall, for privacy, and to keep the neighbors	21	I told you before, this is a double lot
22	from seeing in there.	22	property. It is a corner property. It is a
23	In this photograph, you will see the	23	property where, due to the layout and the
24	proposed gazebo, as well. Due to what's	24	extension of the house on the south side, that
25	hopefully going to be approved, this doll house	25	goes into the yard, it kind of limits the 1
1	is no longer there. It has to be moved.	1	available space in the backyard. Because of
2	And this is the proposal that we are asking	2	the placing of the pool and the pool deck,
3	you to approve. It's 20 by 12, nothing fancy,	3	there really is no other place to put this. If
4	nothing crazy, just a summer kitchen, a little	4	you look at the pool there, you will see that,
5	seating area. And the issue is that, the way	5	to the south, bottom, there's not enough space
6	the pool is placed, the way the pool deck is	6	to put a gazebo there. To the left of the
7	placed, they're trying to maximize the pool	7	pool, there's not enough space. To the right
8	deck area and the play area for their two young	8	of the pool, there's not enough space. So,
9	daughters that reside in the house.	9	really, that only leaves the north side of the
.0	So what we're talking about, if you take	10	pool, which is where we're proposing it.
.1	the size of the gazebo into account, it's	11	As you can see here on the plans, the
12	basically an extra 140 square feet that will be	12	gazebo is laid out there, and what it does is,
13	added to the pool deck or the play area,	13	it will allow them to put together the space
14	instead of having it behind the gazebo, where	14	that's available, as much as possible, to be
15	it would just be dead space.	15	able to have an area for entertaining, for the
L6	Now, there's eight standards, that you're	16	children to play, for anything. If it's moved
17	going to hear from Staff, that are required to	17	down or south, it will limit the amount of
18	be found we're supposed to meet all eight	18	space that's available. So we believe that
19	standards, according to Section 14-207 of your	19	there is special circumstances and special
20	Code. In Staff's report, they say that we	20	conditions regarding this property.
21	already meet four of the eight. Those four	20	Standard Number 2 is, special condition or
22	that we already meet are, if the variance is	22	circumstances are not a result of the actions
23	granted, you're not granting us any type of	23	of the applicant. Again, this house was bought
24	special privilege.	24	in 2011. The Lagos have absolutely nothing to
25	Number 6, the granting of the variance will	25	do with the placement of the pool, the
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petition against it? 1 through my presentation? 1 2 MR. MESTRE: Not that I'm aware of, and the 2 MS. PINON: Yes, please. sign has been posted, as required by the Code, MS. REDILA: Let me share my screen. 3 3 and Staff can tell you if anybody has reached Again, good morning, Madam Chair, Members 4 4 out, but as far as I know, I don't know of 5 of the Board, everyone, good morning. Arceli 5 anybody that --Redila, for the record, Zoning Administrator, 6 6 MS. PINON: I mean, I saw that you had sent Development Services. 7 7 out 186 notices, which is significant, and we Now, as Mr. Mestre, the applicant's 8 8 only have eight people in favor and none 9 representative, already explained, this is for 9 against, unless -a gazebo, side street setback reduced to ten 10 10 MS. REDILA: Staff has not received any 11 feet from the required fifteen feet. 11 comments from the general public. Now, the lot is zoned single-family 12 12 MR. ARRIZURIETA: Which one of these 13 residential. It is a corner lot. This 13 applicant is proposing a 250 square feet 14 properties, Mr. Mestre, is the property that 14 15 gazebo. It's 20 by 12.5. A gazebo is 15 abuts -- or, let's say, is the one closest to considered an accessory structure, but the 16 the gazebo? 16 MR. MESTRE: That would be the one behind 17 Zoning Code requires that an accessory 17 structure follow the same setbacks that is 18 it. 18 MS. LAGO: Anthony Dao is the one that's required, obviously, of the single-family 19 19 directly behind our property, that we 20 house. 20 21 So, in this case, because of the way that 21 share their side lot and our backyard. MR. MESTRE: That would be signature number the lots are platted, it's two lots, it's 22 22 23 east-west platted, so the front setback is on two, 1402 Urbino Avenue. 23 24 MR. ARRIZURIETA: So there's no other 24 San Amaro Drive, and then the side street is on property that would be within even plain sight 25 Urbino Avenue, and then the rear would be the 25 17 19 view of the gazebo other than this property? west side; ten feet on the rear, fifteen on 1 1 Urbino Avenue, 25 on San Amaro. 2 MR. MESTRE: This one would be right behind 2 the wall. And we have the signatures of the So now the applicant is requesting to 3 3 folks across the street. If they were backing reduce that. As you may know, and it's noted 4 4 out of their garage, they would be able to see 5 in the Staff report, the key to a variance is 5 it. We have the folks that are caddy-corner. hardship and a special condition, and in this 6 6 And we have the folks to the south. Everyone case, the applicant is not meeting all of those 7 7 that's close to us has signed it. requirements; therefore, Staff is not 8 8 9 MR. ARRIZURIETA: Okay. 9 recommending approval. MR. PEREZ: I have a quick question. MR. ARRIZURIETA: I'm sorry? 10 11 The required setback -- the required back 111 MS. PINON: Is not recommending approval. setback on the property line to the west, that MS. REDILA: Yes, Staff is not recommending 12 12 13 requires ten, right? approval. As you can see here, the way it's 13 MS. REDILA: Yes. platted, it's east-west, Lots 18 and 19. 14 14 15 MR. PEREZ: Okav. 15 There's already an existing single-family MR. WOLMAN: I have a question. house, and this is the proposed gazebo, 250 16 16 Do we have or do we know the dimension from square feet, and as you can see in here, that's 17 17 the edge of the pool line to the gazebo, 18 18 the existing house in yellow, the gazebo at ten because I don't see one here? feet. 19 19 MR. MESTRE: It's about twenty feet. With And the house immediately to the west 20 20 21 21 the variance, it will be twenty feet. requires 25 feet setback on their front. MS. PINON: With the variance? 22 That's just another way to consider it. And 22 23 MR. WOLMAN: With the variance? with that, Staff is not recommending approval. 23 MR. MESTRE: Correct. 24 MR. PEREZ: I'm sorry, the house to the 24 25 MS. REDILA: Would you like me to go west requires, what, 25? 25 18 20

1	MS. REDILA: 25 feet, because that is their	1	to maximize the continuous deck area for them,	
2	front yard.	2	for the family.	
3	MR. PEREZ: 25 feet is the front setback,	3	MS. PINON: Has the applicant considered	
4	you said?	4	moving it?	
5	MS. REDILA: The house to the west, Lot 17,	5	MR. MESTRE: We have talked about it, and	
6	which you can see here, which is, I think, 1402	6	we've come up with different layouts, but none	
7	Urbino, that would require 25 feet along Urbino	7	were to the satisfaction of the applicant.	
8	Avenue.	8	And, also, those gazebos that you see, it's not	
9	MS. PINON: I have a couple of questions.	9	a huge thing. It just has enough space for a	
0	I read here that you said that there's	10	little seating area and a kitchen, and a lot of	
1	MS. THROCKMORTON: Could you please make	11	them are prefab. They come in, you know, 10 by	
2	sure your microphone is on?	12	12 expanse. So it would be hard to	
3	MS. PINON: Oh, I'm sorry.	13	reconfigure	
4	There's a statement in your report that	14	MS. PINON: But it's only five feet.	
5	states that it can be designed in other ways to	15	MR. MESTRE: I'm sorry?	
.6	meet the setback requirements. I don't know if	16	MS. PINON: As you said before, it's only	
7	this is a question for you or for the	17	five feet.	
.8	applicant.	18	MR. MESTRE: Correct.	
9	MS. REDILA: Yes. So, in this case, it was	19	Like I said, in the big picture, it's only	
0	suggested to the applicant to maybe adjust the	20	five feet, but if you look at it, you'll go,	
1	gazebo, to move it a little bit closer, where	21	really, why are you here? To them, it means	
2	there's a pool deck it's five feet that they	22	that much, that we're here, that I'm here, for	
3	have to move closer and then maximize to the	23	them to be able to have this usable continuous	
4	west, because they're not maximizing the rear	24	space.	
5	ten. There is still fifteen feet setback on	25	If you break it up, it kind of loses its	
1	21		value hereure it's not the came of heving a	23
1	that area. I think, 40.6. They're only required ten feet. Or reduce the gazebo to a	1	value, because it's not the same as having a continual pool deck, with an extra five feet.	
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3	lesser structure, where it could meet the	3	Another 140 square feet total is what we're	
4	setback.	4	asking for.	
5	MS. PINON: Would that minimize any	5	MS. PINON: Does anybody have any	
b _	exposure to the street? Is the gazebo even	6	questions?	
7	though you have the wall and you have the	7	MR. PEREZ: So your recommendation is to	
3	bushes and all of that I'm asking does	8	move it closer to the pool and closer to the	
9	that minimize the exposure of the gazebo to the	9	neighbor to the west?	
0	streets?	10	MS. REDILA: Yes. There's still space	
1	MS. REDILA: If they are going to move it a	11	towards the west.	
2	little bit to the south, I believe I would	12	MR. PEREZ: I'm sorry, your recommendation	
3	like the applicant to respond, perhaps.	13	is to move it closer to the pool and closer to	
4	MR. MESTRE: I didn't hear the question.	14	the neighbor to the west?	
5	MS. PINON: I'm sorry?	15	MS. REDILA: That they could expand it	
6	MS. MESTRE: I couldn't hear the question.	16	closer to the west. Instead of just 12.5,	
7	MS. PINON: Oh, my question is, if you move	17	there is still about four feet and a half or	
8	the gazebo if you would move it, as Staff is	18	20 20, right 21. So they could still	
9	suggesting, whether you could it do it, and	19	have it 24, or you could move it to the pool	
C	whether it would minimize the street exposure	20	deck, or lose the wall that is on Urbino, so	
1	of the gazebo?	21	that it will be a continuous still usable	
2	MR. MESTRE: I think the street exposure	22	space. There are other ways we have discussed	
3	would be the same, because there's the CBS wall	23	with the applicant.	
4	that's going up next to the driveway, but	24	MR. MESTRE: I'm sorry, but I think moving	
5	that's the whole thing, is that they're trying	25	it to the west doesn't solve anything.	٦.٨
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MR. PEREZ: At all. to verify if there's any public comment, if 1 1 MR. MESTRE: We're still at the same 2 2 you'd like to the take it now. distance from the wall. MS. PINON: Yes. 3 3 MR. PEREZ: I mean, on the contrary, I MS. REDILA: Is there anyone on Zoom? 4 4 5 think, the way I interpret this is, you guys 5 MR. ARRIZURIETA: There was a lady on Zoom. are being sensitive, where you have a ten foot 6 I assume she was there for that purpose. 6 setback required, but you're giving, what, 7 MS. THROCKMORTON: If anybody on Zoom would 7 almost fifteen? 8 like to speak, just raise your hand or send a 8 MS. REDILA: 40.5, yes. message so we can unmute you. Otherwise, you 9 9 MR. PEREZ: Yeah, I'm not sure why you're 10 can continue to the Board's conversation. 10 recommending that. 111 MS. PINON: No one has sent a message? 11 MR. MESTRE: Yeah, that would be fourteen 12 THE SECRETARY: No one has raised their 12 feet away from the back wall. 13 hand or sent a message. 13 MR. ARRIZURIETA: So I'm of the opinion 14 14 MS. THROCKMORTON: You may proceed. that, you're right, we're talking about five 15 MS. PINON: Okay. So do we have a motion? 15 feet, but when the final product is something MR. ARRIZURIETA: I'll move to grant the 16 16 as aesthetically pleasing as we are looking at 17 variance as requested by the property owners. 17 MS. PINON: You have to read --18 there, you very commonly see structures for 18 MR. ARRIZURIETA: I'll move that the Board gazebos, not just throughout this county, but 19 19 20 consistently in our City. I don't see how 20 of Adjustment grant the variance requested by splitting hairs or providing an option that 21 the property owners, Vincent and Olga Lago, for 21 really doesn't resolve the issue -- and, 22 the property located at 5200 San Amaro Drive, 22 especially, those that live around and are most 23 to reduce the side street setback of an 23 24 impacted by this, are going to be the immediate 24 accessory structure, a gazebo, to ten feet, neighbors, are supporting it. It's not like 25 where fifteen feet is required, pursuant to 25 25 27 they're opposed. They're supporting it. I Section 2-101.D(4), Coral Gables Zoning Code. 1 1 think it's a solution that is reasonable. 2 2 The motion is based upon the testimony presented, along with the application Like I said, the result -- the final 3 3 submitted, and the Staff report, which product, as we're looking at it, and the 4 4 location of it, is by no means offensive and 5 constitutes competent and substantial evidence. 5 uncommon to the immediate neighborhood. I'd be The Board hereby makes finding of fact that 6 6 willing to guess that if I were to survey that each of the standards in Section 14 of the 7 7 square block area, you probably have God knows 8 Zoning -- Section 14-207 of the Zoning Code has 8 how many other very similar structures in this 9 9 been met. neighborhood. So it's not like we're, you MS. PINON: Do we have a second? 10 10 know, including anything that is against the 111 MR. PEREZ: I'll second. 11 look and feel of the neighborhood. MS. PINON: Can we have the roll call? 12 12 13 So I think that five feet is really --THE SECRETARY: Eugene Wolman? 13 while you can argue that use (unintelligible), MR. WOLMAN: Grant. 14 14 in this case, I believe that using it against 15 15 THE SECRETARY: Jorge Arrizurieta? the wishes of the resident, given what they're 16 MR. ARRIZURIETA: Grant. 16 17 THE SECRETARY: Alberto Perez? proposing, is just a very dogmatic, 17 unjustifiable position for the City to take, 18 18 MR. PEREZ: Grant. THE SECRETARY: Gema Pinon? and I would disagree with Staff's 19 19 recommendation and I would support the MS. PINON: No. No. 20 20 21 21 resident, as presented. MS. THROCKMORTON: Motion fails. MS. PINON: Does anyone else have any 22 MS. PINON: Okay. If there's nothing 22 23 questions or comments? So are we ready to make further --23 a vote on this? 24 MS. THROCKMORTON: Ms. Pinon, Madam Chair, 24 25 MS. THROCKMORTON: Ms. Pinon, you may want may I take just a moment? I wanted to 25 26 28

introduce Cliff Friedman, who is our new 1 Assistant City Attorney. As you all know, 2 Naomi Levi Garcia, who has been sitting with 3 you, left, and I've been filling in since she's 4 5 left the City. Cliff Friedman is our new Assistant City Attorney. He joins us from --6 both, with a private sector and a public sector 7 background, so we're very excited to have him 8 join our team. 9 In the next few months, we will have him 10 transition over to sitting with the Board as 11 your counsel. 12 MS. PINON: Welcome. 13 Make sure we have all of the petitions 14 entered into the record, since they were handed 15 16 out. MS. REDILA: We have it, as part of the 17 18 application package. MS. PINON: Well, if there's nothing 19 20 further, thank you all for coming, and the meeting is adjourned. It is now 9:42 a.m. 21 Thank you. 22 (Thereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 23 a.m.) 24 25 29 CERTIFICATE 1 2 STATE OF FLORIDA: 3 SS. 4 COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE: 5 6 7 8 9 I, NIEVES SANCHEZ, Court Reporter, and a Notary Public for the State of Florida at Large, do hereby 10 certify that I was authorized to and did 11 stenographically report the foregoing proceedings and 12 that the transcript is a true and complete record of my 13 stenographic notes. 14 15 DATED this 10th day of September, 2024. 16 17 18 mi Day 19 20 NIEVES SANCHEZ 21 22 23 24 25 30

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