

# REGULAR MEETING

**JEFF GORELL**  
Supervisor, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

**SHANE WARBURTON**  
Field Representative  
Supervisor Jeff Gorell

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- ROSEMARY ALLISON, CHAIR
- AMY ELLIOT, VICE CHAIR
- MARK BURLEY
- KEVIN CANNON
- MICHAEL ADAMS

# AGENDA

**MAY 18, 2023**

**6:00 PM**

Municipal Advisory Council  
Santa Rosa Valley, California

Rancho Santa Rosa Clubhouse  
11701 E. Los Posas Road  
Santa Rosa Valley, CA 93012

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## **OPENING**

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll Call.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council held on Thursday, March 16, 2023.
5. Agenda Review.
6. Consent Agenda Items 10 through 16.
7. Office of Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell's Comments – Brief announcements and report on County activities.

8. Public Comments – Citizen presentations regarding Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council related matters NOT appearing on this agenda. (See Guidelines above).
9. Council Comments – Comments by Council members on matters they deem appropriate. A Council member may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities. A Council member may also provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, or request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter. The Council may also direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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#### **California Highway Patrol**

10. Countywide Updates provided by Public Information Officer Ryan Ayers. See attachment.

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#### **Ventura County Sheriff**

11. Countywide Updates provided by Senior Deputy Claudia Holden. See attachment.

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#### **Ventura County Fire Department**

12. Countywide Updates provided by Scott Thomsen, Director of Communications and Public Affairs. See attachment.

**RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE**

#### **Ventura County Public Works – Public Works App**

13. Report on Public Works Requests: On April 25<sup>th</sup>, County staff reported a pothole on the crosswalk at Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School thanks to recommendation of an SRV Constituent. On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Public Works repaired the road and closed the ticket. The County Staff member used the Ventura County

Public Works App. The Ventura County Public Works App on iPhone and Android is a useful tool to quickly submit Public Works requests, anything from filling a pothole to reporting graffiti.

**RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE**

**Ventura County Public Works – Transportation**

14. Update on Yielding Yellow Turn Signal Request: Chris Kurgan from PWA-Transportation division outlined that in order to swap the current turn signals to “protected-permissive” (yielding left-turn phase) for selected locations in Santa Rosa Valley would require a “left-turn gap analysis”. Doing this would compromise vehicle safety by downgrading the light from the “protected” (exclusive left-turn phase), and could potentially impact signal synchronization during AM and PM peak periods along the Santa Rosa Road corridor. The cost of a traffic consultant to examine the specific intersections on Santa Rosa Road would cost approximately \$50,000 +. It is possible that this could be added to the FY2023/2024 budget work. Another possibility is examining the timing of the “protected” lights and determining if the timing of some of these lights could be cut back in order to minimize wait times at selected lights. Our office is continuing discussions with PWA Transport in order to find the best solution.

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**Ventura County Probation Agency**

15. Update on Santa Rosa Road Cleanup: The Ventura County Probation Agency conducted a cleanup of Santa Rosa Road on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Supervising Deputy Probation Officer Robert Barna reported “The supervised inmate work crews filled over 20 large trash bags. This was specifically on the unincorporated area of Santa Rosa Road between Hilltop Lane and Moorpark Road. The majority of the road shoulders were cleaned in both directions. However, there were a few smaller areas that could not be safely walked by the crew without closing down a traffic lane. All collected refuse was bagged and placed safely on the shoulder (along with larger items such as tires) to be collected by county Public Works staff.”

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**Ventura County Counsel**

16. Update on Bridlewood Basin Trail: Our office is working with County Counsel on finding solutions in order to open up the Bridlewood Basin trail that has been closed down for some years now due to easement issues. County Counsel will have a memorandum completed with possible ways forward in the near future. We will have a more substantial report during July 20 MAC Normal Meeting.

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## **REGULAR AGENDA**

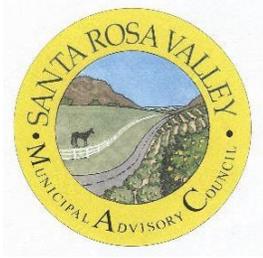
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17. County staff discussion with Municipal Advisory Council on the creation of a 3-5 year plan to allow the MAC to be proactive in advising the County Supervisor on County issues impacting the unincorporated area of Santa Rosa Valley. This will include the creation of a legislative subcommittee to examine Board of Supervisors Agendas to provide legislative recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

**RECOMMENDATION TO PLAN A SPECIAL MEETING BEFORE JULY 20  
REGULAR MEETING**

## **CLOSING**

18. Adjournment of the Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council meeting to the next meeting, July 20, 2023 at Rancho Santa Rosa Clubhouse  
11701 E. Los Posas Road, Santa Rosa Valley, CA 93012



SANTA ROSA VALLEY  
MUNICIPAL ADVISORY  
COUNCIL

*Members of the Council:*  
Chair Rosemary Allison  
Vice Chair Amy Elliot  
Kevin Cannon  
Michael Adams  
Mark Burley

**Santa Rosa Valley  
Municipal Advisory  
Council Minutes  
Thursday, March 16, 2023**

6:00P.M-9:00 P.M.

Rancho Santa Rosa Clubhouse 11701 E. Las Posas Rd. Santa  
Rosa Valley, CA 93012

1. **Call to Order**
  - a. Chair Rosemary Allison called the meeting to order at 6PM.
2. **Roll Call**
  - a. Chair Rosemary Allison called the roll. All five members are present.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
  - a. Battalion Chief Robert Sczeneck from Ventura County Fire led the Pledge.
4. **Agenda Review**
  - a. Mark Burley motions for Supervisor Gorell to speak to meeting. Kevin Cannon seconded. Passes unanimously.
5. **Approval of Minutes from February 2, 2023 Meeting**
  - a. -Kevin Cannon Requested his name be included on the Minutes. - Top of Page Two "Change to Start/Smart Program"- Item 11A- Mac recommendation- 3<sup>rd</sup> line up "potion" to "motion" - Trailhead "Hill Canyon Trailhead" to "Hill canyon Park"-On Page 2, "Moregenstein" to "Morgenstein". Mark Burley motioned to approve minutes as amended. Kevin Cannon seconds. Passes unanimously.
6. **Public Safety Reports**
  - a. CHP: Kevin Orr- referred to scales facility being under construction up on the 101. On the 118, the eastbound has been closed down, and there is a k rail up for traffic. They will likely shut down the westbound side as well. The Officers that typically work the area go in strike teams and will likely come to Santa Rosa Road. They have an officer come from the strike team to do commercial vehicle enforcement. Between Arletta and Brittany Park Road is their best location. They check the brakes and other safety issues.
  - b. The CHP is giving us some headsup for the commercial vehicle enforcement and wanted to let us know about that because of the projected increased use of Santa Rosa Road for traffic.
  - c. CHP: Ryan Ayers with Moorpark CHP- No major issues recently- Most recent two issues. One was on Moorpark Road between Reid Road and Tierra Rejada, a Fatal Accident- They tried to pass illegally, unfortunately killed himself. On the same day, there was a

crash by a wrong way driver on Olsen and Tierra Rejada. An older driver was driving correctly, another person got on the freeway, and less than an exit later crashed into the older gentlemen who lived with major injuries. The person who ran into the older driver was under the influence of inhalants and was physically fine after the crash. He was arrested less than 24 hours for DUI as well. Medications, including marijuana are big items for DUI's. Officer Ayers provided that parents of driving aged children can call Ubers for their children so they don't have to drive impaired. Almost always wrong way drivers are in the fast lane at the time of an accident, so the left lane is the most dangerous for this reason as the wrongful driver typically believes they are in the right lane.

- d. Chair Rosemary Allison pointed out that there are drivers illegally passing on the side of Santa Rosa Road frequently. Rosemary asked about the South American Theft Gangs- CHP Officer Ayers updated that it is still happening, specifically mailbox thefts and big boxes in a gated community. Ayers recommends that citizens put lights, cameras out there to deter them and make them think that someone is watching. See something, say something situation.
  - e. Battalion Chief Robert Szeneck – Ventura County Fire Department: Busy with rains and weather services. Once they see the rain come in, they upstaff. Swift Water Teams, Front End Loaders, Sandbagging, they are doing good. The County is getting saturated but they are doing well. There are 44 firefighters in training in the academy that are about halfway done with training and are getting ready to hit the field. Overall the County is doing really good. Vicky Torres from Large Animal Evacuation: asked about the beautiful greenery, how does this effect the potential fire danger. Battalion Chief suggested that this fire season shouldn't be as bad as previous years. But Vicky suggested that with the increase of brush, it will be a faster, lower burn. The Burn Scar from the Thomas Fire provided a buffer. Councilmember Amy Elliot asked about empty fields with tumbleweed. She contacts the owner to take care of the foliage, but Battalion Chief said that under Larry Williams. But the public can call the fire department directly.
  - f. VC Sheriff: Greg Orosa. Sr. Deputy. As far as property crimes, nothing new since last month. The community is doing a good job about calling about suspicious activity. The Investigation Bureau passes on that there is an increase in scam calls and to be on the lookout. Scammers are calling regarding family members being in jail and calling to post bond. If it sounds hokey and weird, it is. If anybody says that the Sheriff's department has Lieutenants, they haven't had Lieutenants in over 20 years. Chair Rosemary Allison mentioned a scam regarding a client being scammed by wiring funds to a scammer. This is a young couple with children that was supposed to close escrow. Mark Burley mentioned that this is a new scam that should be publicized. Everyone needs to be careful when wiring funds. This poor family has no way of getting their money back. Michael Adams mentioned that the scammers are sophisticated. They use Artificial Intelligence to mimic voices. Be careful with emails. There is a whole underground to hacking. A large percentage of companies are getting hit by ransomware attacks. Supervisor Gorell mentioned that we could connect with the family who lost these funds and get media attention on the issue.
7. Supervisor Gorell pointed towards Shane Warburton as the SRV liaison and noted some successes. He gave his personal phone number to the members of the community at the MAC. He gave a brief introduction to his background. We are focused a lot on infrastructure and the Public Works Teams are going crazy regarding the storms. He mentioned how he is on the LAFCO Board regarding land-use. He is also on the Air Quality Control Board, Ventura County

Transportation agency, electrifying busses by 2036, Gap study, what in the community is a gap for transportation. Met with Sheriff Fryhoff for 2 hours on 3/15. Wants to make sure that VC has resources and people, support, to do what he campaigned to do to make sure the community is safe. He mentioned his family, he also did some Homeland Security. Supervisor Gorell iterated that the MAC gets to bring expertise and formalized responses to Supervisors. If anybody has any recommendations, please let Supervisor Gorell know. Amy Elliot brought up doing hybrid Meetings on Zoom to get more people on. We will look into using the school.

8. **Public Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda**

a. **Comments can be emailed in advance to shane.warburton@ventura.org**

Peter Gillette is moving into Santa Rosa Valley in early June. He is here to listen with good stewardship and heard about nitrates in water with the ADU/JADU. He is involved in the water industry and is educated in it. He owns a water company. He did some research about the nitrate load. Mentioned that septic systems are one of the problems. But he mentioned that septic tanks are anaerobic and nitrates are aerobic. The flow from a septic system needs oxygen to convert to nitrates. He believes that the impacts that were stated earlier might be a bit misleading. He believes that a lot of the nitrates are coming from Hill Canyon and from Tierra Rejada. He recommends biofilters that can be inserted into septic system. Septic systems rarely reach into groundwater, but if there's a fracture it won't have nitrates. Santa Paula had the same issue. Santa Paula came to same conclusion that septic wasn't the problem, but that agriculture was as septic is anaerobic.

9. **Information Items**

a. **Presentation on MAC Boundaries update** : 7:00 Shane Warburton Begins presentation on MAC Boundaries.

b. **update on Stepping Stones Riding Program**: Mark Burley gives update at 7:06. Colter Chisum with Parks Department. They will have draft by May.

c. **update on Bridlewood Basin Trail**: Postponed until next MAC meeting. Shane and Mark Burley meeting with Bridlewood on Tuesday.

10. **Action Items**

a. **MAC Consideration of Fire Protection Support Letters** Kevin Cannon led talk. He is asking MAC to approve letters of support for grant money, for Ventura County wildfire regional fire safe council. Big roll-out, education training on controlled burns of areas. Chair Rosemary Allison motions to support it. Amy Elliot seconds motion. Passes unanimously.

b. **MAC Consideration of Meeting Date for Special Meeting to go over 3-5 Year Vision Plan of Santa Rosa Valley MAC** – not voted on at this time.

c. **Emergency Equestrian Evacuation talk with Victoria Beelik** Vicky Beelik gives oral presentation on the benefits of utilizing the Santa Rosa Equestrian Park as a potential evacuation staging ground. Supervisor Gorell recommends reciprocity between communities to avail themselves. A community member mentioned cooperation between Stepping Stones and emergency coordination. Mark Burley says that they will use arenas for lessons. A community member asked if animals are used to be tied up and the rails at the park are PVC and will break, and Vicky has thought about that. Vicky says that they have started talking about new paneling. Chair Rosemary Allison mentions how they were simply looking at using it as a staging area originally. Mark Burley indicated that it makes sense for the County to be liable for placing animals, not the homeowners. Mark Burley motions for consideration of Santa Rosa Park as an emergency location. Rosemary Seconds. Passes unanimously.

d. **MAC Discussion of ADU/JADU Ordinance** Imposed on everybody in California. The county must admit the permit for the construction of the ADU/JADU. Supervisor Gorell says that once the application is in, then you go through a checklist that involves environmental protection section. What are the levels of

impacts environmentally? If they are trying to put something on a property that really doesn't have good access to water or the water is possibly contaminated, the process should stop and the permit should be revoked. The state wouldn't consider what the community would consider. It boils down to if it's a zoned residential community that these are the types of homes that the state wants to go into for ADU/JADUs. It is impossible to get a blanket exception for Santa Rosa Valley. Incorporation is one of the possible arguments to carve out SRV as a critical impact area.

Ventura County Environmental Department Planning, Code Enforcement officer to the area - Reactionary. The moment they receive one of those complaints, they go out the day of. Code Enforcement agent speaking used to be Temporary Rental Units technician. They need to provide a manager. 10PM to 7AM are quiet hours. So they need a property manager. Violation of the operating standards of the TRU equals a strike, and after 3 strikes Code Enforcement can revoke the TRU. The MAC asked to do the same TRU as Sherwood, but Sherwood is in line for consideration and needs to go through council. The Board approved considering the TRU overlay of Sherwood. Coordinator will get complaints. Chair Rosemary Allison says that we are hurt because the ordinance changed. Amy Elliot mentions story of RV Parking on street. Cops said they can stay as long as they want. That falls under the Sheriffs. If the RV is connected to utilities, it is a violation. If one has a huge RV, you can't park RV on driveway unless it has a certain material underneath it. You cannot be obstructing entrance to a structure. But needs to be an approved surface. Must be next to a driveway. Always have neighbors who maybe wants to park car in their yard. Can't park anything on your grass. They also get hoarding cases. They got APS involved. Adult Protective Services. What is the best way to report cases? They have their own section. RMA divisions/ code enforcement. A big issue with the RV's is that people will die from carbon monoxide. Front yard setback is 20 feet.

e. **MAC Discussion of Dark Sky Overlay** Michael Adams- This is about gathering information and seeing how the community reacts to that and whether they want to go ahead with it or not. There was some discussion about outdoor lighting and reducing crime. Some community members wanted to put in more lights. He wanted to investigate whether adding more outdoor lighting reduce burglary. The results were interesting. For instance- there doesn't seem to be evidence, according to studies looked at by Michael Adams, that crime increases with less lighting. The Police have told us that there has been no increase. Burglars like it when there is light so they can see. They attract more attention using flashlights. Data indicated that more crime happened with more lighting.

Michael Adams mentions he spoke to Captain Gibson with VC Sheriff. What about lighting reducing burglaries? He said that he's done years of detective work, including burglaries, lot of CCTV footage. He said that outdoor lighting does not inhibit burglars attacking a house whatsoever. He's seen situations that you shouldn't put a motion light and a camera together, they point the camera away. What he has seen is that the lights inside the house, that keeps burglars out.

Michael Adams. Mark Burley- What are the next steps? Michael Adams- We should examine other dark sky ordinances and see what would work here.

Michael Adams will bring in chart. We can tailor it to what we want. Jen Bell says given potential expansion, with conjunction of Wildlife Corridor, we might want to look at installing overlay for the valley. Cyndi McAuley says we need to stop putting up string lights and spotlights as they are code violations. Code would need to be enforced. Dark sky would be better, but we need Code enforced first. Michael Adams talks about lit up houses casting shadows into his own home.

Mark Burley suggests that in the report that the burglaries are going down, but people are starting to get less concerned. Mark Burley motioned for creation of a Santa Rosa Valley Dark Sky Subcommittee. Michael Adams wants more members. Cyndi McCauley Amy Elliot Michael Adams. Up to 6 people. 3 volunteers, those volunteers will find other recruits. Come back with recommendation to the MAC. Michael Adams seconds. Passes unanimously.

11. **Council Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda** Mark Burley commented on the potential of adding flashing, yielding turn signals onto Santa Rosa Road, citing experience of long wait times for protected turn with no oncoming traffic. Kevin Cannon said that at the time, Dave Fleisch said protected was better. Kevin Cannon gave brief on Firewise effort - recruiting members for Firewise. Will operate independently from the MAC. Ties into Ventura County wildlife Collaborative.
12. **Written Communications** - There were no written communications
13. **Future Agenda Items**
  - a. Code Enforcement Presentation
  - b. Public Works – Feedback on yielding lights in Santa Rosa Valley
  - c. 3-5 year plan discussion and planning
14. **Adjournment** Chair Rosemary Allison adjourned the meeting at 9:11PM



## CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

**To:** the Santa Rosa Valley MAC c/o Supervisor Gorell's office

### **CHP MOORPARK'S SANTA ROSA VALLEY MAC TALKING POINTS: (05.18.23)**

- On Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, the CHP Moorpark Area conducted a Driver license and Sobriety checkpoint within the city of Moorpark on Tierra Rejada Road east of Moorpark Road. The checkpoint screened approximately 1200 drivers and resulted in the arrest of two impaired drivers. Two citations were also issued to unlicensed drivers. Publicized sobriety checkpoints are a form of high visibility enforcement where drivers are stopped systematically to assess their degree of impairment. The goal is to reduce impaired driving by increasing the publics perceived risk of arrest while also arresting suspected impaired drivers identified at checkpoints.
- May is motorcycle and bicycle safety awareness month. CHP Moorpark will be conducting specialized operations and presentations throughout the county to help increase motorcycle and bicycle safety as well as bring awareness to the dangers faced by riders and the drivers around them.
- The California Highway Patrol will be conducting a Maximum Enforcement Period (MEP) over the Memorial Day weekend. The MEP will run from Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. A focus for this MEP will be seatbelt use by ALL vehicle occupants. Maximum Enforcement Periods have been a part of California Highway Patrol (CHP) policy for many years and have specific deployment and reporting procedures. During an MEP, field commands are required to deploy the maximum amount of uniformed personnel to address primary collision factor violations, impaired drivers, and assure a prompt response to any incident causing a hazard or traffic delay.
- The California Highway Patrol is hiring 1,000 officers to help make California's roadways safer. If you or someone you know would like to join the CHP, visit [www.betheCHP1000.com](http://www.betheCHP1000.com) for more information and to speak with a local recruiter.
- Follow CHP Moorpark on social media for traffic updates, sig alerts, evacuation notices, roadway closures, and general information on what the CHP is doing in your area.

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# VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## M E M O R A N D U M

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**DATE:** May 18, 2023

**TO:** The Santa Rosa Valley  
Municipal Advisory Council (MAC)  
C/O Supervisor Jeff Gorell's Office

**RE:** Ventura Sheriff's Office MAC meeting talking points: (5/18/23)

- I'm happy to report Santa Rosa Valley did not have any property crimes during this period. However, please continue to bring in your mail and make sure your vehicles are locked.
- With the beautiful weather we've been experiencing our hiking trails are getting busier and busier. If you enjoy hiking please remember to leave your valuables at home and remember to lock your vehicles while hiking.
- Please continue to call us if you see anything out of place or that may seem suspicious.
- Lastly, if you know of any teenagers that are looking for something to do this summer we are accepting applications for our Sheriff Explore program. The age requirement is 14 years – 17 years of age. You are welcome to contact me for more information.

Sr. Deputy Claudia Holden  
Claudia.Holden@ventura.org  
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**To:** the Santa Rosa Valley MAC c/o Supervisor Gorell's office

**VCFD Santa Rosa Valley MAC Talking Points: (05.18.23)**

- Junior fire academy registration will be open from May 17-24. There will be three five-day sessions, starting July 17, 24 and 31. Open to girls and boys ages 13-16. There are 30 slots per session. Others will be added to a wait list.
- Fire season is approaching. The heavy rains earlier this year have supported a lot of new growth across the county. As we head into drier summer months, grasses will dry out and all that extra growth could become extra fuel for fast moving wildfires.
- Property owners in high fire hazard areas have until June 1 to complete required vegetation management steps, such as removing dead branches, mowing grasses and clearing gutters.
- VCFD will be prepared with three hand crews, our aviation unit and the upgrade to a CH-47 heavy helitanker based in Camarillo for the regional quick reaction force that can drop up to 3,000 gallons of water at once.
- This summer, we will add a paramedic squad to serve Simi Valley. It will be stationed at Station 41. The squad will improve our ability to respond to medical emergencies quickly in the east county.
- Graduation for the 60<sup>th</sup> Fire Academy is scheduled to take place May 26. We are expecting 31 probationary firefighters to graduate for VCFD.
- VCFD has received a third Pump POD. These are devices that recycle water during training exercises. The PODs have saved more than 4 million gallons of water a year, which continues to be important in our area even with the heavy rains this year.
- During the response to the storms that hammered much of the state from January through March, there was strong collaboration among VCFD, law enforcement and public works. Together, we rescued nearly 100 people from flood waters, and responded to numerous mud and debris assistance calls.
- The Office of the State Fire Marshal has concluded public comments on updates to fire hazard maps for state responsibility lands. A final map could be issued later this spring or in early summer. Updates to the local responsibility area maps are expected in late summer or fall. Additionally, new restrictions on flammable materials in the first five feet around a structure – Zone Zero – for properties listed on fire hazard maps could go into effect for new construction January 1, 2024. Those rules are still being finalized. Owners of existing structures would have to comply with those rules in 2025.
- CalFire has not provided a date yet for the unofficial start to this year's fire season.

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