CATCH DES MOINES



2016-2017ANNUAL MARKETING PLAN





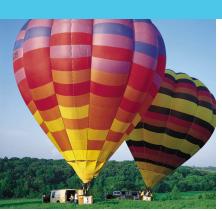








GREATER DES MOINES















>> 17,000 travel industry related jobs in Polk/Dallas counties

Des Moines Ranks in America's Most 25 Future-Ready Cities (DELL, 2015)

>> \$2.1 billion travel expenditures in Polk/Dallas counties, \$4,000 per minute spent on travel in the Metro

Des Moines Ranks 11th Best Capital City (WALLETHUB.COM, 2016)

>> Greater Des Moines hosted over 3 million visitors in 2015

Des Moines Leads U.S. Metro Areas in Community Pride (GALLUP, 2015)







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A MESSAGE FROM GREG EDWARDS President / CEO

Greetings,

2016 was an exciting year for the Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Des Moines Area Sports Commission. We hosted 640 events, including the Iowa Caucus and the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament First and Second Rounds. We also bid on and secured dozens of events for future years. Our success in 2016 was possible because of strong partnerships with the communities we represent and the many businesses and organizations who believe in what we do and work with us to help make it happen. So to all of you – thank you!

As we continue to find new ways to promote Greater Des Moines and showcase the work of our organization, we hope that you find our Annual Marketing Plan a strong resource in providing insight into our brand, mission and accomplishments. The plan highlights our vision and focus for the upcoming year and the goals we've set to get there. You can look for an updated version of this every year as we work to increase visibility of our destination and our brand.

We are proud to showcase the work we did in 2016 and we look forward to the continued partnerships and opportunities ahead in 2017. On behalf of myself, the Board of Directors, and the entire staff, we are excited to start another year of landing new events and bringing in more visitors to catch all Greater Des Moines has to offer.

Greg Edwards President & CEO

Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau Des Moines Area Sports Commission



U.S. TRAVEL INDUSTRY OVERVIEW







LEISURE TRAVEL

\$650.8 BILLION

Total direct spending on leisure travel in 20151

LEISURE AND BUSINESS TRAVEL REPRESENT TWO OF THE LARGEST SOURCES OF DIRECT SPENDING

BUSINESS TRAVEL

\$296.3 BILLION

Total direct spending on business travel in 20151

\$99.6 BILLION

Total tax revenue generated from spending on leisure travel¹

Total tax revenue generated from spending on business travel¹ \$48.3 **BILLION**

Each U.S. household would pay \$1,192 more in taxes without the tax revenue generated by travel and tourism.



Number of one day or overnight trips booked in 20151

Number of one day or overnight trips for business booked in 20151





PRIMARY TRANSPORTATION

DIGITAL DEPENDENCE



89%

80%

Driving is a primary mode of travel transportation of trips 50 miles or more²

of business trips are done via driving²

Percentage of leisure and business travelers. respectively, that use the Internet to research travel³

of travelers use smartphone to find activities while on vacation³

No.7 >>



Where travel ranks in terms of employment compared to other major private industry sectors

SOURCES: IU.S. Travel Answer Sheet, U.S. Travel Association, 2015, https://www.ustravel.org/system/files/Media%20Root/Document/US_Travel_AnswerSheet_2015,pdf | 2Long Distance Transportation Patterns: Mode Choice, U.S. Department of Transportation Statistics, http://www.rita.dot.gov/bts/sites/rita.dot.gov.bts/files/publications/america_on_the_go/long_distance_transportation_patterns/html/entire.html | 3The 2014 Traveler's Road to Decision, Google, June 2014, https://storage.googleapis.com/think/docs/2014-travelers-road-to-decision. sion_research_studies.pdf









INTRODUCTION

The Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau is an accredited Destination Marketing Association International Organization. As the visitor's and meeting professional's trusted partner, we are the heart, the soul and the energy of our destination. Our focus is to drive economic success and enhance the quality of life in the 15 local Greater Des Moines communities we represent.

MISSION

The Greater Des Moines Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Des Moines Area Sports Commission, collectively known as Catch Des Moines, market the region as a visitor destination increasing economic growth and enhancing the visitor experience.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

HOW WE ARE FUNDED

Catch Des Moines is funded by the communities we support. We receive 2/7th percentage on hotel/motel tax We report to a 28-member board.

We generate additional revenue through private sector sponsorships and marketing partnerships:

- Over 840 Marketing Partners
- Over 15 Corporate Partners

OUR STAFF

Catch Des Moines employs 24 full-time and four part-time staff members who are responsible for managing daily operations, strategic planning, market research, sales and leisure advertising programs, public relations, co-opmarketing program and meeting, convention, event and sports sales and support.



The Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau is designated an Official Accredited Destination Marketing Organization by Destination Marketing Association International's Destination Marketing Accreditation Program.

The accreditation program defines quality and performance issues in destination marketing and recognizes destination marketing organizations that meet or exceed industry standards.



2015-2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



CATCH DES MOINES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bob Andeweg, Chair Mayor, City of Urbandale

Paula Dierenfeld, Vice Chair Mayor, City of Johnston

Paul Rottenberg, Past Chair Orchestrate Management Associates Shannon Cofield Drake University

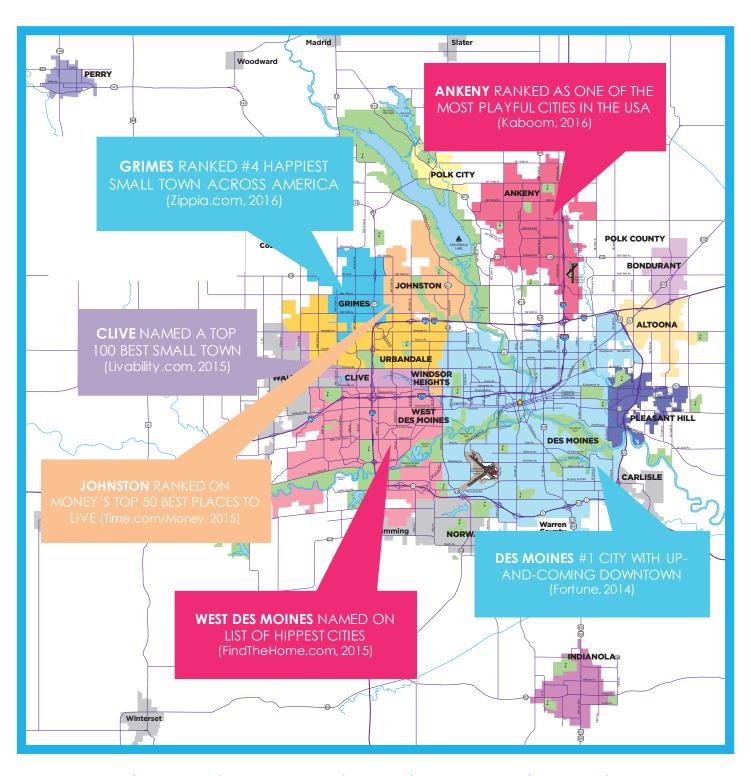
Angela Connolly
Polk County Supervisor

CATCH DES MOINES BOARD MEMBERS

Tom Armstrong, Mayor, City of Grimes Jay Byers, Greater Des Moines Partnership Jeff Chelesvig, Des Moines Performing Arts Jake Christensen, Christensen Development Chris Coleman, City of Des Moines Skip Conkling, Mayor, City of Altoona Chris Connolly, Iowa Events Center Chris Diebel, LPCA Public Strategies Wes Enos, City of Bondurant Kerry Gumm, Principal Financial Group Eric Klein, City of Clive Sara Kurovski, Mayor, City of Pleasant Hill Gary Lorenz, Mayor, City of Ankeny Tom Mahoney, ITA Group Rick Messerschmidt, City of West Des Moines Patrick Miller, Des Moines Marriott Downtown Jason Morse, Mayor, City of Polk County Tom Murray, TownePlace Suites John Parker, Jr., Councilman, City of Indianola Jay Pattee, Mayor, City of Perry Gary Slater, Iowa State Fair Clay Willey, Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino Diana Willits, Mayor, City of Windsor Heights



LOCAL COMMUNITIES WE ARE PROUD TO REPRESENT



ALTOONA | ANKENY | BONDURANT | CLIVE | DES MOINES | GRIMES | INDIANOLA JOHNSTON | PERRY | PLEASANT HILL | POLK CITY | POLK COUNTY | URBANDALE WEST DES MOINES | WINDSOR HEIGHTS



2015/2016 YEAR IN REVIEW

MAJOR EVENTS HOSTED

- USA Volleyball High Performance Championships / JULY 2015
- Medicaid Enterprise Systems / AUGUST 2015
- NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Regionals / DECEMBER 2015
- Caucus / FEBRUARY 2016
- Animal Science / MARCH 2016
- NCAA Division I Men's Basketball 1st and 2nd Rounds / MARCH 2016
- The Questers / MAY 2016
- National Square Dance Convention / JUNE 2016
- American Quilters Society / OCTOBER 2016

MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

180 stories secured

65 regional, national or trade publications

4% above industry-average open rates on e-newsletters

SOCIAL MEDIA



21,978

NEW social media followers

37%

increase in follower growth over last fiscal

increase in social media referrals to catchdesmoines.com

\$76.4 **MILLION ECONOMIC** IMPACT

For every \$1 of hotel/motel tax received. **\$16.59** is returned to the local



economy

campaign to promote

Hosted a Garth

Brooks FAM Trip with 14 Planners

TRAVEL EXPENDITURES



Polk and Dallas Counties caught more than one quarter of the \$8.1 billion in statewide travelgenerated economic

impact in 2015 according to the Iowa Economic Development Authority's County Impact Study released September 2016.



POLK COUNTY: \$1.9 billion

Dallas County: \$185 million

SIGNIFICANT BOOKINGS

- National Governors Association / JULY 2016
- American Cheese Society / JULY 2016
- Jehovah's Regional Convention / JUN-JUL 2017
- Life Leadership / JULY 2017
- AQS QuiltWeek / OCTOBER 2017-19
- International Babywearing Conference / JULY 2018
- Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives / JULY 2018
- National High School Junior High Rodeo / JUNE 2020
- Midwest JVA / MAY 2017
- NCCAA Men's/Women's Division II National Championships / MARCH 2017

>>> 2015-2016 OVERALL GOALS SALES & SPORTS ACTUAL GOAL MULTI-PROPERTY **30** (MULTI) SINGLE PROPERTY 231 (100%) 230 (SINGLE) CITYWIDE 13 (118%) 11 (CITYWIDE) SALES CALLS 164 (137%) 120 \$576,302 (107%) \$540,500 VISITOR 849,376 (93%) 909,320

>>> 96% <<< PARTNER RETENTION RATE

165 SALES CALLS with National Organizations

> HOSTED 74 SITE VISITS



CATCH THE BUZZ

Check out what people are saying about their time in Des Moines. And be sure to catch all of the buzz by following us on our social media channels:





facebook.com/catchdesmoines



twitter.com/catchdesmoines



instagram.com/catchdesmoines/



pinterest.com/catchdesmoines/



youtube.com/user/catchdesmoines



https://www.catchdesmoines.com/blog/



"...I knew there was something about lowa I loved..."

- @UKCoachCalipari, Twitter

"I love this place. #desmoines #iowa"

- @carlottacamille. Instagram

"Leaving Des Moines and I have to say, two thumbs up to this city. Had a lot of fun and it was a great tournament"

- Pat Forde, Yahoo Sports after NCAA Men's Basketball <u>1st and 2nd round</u>

"#DesMoines #iowa Downtown Des Moines is an amazing city #travel #buildings #instatraveling"

- @thevanwilder27, Instagram

"Never been to Des Moines...Very impressed with the beauty and nice people. Best kept secret I've seen in a while!"

- @fredcowgillwlky, Instagram

"Took a quick trip to #desmoines to get a lay of the land. What a great city! #explore #TravelTuesday #Midwest"

- @JesseZachary, Twitter





2014-2017 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



In early 2014, Catch Des Moines went through a strategic planning process to define current realities with future-forward objectives. That process resulted in five strategic priorities outlined below. Since the adoption of these strategic priorities, the Board of Directors and staff members have created action plans and defined measurable objectives to hold ourselves accountable for the advancement of the organization and Greater Des Moines.

REGIONAL RELEVANCY

Continue to be a leader in the region, involved in all conversations regarding destination development, both traditional and non-traditional.

ATTRACT NEW MARKETS & RETAIN EXISTING MARKETS

Attract new markets and retain existing markets to increase revenue and reach exposure of the Greater Des Moines Convention Visitors Bureau and Des Moines Area Sports Commission.

ENHANCE THE VISITOR EXPERIENCE

Enhance visitor satisfaction through coordinated efforts to provide experiences that consistently meet and exceed visitor expectations.

PUSH THE DES MOINES BRAND

Review the Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Des Moines Area Sports Commission brand survey results to determine effectiveness of brand and what areas upon which we can improve.

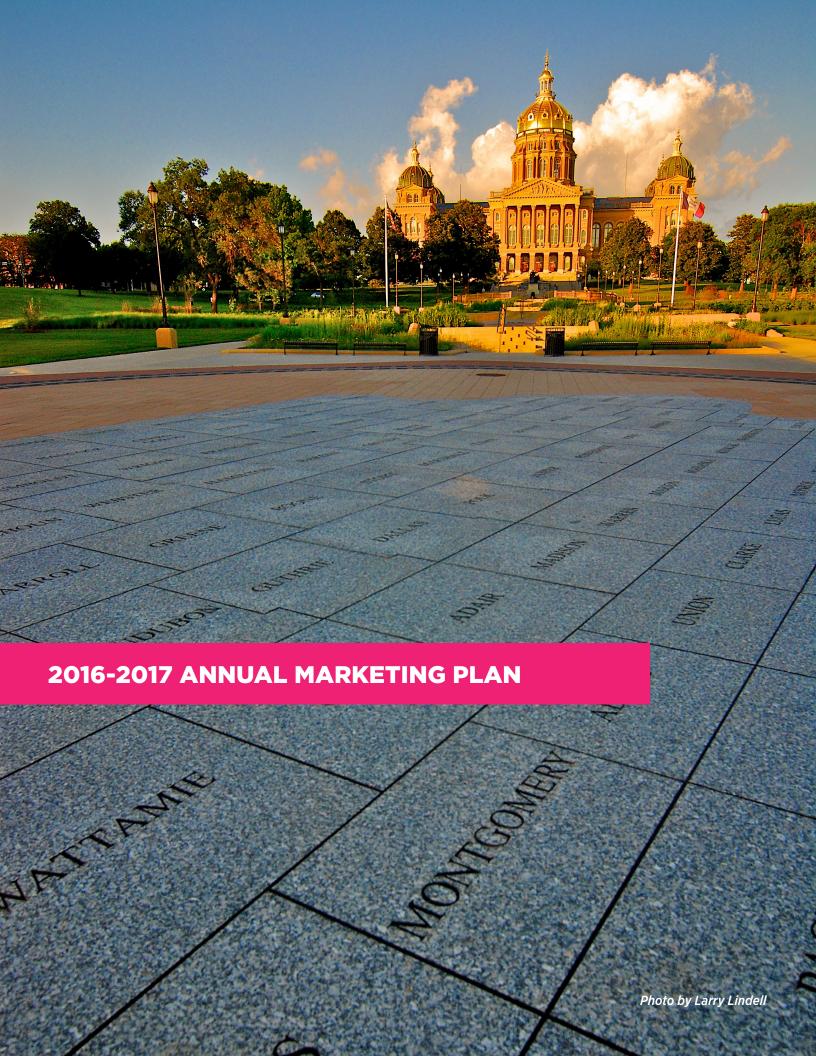
BOARD ADVOCACY

Further engage Board of Directors to actively advocate for the Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau, Des Moines Area Sports Commission and the region.



To learn more about our Strategic Priorities, visit www.catchdesmoines.com/about/











ANNUAL MARKETING PLAN

The Catch Des Moines Annual Marketing Plan is based on our 2014-2017 Strategic Plan. Our goals, strategies and tactics will be executed by all departments throughout the 2016-2017 fiscal year to ensure all goals are reached successfully and in a timely manner.

REGIONAL RELEVANCY

- Continue to be an active participant in destination development through research and driving economic impact via community engagement
 - Launch DestinationNEXT diagnostic assessment detailed destination analysis surveying views, perceptions, wants and needs related to our destination development and ways the travel industry can impact that growth
 - Educate local leaders on how they can be a Catch Champion provide local leaders the knowledge and resources to expand their leadership regionally/nationally/ globally by bringing events specific to their industry to Greater Des Moines
- Provide opportunities for Catch Des Moines partners to engage with clients by showcasing partners through planning resources, contact lists, listings, events, coordinated introductions, etc.
- Develop and execute comprehensive local communications strategy, inclusive of:
 - Regular exposure and sharing of content/resources with local news and civic organizations
 - Annual city and industry hospitality communication plan, including monthly marketing brief, city council annual presentations, city communication officer meetings, distribution of annual marketing plan, VIM updates and more
 - Strategically support local organizations, ensuring direct ROI on overall Catch Des Moines mission
- Ensure accurate and detailed financial records and reporting
 - Successful audit of finances
 - o Maintain historical reports for hotel/motel tax, occupancy, etc.
 - o Collaborate with team to generate accurate fiscal year budget projections









ANNUAL MARKETING PLAN (CON'T)

ATTRACT NEW MARKETS & RETAIN EXISTING MARKETS

- Continue to grow emerging markets and retain existing events through strategic and efficient sales efforts
 - Book four city-wide conventions/sporting events (defined as 1399+ room nights required for peak night)
 - Book 40 multi-property conventions/sporting events (defined as 300-1399 room nights required for peak night)
 - Book 45 single-property conventions/sporting events (defined as 150-299 room nights required for peak night)
 - Book 225 single-property conventions/sporting events (defined as under 149 room nights required for peak night)
- Actively engage locally, regionally and nationally in industry trade shows and events
 - Participate in 18 national industry trade shows and meet with 500+ organizations
 - o Make 165 sales calls to groups outside of Iowa
 - Attend or host four national client meetings outside of lowa
 - Host 70 planner site visits/familiarization trips
 - Execute four national client events across the country
- Develop and execute annual visitor/trade public relations strategy, focusing on:
 - High profile industry and mainstream media coverage
 - o Feature placements in top trade publications
 - Secure regional/national/trade publication placements
- Develop a five year action plan for housing by actively engaging with local hotels, researching latest trends/technology and building internal resources to implement
- Maintain innovative administrative and support resources
 - Assist with budget management for large events with financial commitments
 - Manage access to latest aspects of available internal technology applications and communication
- Serves as the areas' marketing face in attracting convention and sporting events to the metro
- Provide area expertise, connect to resources for meeting and event professionals hosting over 800 events in Greater Des Moines









ANNUAL MARKETING PLAN (CON'T)

ENHANCE THE VISITOR EXPERIENCE

- Maintain strong relationships with front line hospitality and to help provide resources, information, solve problems, etc. to ensure a great visitor experience
- Plan for new extranet site for partners to assist with efficient, effective communication to all partners
- Digital media Develop and execute annual social media & website strategy, focusing on visitor engagement through:
 - o Increase Facebook followers outside of Greater Des Moines by 16%
 - o Increase overall social media followers by 40%
 - Prioritize Twitter messaging to engage with groups in Greater Des Moines for specific events
 - Increasing total unique visitors by 6%; by providing visitor relevant resources and content
 - o Build website refresh strategy for 2017-2018 budget, goals
 - Streamline newsletter communications calendar and content, while maintaining above-average industry open rates of 16-17%

PUSH THE DES MOINES BRAND

- Grow and develop the co-op advertising campaign, working with local partners to tell the story of Greater Des Moines through an integrated media buy, executed with dynamic creative showcasing partners in a cohesive Greater Des Moines message
 - o Track ROI and budget on all media buys, optimizing as necessary
- Catch Des Moines
 - Refine and streamline Catch Des Moines brand and look to show the growth in Greater Des Moines over the past five years
 - Develop target market strategy by refining, defining, clarifying and prioritizing target markets to more effectively and efficiently reach sales and leisure travelers
- Grow video and photo libraries
 - Research and implement a file and video-sharing solution
 - Source and secure photos and videos that share the diverse offerings of the Greater Des Moines area









ANNUAL MARKETING PLAN (CON'T)

PUSH THE DES MOINES BRAND (CON'T)

- Develop and execute annual visitor public relations strategy, focusing on:
 - High profile mainstream media coverage
 - o Secure Catch Des Moines mentions and interviews

BOARD ADVOCACY

- Develop new format for all board presentation materials
- Regular exposure and sharing of administration, sales and marketing efforts to support the mission
 - Increased city and industry hospitality communication, monthly brief, city council annual presentations, city communication officer meetings, distribution of annual marketing plan, VIM updates and more
- Consistent and clear communication
- Overview of audits, historical reports for hotel/motel tax, occupancy, accurate fiscal year budget projections, etc.



THANK TO OUR CORPORATE PARTNERS

















































MARKETING

CO-OP ADVERTISING

The Co-op Advertising Program was created to bring people from around the state and country to experience our city. From four original members, our ranks have grown to include 25 major organizations across the metro area. These institutions come in all shapes and sizes but share a common goal: to promote themselves and Greater Des Moines.

CO-OP PARTNERS













































MARKETING

ADVERTISING MEDIA CREATIVE



































MARKETING

ADVERTISING MEDIA OUTLETS









MEDIA OUTLETS

- > Print
- > Television
 - TV
 - Cable
 - Satellite
- > Radio
- > Digital Outdoor
- > Online
 - Geo-targeted ads
 - Pre-roll video
 - Pandora ads
- > Social Media
 - Facebook ads
 - Instagram
 - Twitter



















Business Record

tripadvisor *

The Des Moines Register



CATCH DES MOINES STRUCTURE



FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

The Finance & Administration Team manages all office financial, technological, human resource, housing and operational work at Catch Des Moines.

SALES / SPORTS / SERVICES

The Sales, Sports and Service Team leads all Catch Des Moines efforts to market Central lowa across the country as a premier meeting location. The team works collectively to ensure a smooth pre-event, event and post-event experience for planners.

MARKETING

The Marketing Team is responsible for all marketing efforts, including media relations, advertising, public relations (PR) and Catch Des Moines events. In conjunction with an advertising agency, the marketing team is responsible for developing media strategies, executing media buys, and management of overall brand positioning.





CATCH DES MOINES STAFF



GREG EDWARDS
President & CEO

ADMINISTRATION

NANCY GOODE - Vice President of Finance & Administration
MARISSA BROWN - Director of Information Technology
SHANNON WINTERS, CDME - Finance Manager
LAURA MCNICHOLS - Executive Assistant
JAYNE DURNIN - Housing & Research Assistant
PAULA GLEASON - Receptionist
JANET KOERNER - Receptionist
JEREMY JOHNSON - Shipping

SALES / SPORTS / SERVICES

VICKI COMEGYS, CSEE – *Vice President of Conventions, Sports & Services* KATIE FENCL, CSEE – *Director of Sports*

PAULETTE LESTER - Director of Convention Services

MARGIE MARBLE - Director of Conventions

TRINA FLACK, CMP - National Sales Manager - Associations, Government, Student Groups, Engineering and Military

KATIE STIEN, CMP - National Sales Manager - Agriculture, Natural Resources and Motorcoach

AMBER ANGARAN - Sales Manager - Health & Medical, Education and Hobby

TIFFANY CONRAD - Destination, Meeting & Event Specialist

RYAN VOGT - Senior Sports Event Manager

MARY ANN MOORE - Sales Coordinator

LAURA BRIGGS - Sports Services & Volunteer Coordinator

MARKETING

RACHEL BOLDUC – Vice President of Marketing
ERIN HAINES – Director of Marketing
LAUREN STEENHOEK – Director of Projects & Events
ADDISON BRATVOLD – Marketing & PR Manager
JEN CROSS – Development & Partner Manager
AUDREY WEIDMAN – Web Specialist
JENNA SCHAFFER – Partner Specialist
PARKER MURPHY – Marketing Manager
GOIZANE MULLIN – Marketing Manager
JAN MEYERS – Volunteer Coordinator





















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