

Agenda Item No. 9B Written Communication #1

From: [Hrag Balian](#)
To: [Yang, Elizabeth](#)
Cc: [Wong, Thomas](#); [Sanchez, Jose](#); [Lo, Henry](#); [Ngo, Vinh T.](#); [CMO](#); [MPClerk](#)
Subject: No to AIPAC / JF trip to Israel
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 3:01:40 PM

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Dear Councilwoman Yang, and Members of the MPK City Council,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed trip to Israel currently being considered. I believe a thorough and transparent discussion is essential before any decision is made, particularly given the current circumstances.

My primary question to you, Councilwoman Yang, is this: What legitimate, official business could possibly justify a trip to Israel? How does such a visit serve the interests of the people of MPK, your constituents? I struggle to understand how a trip, particularly one funded by organizations like the Jewish Federation and AIPAC, could possibly align with the needs of our community.

The current situation in Israel is undeniable. Numerous organizations worldwide have characterized Israeli actions as genocidal, and daily breaches of international law are occurring. The International Criminal Court has issued arrest warrants for Israel's Prime Minister, and Palestinian families are enduring unimaginable loss. The suffering is being documented and shared through social media – a stark reality that cannot be ignored.

It's difficult to reconcile this context with the consideration of accepting a fully-funded trip from organizations that actively support these actions, and to claim it serves the interests of MPK.

As a council member deeply concerned with preventing gun violence, I question how you can credibly champion that cause while seeking to strengthen relationships with organizations that promote violence on a global scale.

I urge you, Councilwoman Yang, to witness firsthand the pain and suffering being shared online. See the faces of those affected, hear their stories, and recognize the direct connection between their suffering and the organizations funding this trip.

I reiterate my question: What official business does MPK have in Israel that requires you to meet with their political, academic and military leaders? Don't equivocate. Your constituents – myself included – deserve a clear, demonstrable answer.

I am deeply concerned about the potential for undue influence from organizations like AIPAC. Their practice of investing in relationships and cultivating political influence is well-documented, a pattern we've seen across the country, often leading to politicians becoming beholden to their agenda.

You, Councilwoman Yang, have an opportunity to resist this influence before it takes root. You can chart a different course and prioritize the well-being of your constituents over external pressures.

I ask again: What official business does MPK have in Israel? Be transparent and provide concrete evidence that this trip genuinely serves the people of MPK and does not advance a foreign agenda.

To all members of the City Council, I urge you to vote against authorizing this trip. Protect the integrity of MPK and resist the temptation of a seemingly small gesture – a fully-paid week-long trip to Israel — that could pave the way for larger compromises.

Finally, let me express my solidarity with the resilient Palestinian people who deserve our unwavering support. Let us not compound their suffering by allowing American politicians to deepen relationships with the country perpetrating their extermination. Let us stand with them and say “NO” to any AIPAC or Jewish Federation influence in MPK.

Sincerely,

Hrag Balian - MPK, District 2 constituent

Agenda Item No. 9B Written Communication #2

From: [Emily Chu](#)
To: [CMO](#); [MPClerk](#); [Wong, Thomas](#); [Yang, Elizabeth](#); [Sanchez, Jose](#); [Lo, Henry](#); [Ngo, Vinh T.](#)
Subject: Opposition to Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Yang's Trip to Israel (Agenda Item 9B)
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 3:25:31 PM

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Dear Monterey Park City Council,

I am writing as a concerned MPK resident and district 2 constituent to express my **strong opposition to Agenda Item 9B**, which would authorize Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Yang to attend the Jewish Federation's trip to Israel from July 20 to 27, 2025, in an official capacity representing the City of Monterey Park.

It is unclear what would justify Mayor Pro Tem Yang or any MPK official attending such a trip, which communicates a prioritization of and alignment with Israel as its ongoing actions have been deemed genocidal by Amnesty International, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Occupied Palestinian Territories, the UN Human Rights Council, and other trusted authorities. Not only that, the timing of the trip is inappropriate as our local community is in an extremely vulnerable state, with many of our neighbors experiencing fear and instability due to increased ICE activity.

Who in our community is asking for this trip? How does it reflect our values or address the urgent crises our residents are facing at home? We need our city council members to be focused on supporting our community at home, not traveling abroad on sponsored trips.

I urge you to vote NO on Item 9B and instead reaffirm your commitment to peace, accountability, and the well-being of our residents. Stay with the people of Monterey Park. Stand up for our immigrant communities. Reject performative politics and put our community first.

Sincerely,
Emily Chu

Agenda Item No. 9B Written Communication #3

From: [Jess Ju](#)
To: [CMO](#); [MPClerk](#); [Wong, Thomas](#); [Yang, Elizabeth](#); [Sanchez, Jose](#); [Lo, Henry](#); [Ngo, Vinh T.](#)
Subject: Opposition to Agenda Item 9B – Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Yang’s Trip to Israel
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Sincerely,
Jessica Ju

Agenda Item No. 9B Written Communication #4

From: [Jess And Raymond Ju-Chua](#)
To: [CMO](#); [MPClerk](#); [Wong, Thomas](#); [Yang, Elizabeth](#); [Sanchez, Jose](#); [Lo, Henry](#); [Ngo, Vinh T.](#)
Subject: Opposition to Agenda Item 9B – Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Yang’s Trip to Israel (ARE YOU SERIOUS?!)
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Dear Monterey Park City Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to **Agenda Item 9B**, which would authorize Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Yang to attend the Jewish Federation’s trip to Israel from July 20 to 27, 2025, in an official capacity representing the City of Monterey Park. If she wants to go, she can risk her own life and use her own money and NOT represent the people of MPK who choose to stand with Palestine and the victims of Israel's genocidal government.

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Sincerely,
Ju-Chua Household

Agenda Item No. 9B Written Communication #5

From: [Genesis](#)
To: [CMO](#); [MPClerk](#); [Yang, Elizabeth](#); [Sanchez, Jose](#); [Lo, Henry](#); [Ngo, Vinh T.](#); [Wong, Thomas](#)
Subject: Opposition to Agenda Item 9B - Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Yang's Trip to Israel
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Sincerely,
Genesis Serrano

Agenda Item No. 9B Written Communication #6

From: [Raymond Chua](#)
To: [CMO](#); [MPClerk](#); [Wong, Thomas](#); [Yang, Elizabeth](#); [Sanchez, Jose](#); [Lo, Henry](#); [Ngo, Vinh T.](#)
Subject: Opposition to Agenda Item 9B – Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Yang’s Trip to Israel
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 5:37:41 PM

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Sincerely,

Raymond Chua

Agenda Item No. 9B Written Communication #7

From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [MPClerk](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: City Council Written Communication
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Written Communication	<p>I am a lifelong resident of Monterey Park, and I am writing to strongly oppose the June 18, 2025 City Council Agenda Item 9B authorizing Mayor Pro Tem Yang to attend the Jewish Federation's trip to Israel on July 20-27, 2025. This is a city of immigrants, including immigrants who have fled war, military occupation, and genocide. Our city should not be complicit in legitimizing another genocide. We need our elected officials to be pushing for a ceasefire, not fanning the flames. And in these times when the safety of our immigrant communities is under siege by ICE and the US military, we need you more than ever to focus on leading with care, compassion, and bravery.</p> <p>Please vote no and cancel this trip.</p>
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Agenda Item No. 9B Written Communication #8

From: noreply@civicplus.com
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Written Communication	<p>Dear Monterey Park City Council,</p> <p>My name is Sofia Aguilar and I live in District 3 under the jurisdiction of Councilmember Jose Sanchez. I am writing today in regards to Item 9B in this week's city council meeting. While I understand that it will no longer be moving forward, I am disappointed that this was ever an action item under consideration by the city council in light of the ongoing genocide being enacted by Israel against Palestine and Palestinians since 2023. The city of Monterey Park should not be aligning itself with Israel in any form or benefiting from its interests or genocidal violence. I hope that the entire city council listens to its constituents and that these kinds of actions are never considered again. I find it hypocritical that the city passed a resolution in support of a ceasefire, only to introduce this kind of resolution a little over a year later, which not only does a disservice to Palestinians everywhere, but also to the constituents who voiced their support for all the city councilmembers as a result of that resolution passing. We cannot claim to be progressive or supportive of marginalized groups here in MPK, including LGBTQIA+ people, Asian and Latinx communities, and immigrants, if we do not also extend the same empathy and actionable support to Palestinians and Palestinian Americans in this country.</p> <p>Again, I hope that considerable thought and intention are taken with this item and others like it in the future. Please do better and refuse to align with Israel and its interests in the face of ongoing genocide of the Palestinian people.</p> <p>Thank you for your time, Sofia Aguilar</p>
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Agenda Item No. 9B Written Communication #9

From: [Sam Anzai](#)
To: [CMO](#); [MPClerk](#); [Wong, Thomas](#); [Yang, Elizabeth](#); [Sanchez, Jose](#); [Lo, Henry](#); [Ngo, Vinh T.](#)
Subject: Opposition to Agenda Item 9B – Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Yang’s Trip to Israel
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Dear Monterey Park City Council,

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Sincerely,
Sam Anzai

Agenda Item No. 9B Written Communication #10

From: [Lizeth Rizo](#)
To: [CMO](#); [MPClerk](#); [Wong, Thomas](#); [Yang, Elizabeth](#); [Sanchez, Jose](#); [Lo, Henry](#); [Ngo, Vinh T.](#)
Subject: Opposition to Agenda Item 9B – Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Yang’s Trip to Israel
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 11:53:14 PM

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Sincerely,

Lizeth Rizo

Agenda Item No. 9B Written Communication #11

From: chengu08@gmail.com
To: [CMO](#); [MPClerk](#); [Wong, Thomas](#); [Yang, Elizabeth](#); [Sanchez, Jose](#); [Lo, Henry](#); [Ngo, Vinh T.](#)
Subject: No trip to Israel!!
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 9:43:33 AM

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Sincerely,

Chen Gu

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Agenda Item No. 9B Written Communication #12

From: [Raina Coutin](#)
To: [City Clerk](#); [Wong, Thomas](#); [Yang, Elizabeth](#); [Sanchez, Jose](#); [Lo, Henry](#); [Ngo, Vinh T.](#)
Subject: City Council Meeting 6/18/25
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 3:59:22 PM

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Dear Members of the Monterey Park City Council,

I am writing as a concerned community member with family in Monterey Park to strongly condemn the audacity to even consider endorsing Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Yang in participating in her upcoming Jewish Federation-funded delegation to Israel, scheduled for July 20–27, 2025.

At a time when the State of Israel is actively engaged in what numerous human rights organizations and Jewish scholars have described as a genocide against Palestinians—while also escalating military confrontations with Iran—it is both morally and politically indefensible for any local leader to participate in a publicly sponsored trip that whitewashes these atrocities. Such a decision would contradict the values of our diverse community.

Last year, this city made a significant commitment to peace and human dignity by supporting a ceasefire resolution, which was brought forth through coalition work involving constituents and support from organizations like Jewish Voice for Peace. That resolution reflected the will of a large portion of our community—standing against violence, apartheid, and war profiteering.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, while presenting itself as a charitable organization grounded in tikkun olam (repairing the world), has consistently used its resources to advance Zionist objectives—objectives that are inherently tied to settler colonialism, systemic displacement, and violence. This is not just about foreign policy; it directly impacts us here at home. The growing ties between U.S. law enforcement and the Israeli military apparatus—through exchange programs and security trainings—fuel state violence in our own neighborhoods, especially against Black, brown, and immigrant communities.

It is especially painful to witness Mayor Pro Tem Yang, the daughter of Taiwanese immigrants and a woman who has spoken publicly about her family's journey and the value of public service, align herself with such a trip. According to her own website, Yang “has dedicated her life to public service” and “believes in empowering the next generation through education and civic engagement.” Yet how can civic engagement be nurtured when our leaders turn their backs on community consensus in exchange for political favors and international junkets?

This is not just poor optics—it is a gross mismanagement of city resources and leadership priorities. Accepting an all-expenses-paid trip underwritten by a political advocacy organization during an international crisis reflects a failure of ethical judgment and leadership.

We respectfully demand that Mayor Pro-Tem Elizabeth Yang apologize to the community for accepting any financial backing to engage with known genocide supporters. Likewise, it is best that the city councilmembers also issue an apology for the pain they've cause by even considering such an egregious form of betrayal.

Sincerely,
Raina Ramirez

Agenda Item No. 9B Written Communication #13

From: [Kimberly Phung](#)
To: [MPClerk](#)
Subject: Opposition to Agenda Item 9B – Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Yang’s Trip to Israel
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 10:47:45 AM

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Thanks,
Kimberly Phung

Agenda Item No. 9B Written Communication #14

From: [Leslie Yick](#)
To: [CMO](#); [MPClerk](#); [Wong, Thomas](#); [Yang, Elizabeth](#); [Sanchez, Jose](#); [Lo, Henry](#); [Ngo, Vinh T.](#)
Subject: Opposition to Agenda Item 9B – Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Yang’s Trip to Israel
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Sincerely,

Leslie Yick

Agenda Item No. 9B Written Communication #15

From: [Alberto](#)
To: [CMO](#); [MPClerk](#); [Wong, Thomas](#); [Yang, Elizabeth](#); [Sanchez, Jose](#); [Lo, Henry](#); [Ngo, Vinh T.](#)
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Sincerely,

Alberto Herrera

Agenda Item No. 9B Written Communication #16

From: [Lokyee Au](#)
To: [CMO](#); [MPClerk](#); [Wong, Thomas](#); [Yang, Elizabeth](#); [Sanchez, Jose](#); [Lo, Henry](#); vngo@montereypark.ca.gov
Subject: Opposition to Agenda Item 9B – Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Yang’s Trip to Israel
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At a time when our community is experiencing fear and instability due to increased ICE activity, this is not the moment for city officials to prioritize international travel - especially on an all expenses paid trip funded by the entity committing ethnic cleansing and genocide against the Palestinian people, as recognized by numerous human rights organizations, lawyers, and humanitarians.

As someone who grew up in Monterey Park, I am appalled that the Mayor Pro Tem would be wasting time on this international trip rather than serving the community. This trip should not have been scheduled in the first place, but the next best thing you can do is cancel it now.

Lokyee Au

Agenda Item No. 9B Written Communication #17

From: [Hannah Wong](#)
To: [CMO](#); [MPClerk](#); [Wong, Thomas](#); [Yang, Elizabeth](#); [Sanchez, Jose](#); [Lo, Henry](#); vngo@montereypark.ca.gov
Subject: Opposition to Agenda Item 9B – Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Yang’s Trip to Israel
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 12:29:30 PM

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Sincerely,
Hannah Wong

Agenda Item No. 9B Written Communication #18

From: [Richard](#)
To: [MPClerk](#)
Subject: Opposition to Agenda Item 9B – Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Yang’s Trip to Israel
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Richard Serrato

Agenda Item No. 9B Written Communication #19

From: [Rebecca](#)
To: [CMO](#); [MPClerk](#); [Wong, Thomas](#); [Yang, Elizabeth](#); [Sanchez, Jose](#); [Lo, Henry](#); [Ngo, Vinh T.](#)
Subject: Opposition to Agenda Item 9B – Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Yang’s Trip to Israel
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Sincerely,

Rebecca L

Agenda Item No. 9B Written Communication #20

From: [Andrea Villanueva](#)
To: [CMO](#); [MPClerk](#); [Wong, Thomas](#); [Yang, Elizabeth](#); [Sanchez, Jose](#); [Lo, Henry](#); [Ngo, Vinh T.](#)
Subject: Opposition to Agenda Item 9B – Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Yang’s Trip to Israel
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Sincerely,
Andrea Villanueva

Agenda Item No. 9B Written Communication #21

From: [Lisa Luu](#)
To: [CMO](#); [MPClerk](#); [Wong, Thomas](#); [Yang, Elizabeth](#); [Sanchez, Jose](#); [Lo, Henry](#); [Ngo, Vinh T.](#)
Subject: Opposition to Agenda Item 9B Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Yang's Trip to Israel
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As someone raised in Monterey Park and now raising her own family here, I hope to see my city be on the right side of history.

Sincerely,

Lisa

Lisa P. Luu, D.O.
luul17@gmail.com
(302)257-1285

Agenda Item No. 9B Written Communication #22

From: [alyx liu](#)
To: [CMO](#); [MPClerk](#); [Wong, Thomas](#); [Yang, Elizabeth](#); [Sanchez, Jose](#); [Lo, Henry](#); [Ngo, Vinh T.](#)
Subject: Opposition to Agenda Item 9B – Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Yang’s Trip to Israel
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Sincerely,
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Agenda Item No. 9B Written Communication #23

From: [Noreen Lue](#)
To: [CMO](#); [MPClerk](#); [Wong, Thomas](#); [Yang, Elizabeth](#); [Sanchez, Jose](#); [Lo, Henry](#); [Ngo, Vinh T.](#)
Subject: Opposition to Agenda Item 9B – Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Yang’s Trip to Israel
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Personally, as an international humanitarian aid worker and lifelong Monterey Park resident, I further implore you and the City Council to vote **NO on Item 9B** and instead reaffirm your commitment to peace, accountability, and the well-being of our residents. Stay with the people of Monterey Park. Stand up for our immigrant communities. Reject performative politics and put our community first.

Sincerely,
Noreen Lue, a resident of District 2

Agenda Item No. 9B Written Communication #24

From: [Vivian Tran](#)
To: [CMO](#); [MPClerk](#); [Wong, Thomas](#); [Yang, Elizabeth](#); [Sanchez, Jose](#); [Lo, Henry](#); [Ngo, Vinh T.](#)
Subject: No on Mayor's Israel trip
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 2:46:04 PM

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Dear Monterey Park City Council,

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Sincerely,
Vivian Tran

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Agenda Item No. 9B Written Communication #25

From: [Brenda Chi](#)
To: [CMO](#); [MPClerk](#); [Wong, Thomas](#); [Yang, Elizabeth](#); [Sanchez, Jose](#); [Lo, Henry](#); [Ngo, Vinh T.](#)
Subject: Please ensure that we prioritize our resources for our community here.
Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 12:25:15 AM

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Sincerely,
Brenda Chi

From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [MPClerk](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: City Council Written Communication
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 11:52:45 AM

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Written Communication	<p>I'm asking the council to delay or reject the ordinance listed in agenda item 9.E. This ordinance would change the zoning code to allow residential and mixed-use development wherever the General Plan Land Use Element permits it—without requiring rezoning, site-specific review, or updated environmental analysis. Adopting this ordinance opens the door to development in areas not currently zoned for it—like Saturn Park—without public transparency or formal process. Although Saturn Park isn't named in this item, it is clearly part of a broader strategy.</p> <p>In the staff report for February 19, 2025 (agenda item 3B), the city refers to work being done with a consultant to study development options for Saturn Park, including preparation of a specific plan focused on future mixed-use development. If there's no intent to rezone, why is public money being spent to plan for mixed-use? In the same staff report, the city proposed a "technical correction" to shift 160 RHNA units from Lincoln/Garvey to Saturn Park—without amending the Housing Element or holding a public hearing.</p> <p>It uses the term "technical correction," not amendment.</p> <p>It implies the RHNA units have already been reassigned, but there's no formal record showing this was submitted to HCD.</p> <p>It does not clarify whether this correction is an official Housing Element update or internal planning.</p> <p>On June 4, 2025 (agenda item 10A), the city held a public hearing and first reading of an ordinance (ZCA 25-02) to amend the municipal code and implement the General Plan by regulating mixed-use development. Agenda item 9E on June 18 continues that same policy direction.</p>

The city continues to separate related decisions across multiple meetings, using vague and technical language that makes it difficult for the public to understand what's really happening—just as it has with other city policies. I've asked about this issue in different ways at multiple meetings and still haven't received a clear answer. It is already on the record that a consultant was hired to study mixed-use development at Saturn Park. That's why I want this stated plainly and on the record: Is the city planning to rezone Saturn Park for mixed-use housing—now or in the future—through this ordinance, zoning updates, or any related planning process? If not, say so clearly, the public deserves an honest and transparent explanation.

I intend to file a complaint with HCD because these actions appear to bypass CEQA requirements and the Housing Element amendment process. They may also violate state transparency laws, including HCD's requirements for public disclosure and California's Brown Act, which calls for open and accessible decision-making. The way these decisions are being handled—piecemeal, across different meetings and without direct communication—points to a deliberate effort to avoid public scrutiny.

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