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Subject: Fwd: [Asian MN Alliance for Justice] Fwd: In Solidarity
Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021 11:22:19 AM
Attachments: [How to support Asian Americans at this time.pdf](#)

Hello,

In light of the recent events in Atlanta, I wanted to share some resources that have been developed for non-Asian community partner organizations. Thank you for standing in solidarity with us, and we look forward to continuing to support your amazing community work.

Thank you,
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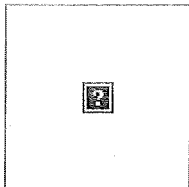
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Friends and comrades, as I'm sure you are aware, the news from Atlanta was quite devastating for our communities. Add on top of everything that's been happening and it's been quite clear that Asian Americans continue to feel targeted and attacked.

Here is [CAAL's statement](#) and here are some [talking points and actions](#) you and your organization can take right now. Please feel free to share broadly and feel free to reach out. Let's keep working to build deeper solidarity with each other.

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Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021 9:57:42 AM

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On Tue, Mar 16, 2021 at 10:43 AM Mark Kuzma

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From: [Vinicius Taguchi](#)
To: [Mark Kuzma](#)
Subject: Re: Next Ramsey City Council meeting
Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021 11:00:46 AM

Sounds great. And is it possible for community members to watch the meeting live? I am aware of the recordings made available through QCTV but not whether they appear live or after the fact.

Thanks,
Vini

On Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 10:02 AM Mark Kuzma <mkuzma@ci.ramsey.mn.us> wrote:
Mr. Taguchi,

No problem, I will send you links to our meeting and get you all set up, During our Citizen Input which is at the beginning of our meeting is when we will have on.

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On Mar 18, 2021, at 9:55 AM, Vinicius Taguchi
<president@tcjacl.org <<mailto:president@tcjacl.org>>> wrote:

Good morning Mayor Kuzma,

Sally and I will each be zooming in from our respective homes. We will not be together.

Thanks,
Vini

On Wed, Mar 17, 2021 at 9:10 PM Mark Kuzma
<mkuzma@ci.ramsey.mn.us <<mailto:mkuzma@ci.ramsey.mn.us>>> wrote:

Hello Mr. Taguchi,

Thank you for taking the time be available for our Council meeting, I will arrange and send you our link to connect on zoom. I appreciate very much that Ms. Sudo has agreed to speak, Ms. Howell needs to understand that her comparison was hurtful and her words did damage to us all. Will you be together when you introduce her? I will follow up to make sure you get everything you need to connect for our meeting.

Mark Kuzma
Mayor of Ramsey
(612) 965-3780

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 17, 2021, at 3:55 PM, Vinicius Taguchi
<president@tcjacl.org<mailto:president@tcjacl.org>> wrote:

Good afternoon Mayor Kuzma,

I just spoke with Sally Sudo, who is a highly respected elder in our community and a survivor of the American concentration camps of World War II. She has agreed to speak at your board meeting over Zoom. I can also be on hand to introduce her and answer any additional questions.

Please let me know if you need anything else in the meantime or when you have the logistical information for how Sally and I can join your meeting.

Have you heard anything from Councilmember Howell? At this point, I am wondering whether they will even be in attendance.

Thanks,

Vini

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On Tue, Mar 16, 2021 at 11:27 AM Vinicius Taguchi
<president@tcjacl.org<mailto:president@tcjacl.org>
<mailto:president@tcjacl.org<mailto:president@tcjacl.org>>> wrote:
Perfect. I will follow up after our meeting.

Thanks,

Vini

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On Tue, Mar 16, 2021 at 11:26 AM Mark Kuzma
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<mailto:mkuzma@ci.ramsey.mn.us<mailto:mkuzma@ci.ramsey.mn.us>>> wrote:
Mr. Taguchi,

We could work with you either way..

Mark Kuzma

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On Mar 16, 2021, at 11:23 AM, Vinicius Taguchi
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<mailto:president@tcjacl.org<mailto:president@tcjacl.org>>>> wrote:

Thank you Mayor Kuzma. And if someone were to speak, would it be necessary for them to be there in person, or is there the possibility of calling in by phone or over Zoom?

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On Tue, Mar 16, 2021 at 11:12 AM Mark Kuzma
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<mailto:mkuzma@ci.ramsey.mn.us<mailto:mkuzma@ci.ramsey.mn.us>>>> wrote:
Hello Mr. Taguchi,

Our next council meeting is on March 23rd at the Ramsey City Hall, Our meeting will start at 7:00 pm., The address to our city hall is 7550 Sunwood Drive, Ramsey MN 55303

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<mailto:president@tcjacl.org<mailto:president@tcjacl.org>>>> wrote:

Good morning Mayor Kuzma,

Thank you for your support and continued pressure on Councilmember Howell. I'm anxious to see how they will choose to respond. Our monthly board meeting will take place tonight, so I can bring up your invitation to the rest of the board. What is the date and time of your next council meeting?

Thanks,
Vini

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<mailto:mkuzma@ci.ramsey.mn.us<mailto:mkuzma@ci.ramsey.mn.us>>>> wrote:
Good morning Mr. Taguchi,

With the article in the Star Tribune yesterday the pressure is on Councilmember Howell to make a statement and hopefully apologize, I would like to invite you and any other representative's of the JACL to our next council meeting and you could make a statement if you like. I am working on a resolution to censure Mrs Howell but not sure that this will pass with our current council make up.

Mark Kuzma

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From: [Vinicius Taguchi](#)
To: [Mark Kuzma](#)
Subject: Re: Ramsey City Council meeting
Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 10:10:21 AM

Good morning Mayor Kuzma,

Yes, Ms. Sudo and I are all set. We're looking forward to speaking with you and your city council.

I will be making some brief remarks and then introducing Ms. Sudo, who has prepared a statement.

I am very interested to see how the council will respond and what they will do to rectify the situation (not only of Councilmember Howell's comments but of ignoring the mask mandate). Please continue to call on us as a resource whenever we can assist you and your work. We are grateful for your leadership in all of this.

Best,
Vini

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On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 9:09 AM Mark Kuzma <mkuzma@ci.ramsey.mn.us> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Taguchi,

Just checking in to make sure we are all set for tonight's meeting, I hope that Ms. Howell will heed the message that Ms. Sudo has to give and gives an apology not sure that will happen but my hope is that she does so we can start to heal our community.

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From: [Vinicius Taguchi](#)
To: [Mark Kuzma](#)
Subject: Re: Response to Remarks of Ramsey City Councilmember Chelsea Howell
Date: Friday, March 12, 2021 8:29:31 AM

Good morning Mayor Kuzma,

We appreciate you getting back to us so quickly. I will be available to take your call anytime between 10am and 2pm. My phone number is 919-345-0886.

Best,
Vinicius

On Thu, Mar 11, 2021 at 9:57 PM Mark Kuzma <mkuzma@ci.ramsey.mn.us> wrote:

Good evening Mr. Tahuchi,

I received your letter this evening and will reach out to you tomorrow, please send me your phone number so we can discuss.

Regards,
Mark Kuzma
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From: Vinicius Taguchi <president@tcjacl.org>
Date: March 11, 2021 at 5:50:49 PM CST
To: Chelsea Howell <CHowell@ci.ramsey.mn.us>
Cc: Mark Kuzma <mkuzma@ci.ramsey.mn.us>, chrapsky@kare11.com
Subject: Response to Remarks of Ramsey City Councilmember Chelsea Howell

Dear Ramsey City Councilmember Chelsea Howell,

I am contacting you on behalf of the Executive Board of the Twin Cities Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Please see our attached letter regarding your comments during the Tuesday, March 9th Ramsey City Council meeting. I have taken the liberty of CCing Ramsey Mayor Mark Kuzma and Kare11 Anchor Chris Hrapsky, who recently reported on this issue. We are awaiting your prompt response.

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From: [Vinicius Taguchi](#)
To: [Mark Kuzma](#)
Subject: Re: Zoom link for our Council meeting
Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021 12:25:41 PM

Will do. Thank you
-Vini

On Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 12:18 PM Mark Kuzma <mkuzma@ci.ramsey.mn.us> wrote:

Hello Mr. Taguchi,

Here is our zoom link for our upcoming council meeting remotely, Will you share this Ms. Sudo and get her set up?

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Feel free to share this address.

Mark Kuzma

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From: [Vinicius Taguchi](#)
To: [Chelsee Howell](#)
Cc: [Mark Kuzma](#); chrapsky@kare11.com
Subject: Response to Remarks of Ramsey City Councilmember Chelsea Howell
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 5:50:49 PM
Attachments: [Response to Remarks of Ramsey City Councilmember Chelsea Howell.pdf](#)

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From: [Mark Kuzma](#)
To: [Vinicius Taguchi](#)
Subject: Follow up
Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 2:35:36 PM

Hello Mr, Taguchi,

I just wanted to thank you and Ms. Sudo for speaking at our council meeting last night, I am afraid Ms. Howell's has much growing up to do... But I appreciated all of your comments, Please give my thanks to Ms. Sudo for me.

Mark Kuzma

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From: [Mark Kuzma](#)
To: [Vinicius Taguchi](#)
Subject: Ramsey City Council meeting
Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 9:09:39 AM

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Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021 11:10:42 AM

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Yes, We stream live on the QCTV website, Just need to go to the Ramsey area listed in look for the Council meeting for March 23rd, 7:00 pm.

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Sounds great. And is it possible for community members to watch the meeting live? I am aware of the recordings made available through QCTV but not whether they appear live or after the fact.

Thanks,
Vini

On Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 10:02 AM Mark Kuzma <mkuzma@ci.ramsey.mn.us> wrote:

Mr. Taguchi,

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Good morning Mayor Kuzma,

Sally and I will each be zooming in from our respective homes. We will not be together.

Thanks,

Vini

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<mkuzma@ci.ramsey.mn.us<<mailto:mkuzma@ci.ramsey.mn.us>>> wrote:

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Thank you for taking the time be available for our Council meeting, I will arrange and send you our link to connect on zoom. I appreciate very much that Ms. Sudo has agreed to speak, Ms. Howell needs to understand that her comparison was hurtful and her words did damage to us all. Will you be together when you introduce her? I will follow up to make sure you get everything you need to connect for our meeting.

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Sent from my iPhone

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I just spoke with Sally Sudo, who is a highly respected elder in our community and a survivor of the American concentration camps of World War II. She has agreed to speak at your board meeting over Zoom. I can also be on hand to introduce her and answer any additional questions. Please let me know if you need anything else in the meantime or when you have the logistical information for how Sally and I can join your meeting.

Have you heard anything from Councilmember Howell? At this point, I am wondering whether they will even be in attendance.

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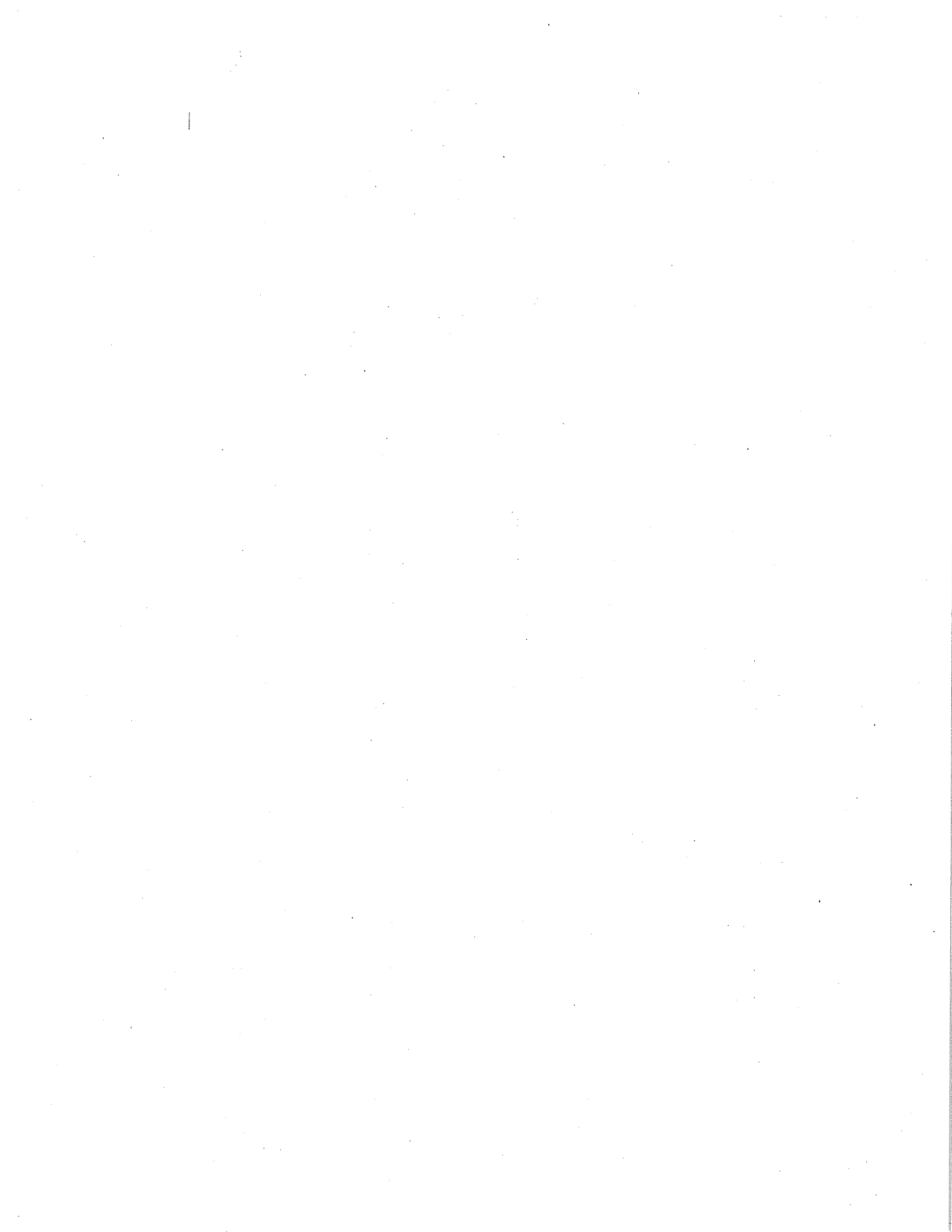
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