



## PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY – OCTOBER 2021

### I. Background

The City of Tempe works to offer opportunities for play, shaded spaces, and comfort in our neighborhood parks. Towards that effort, a 20'x20' picnic ramada, shade structure, full rubber surfacing for the playground and trees are scheduled for Alegre Park. If there is not a majority support, in the form of written or online responses, for the addition of a picnic ramada, the city will explore additional shade in the park.

### II. Outreach

Several bilingual methods were used to provide information to the public regarding the project, meeting and opportunities for input.

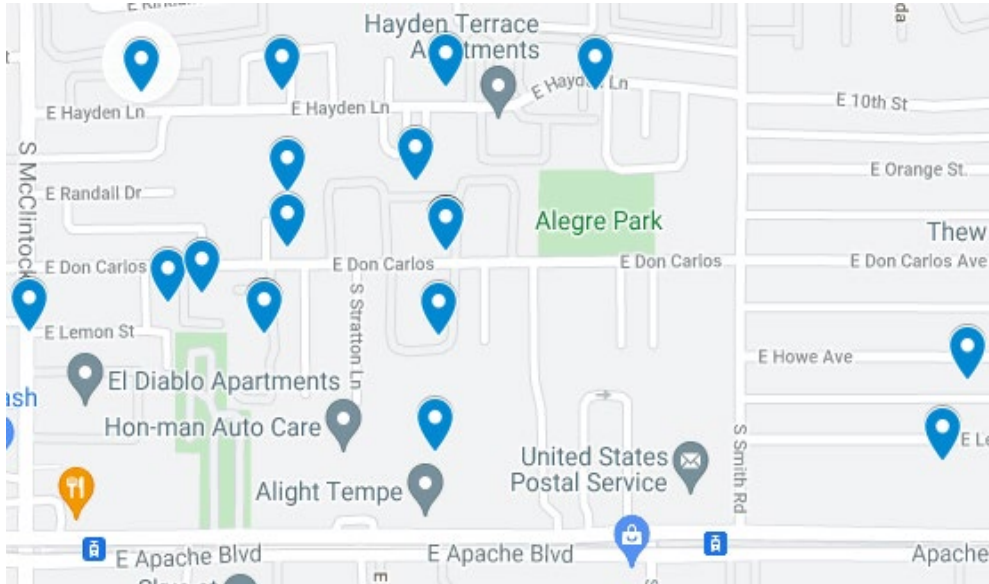
- Two direct mail postcards were sent to 1,702 households in the project area from University Dr. to Apache Blvd. and McClintock Drive to Smith Road, the first with meeting and survey information and the second as a reminder to provide comments.
- Notification email to neighborhood and homeowners' association contacts inviting them to attend the meeting or to comment online and share with their neighborhoods,
- Notification email to relevant Boards and Commissions inviting them to attend the meeting or to comment online.
- An open house was held on Sept. 27 at Alegre Park with approximately 5 attendees and a virtual public meeting was held on Sept. 30 with 3 attendees. A recording of the virtual meeting was made available online and viewed 9 times.
- The topic was posted on the project website for input from Sept. 27 through Oct. 14, 2021.
- Yard signs posted in heavily traversed park areas.

Below is a summary of digital outreach that provided information to the public regarding the meeting, project and opportunities for input:

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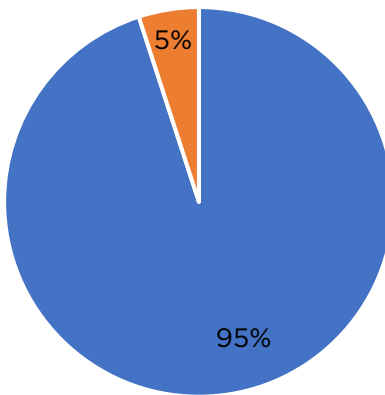
9/27 – public meeting. Impressions: 6  
9/29 – input reminder. Impressions: 77  
10/11/21 – input reminder. Impressions: 80  
10/14/21 – input reminder. Impressions: 101

### III. Survey Responses



Responses: 20

#### 1. Do you support the addition of a picnic ramada in Alegre Park?



■ Yes (19) ■ No (1)

Total responses: 20

## Why or Why Not?

### Yes Responses:

1. we need improvement, so many neighborhoods using the park who live in the the area but need walking way all round the field, we need at list one small basketball court, ....
2. For shaded meetings (family/community gatherings)
3. Shade - family gatherings, friends, bbq. Better in rain or for respite if too hot out - helpful park amenity.
4. Seems like a permanent shade structure would be a good addition to the park.
5. It would make it more enjoyable for families to come out to the park.
6. It will be a great place to hang out and enjoy the neighborhood I live in.
7. The park could use more shady spots
8. We need some place to sit at this park. The mature trees were lost in a storm so we need covered picnic tables for shade.
9. Great place for a family picnic
10. I think that a Ramada, especially during the summer would be a nice addition to allow the community to use the park during the warmer seasons
11. A shaded spot for gathering is much needed in the park.
12. This park has lost a lot of trees in the past few years due to bad storms, and a shade ramada would provide a place to sit while children play in the park.
13. More space for small gatherings/picnics/etc.
14. I encourage more shaded public locations.
15. There will be more places to sit at
16. It gets hot with no shade
17. The park needs LOVE! Even with Thew elementary and Escalante parks nearby this is still the most convenient for my family and I in walking distance comfortably and safely as well as for the new and returning ASU students.

### No Response:

1. We already have a problem with homeless people sleeping or taking drugs in the NW corner of the park. If we add a Ramada, my concern is that it will attract more transients to our small neighborhood. Tempe park ramadas seem to become trashed very easily, especially in parks like Alegre that do not have security.

2. If there is support from the neighborhood, Alegre Park will receive one 20'x20' picnic ramada. Please choose your favorite ramada location from the three options shown on the map:

Option A - On the west side of the park by the sidewalk near Don Carlos Avenue.

Option B - Near the playground by existing picnic area.

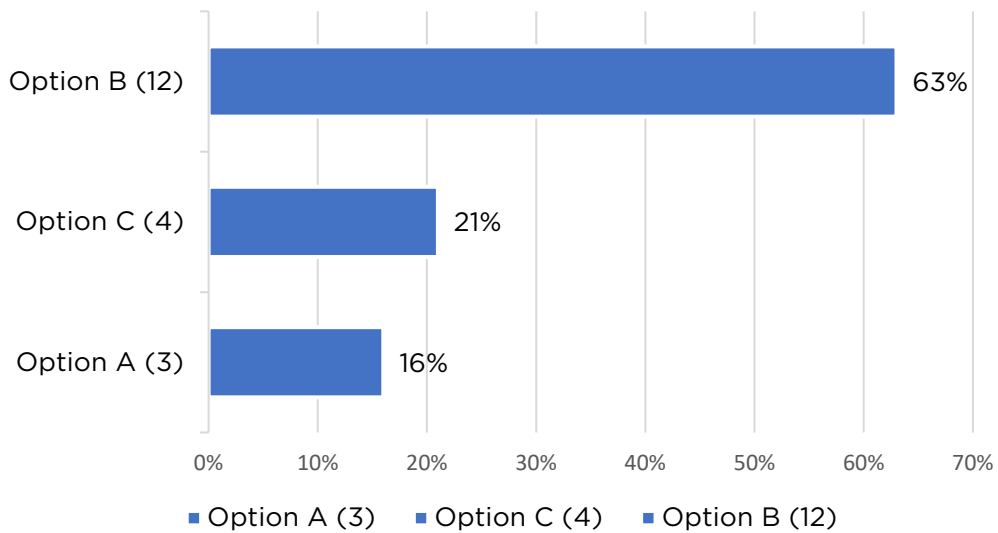
Option C - On the east side of the park by the sidewalk near Don Carlos Avenue.



RAMADA LOCATION OPTION A

RAMADA LOCATION OPTION B

RAMADA LOCATION OPTION C



Total responses: 19

3. The picnic ramada will have a metal hip roof. Which column material do you prefer?



METAL POST FINISH



SCORED CMU BLOCK FINISH

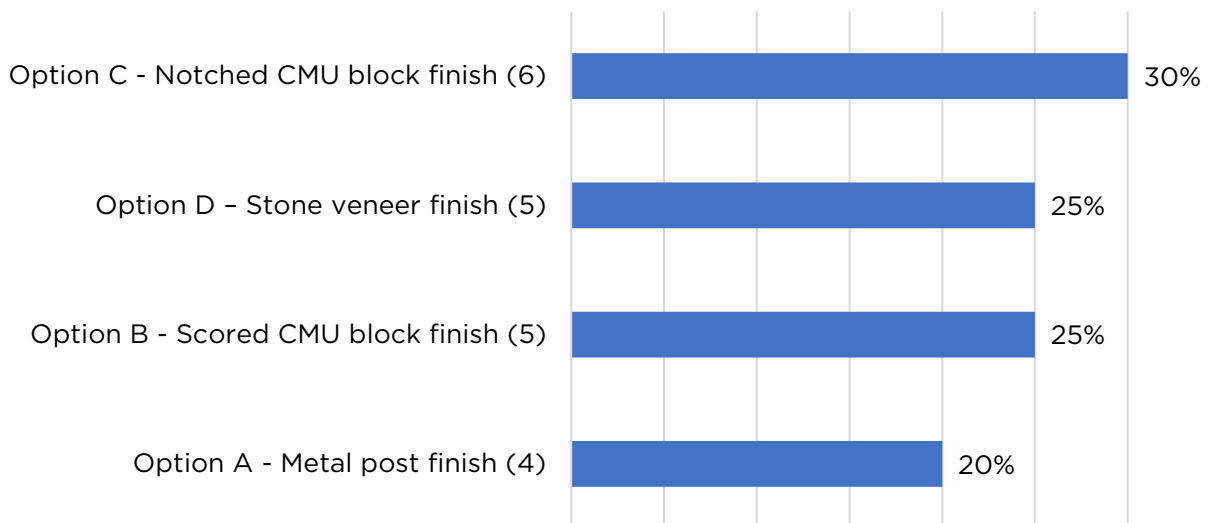


NOTCHED CMU BLOCK FINISH



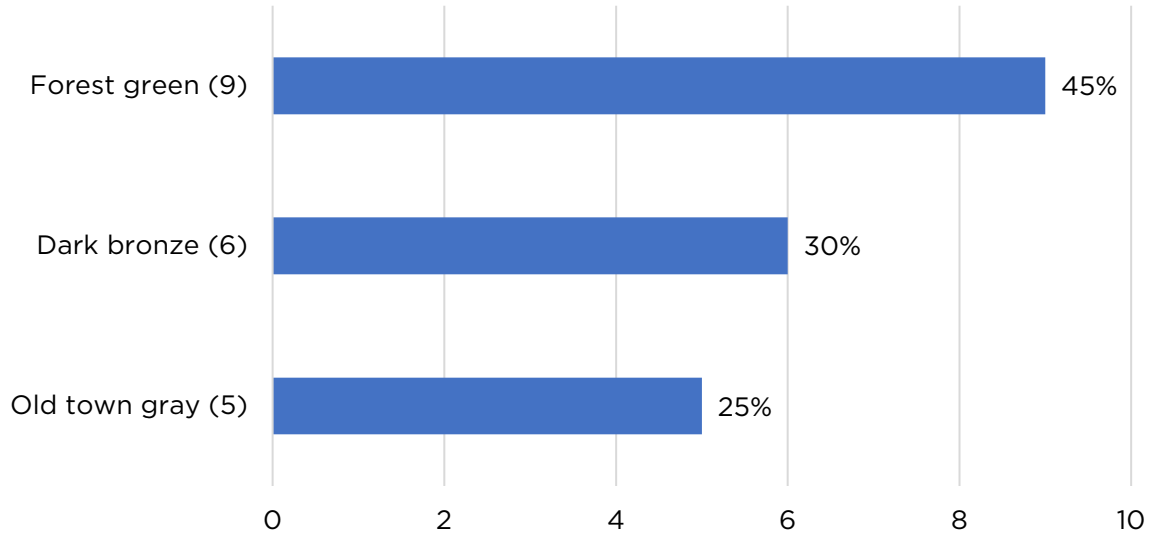
STONE VENEER FINISH

- Option A - Metal post finish
- Option B - Scored CMU block finish
- Option C - Notched CMU block finish
- Option D - Stone veneer finish



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4. Which color do you prefer for the ramada roof?

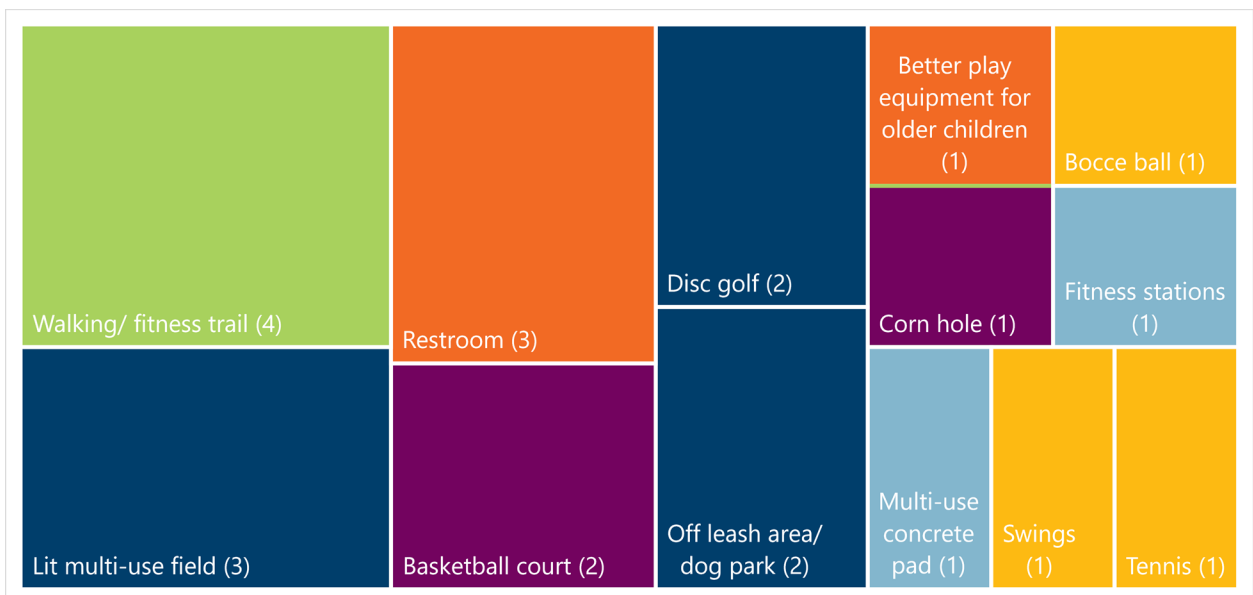


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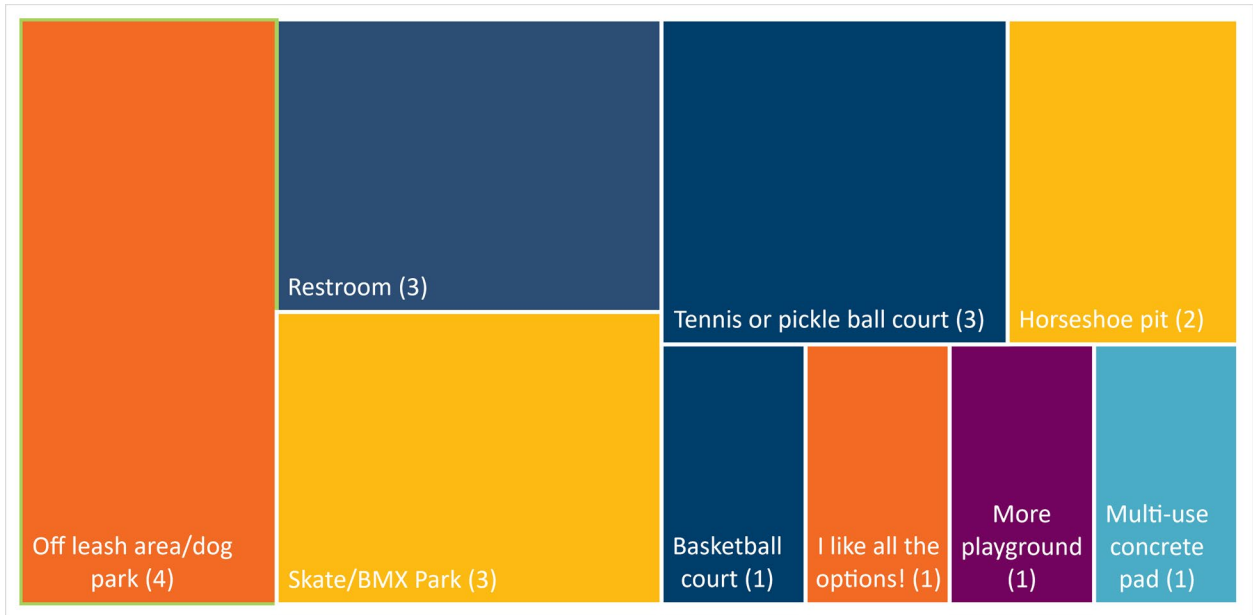
5. In the future, Alegre Park could be eligible for enhanced amenities which would increase the recreational value of a park. The number, type, and size of amenities will be determined by size of park, cost of amenity, and fit. Examples could include, *but are not limited to*:

- Off leash area (dog park)
- Skate or BMX park
- Sand volleyball court
- Bocce ball/corn hole
- Adventure/Parkour Course
- Horseshoe pit
- Disc golf
- Walking/fitness trail
- Fitness Stations
- Multi-use concrete pad
- Lit multi-use field
- Tennis Court
- Pickleball Court
- Restroom
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

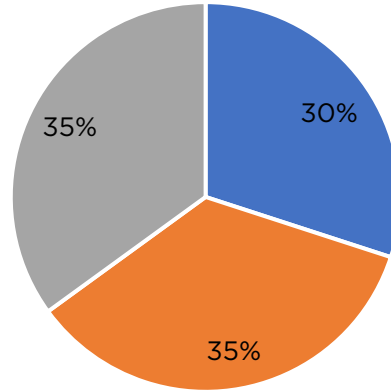
Please select the enhanced amenity you would most like to see in Alegre Park:



Please select the enhanced amenity you would least like to see in Alegre Park:



6. Currently your park sign states that the park is open from 6 a.m. to 12 a.m. Are you in favor of changing the posted park hours to 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.?

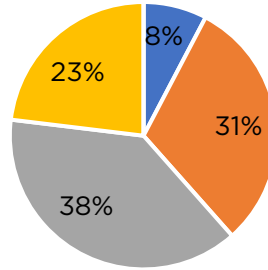


■ Yes (6) ■ No (7) ■ No Opinion (7)

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7. Our objective is to provide clean, safe, and friendly parks. Please rate how we are doing on a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 means very dissatisfied and 5 means very satisfied.

**Cleanliness of Alegre Park**



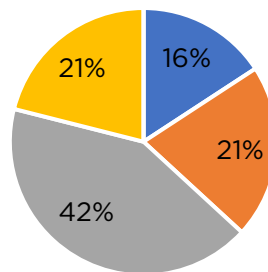
- Very Satisfied (1)
- Satisfied (4)
- No opinion/neutral (5)
- Dissatisfied (3)
- Very dissatisfied (0)

Total responses: 13

**Comments on cleanliness:**

1. people coming with dogs not pickup after dogs
2. On occasion, homeless camp items need to be removed quicker. We're very encouraged lately!
3. Well, if people would clean up after their dogs...
4. The park has a lot of litter and dog poop
5. I would just say there are a lot of dog people who don't pick up after their pets but as someone who is an original owner in Hayden cove and watched since 2004 I am excited to see this change and think the residents of the community will benefit greatly
6. many people do not pick up after the dog and there are landmines everywhere
7. Trash and mattresses often found in the park

**Safety of Alegre Park**



- Very Satisfied (3)
- Satisfied (4)
- No opinion/neutral (8)
- Dissatisfied (4)
- Very dissatisfied (0)

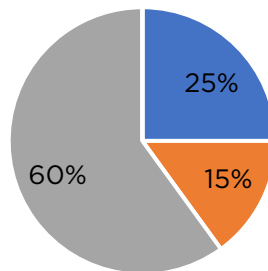
Total responses: 19



### Comments on safety:

1. More frequent security presence is needed. Leveling of the field for safe soccer will be great!
2. I don't feel unsafe but realize that there are a lot of people without homes so there are from time to time people resting but in general, yes, feel safe
3. Needs improved lighting
4. the back corners of the park are very dark, especially the northwest corner under the trees.. we often see people in the shadows urinating along the wall or doing drugs. Feels very unsafe at night.
5. People often jump the wall connected to my house and the park. They will use the corner behind my house to take drugs.

### Friendliness of the park staff



- Very Satisfied (5)
- Satisfied (3)
- No opinion/neutral (12)
- Dissatisfied (0)
- Very dissatisfied (0)

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### Comments on friendliness:

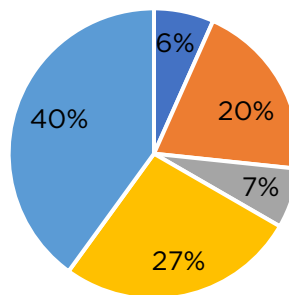
1. Awesome!
2. I've lived here and have two young kids and have interacted with staff, maybe once- he was servicing the park and was kind
3. staff are always kind when we see them!
4. I've never seen park staff.

### 8. Additional Comments

1. we need improvement, so many neighborhoods using the park who live in the the area but need walking way all round the field, we need at list one small basketball court, ...
2. Thank you to Dave, Craig, Elizabeth and all the other staff helping us with park improvements! It means a lot to us and will encourage all of our other efforts.
3. I would like to know how frequently are the playground surfaces cleaned?
4. Alegre residents also need access to the park from the North end of the park. Than way more families/residents can use the park without having to walk around the whole block.
5. Fitness but keep the community accessible to the community.. these amenities that serve the community and support health and a healthy environment

6. The park is already used as an off leash dog park so if it's not supposed to be then there should be some signs put up. It could also use more dog poop bag stations. Besides restrooms i think the next best thing for the park will be lighted field for multi use purposes.
7. One of the ways I see locals use the park the most is practicing in the soccer field. It would be nice to invest in that instead of the Ramada since that seems like it would benefit neighborhood kids the most. The field area is very uneven and there are no nets in the goal posts.
8. More shade, less cement.

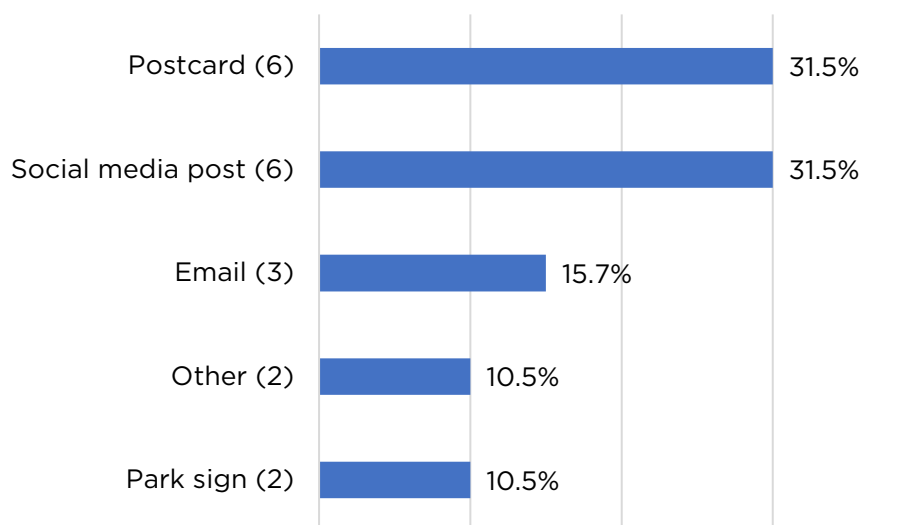
9. The following question is voluntary. If you choose to respond, please mark all that apply. Race/Ethnicity:



- American Indian/Alaskan Native (1)
- African American/Black (3)
- Asian/Pacific Islander (1)
- Hispanic/Latino (4)
- White (6)
- Other (0)

Total responses: 15

10. How did you find out about the Alegre Park project?



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