Payne-Phalen COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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October 1, 2025

Saint Paul City Council
Rebecca Noecker, President
15 Kellogg Blvd West, 310 City Hall
Saint Paul, MN 55102

VIA EMAIL

Re: Local Historic Designation of Hamm's Brewery Site

Dear Council President Noecker and Council Members,

On Tuesday, September 23, 2025, the Payne-Phalen Community Council heard a presentation from Ashley Bisner of JB Vang. The developer is applying for Local Historic Designation for the site. Plans for the site include both commercial and residential use. The designation would allow for use of Historic Tax Credits which will make the project more viable.

Following the discussion, the Payne-Phalen Community Council voted unanimously to support the application for Local Historic Designation for the Hamm's Brewery site.

As you know, PPCC has been a strong supporter of community-centered redevelopment of the Hamm's Brewery complex and we recognize that historic designation and preservation are critical components of this project.

Thank you for your consideration of our position in this matter. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Nelson

Rebecca Nelson
Board President

cc. CM Cheniqua Johnson, Ward 7
Jack Byers, Executive Director
Stephanie Harr, JB Vang
Ashley Bisner, JB Vang

From: Montana Scheff
To: #CI-StPaul_Council
Subject: Hamm"s Eastside Project
Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 1:35:25 PM

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Dear Members of the Saint Paul City Council,

My name is **Montana Scheff**, and I own and am restoring a historic home in the Cathedral Hill neighborhood of Saint Paul. I also own **Whittier**, a marketing firm located in Lowertown. As someone who both lives and works in Saint Paul, I want to add my voice in **strong support of the Hamm's Eastside Site redevelopment by JB Vang**.

In addition to my personal investment in the city, I have long been involved in preservation efforts as the **former Vice President of the Clarence H. Johnston Society** and a **former board member of the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota**. From that experience, I understand that while historic designation can sometimes be subjective, this project clearly meets the criteria. The Hamm's site is not only a vital part of Saint Paul's history, but also an essential piece of the East Side's cultural identity.

Recognizing this site with historic designation and the accompanying tax credits is crucial to preserving its legacy while supporting meaningful, community-focused growth. This redevelopment also promises significant community benefits—creating **green spaces, affordable housing, and renewed neighborhood vitality**.

I urge you to recognize and support the immense historical and community value of this project.

Sincerely,

Montana Scheff
Founder & Executive Creative Director
Whittier

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From: Jerome Richardson <officiallyjerome@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 3:33 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Council <Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Eastside Redevelopment statement

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Hello, my name is Jerome Richardson. I live in Saint Paul, Ward 2.

I'm contacting you to voice my strong support for the Hamm's Eastside Site redevelopment. This project is a crucial step for Saint Paul, offering new housing and community benefits. I believe that it will also serve to support existing businesses by helping provide new interest in the area. Please vote yes to progress and to historic designation. Please include these comments in the public record. I appreciate your consideration.

Thank you!

Jerome Richardson

From: Marc Byers
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: ** Hamm"s Redevelopment is a WIN for all **
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 12:48:58 PM
Attachments: image.png

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Dear St. Paul City Council,

I'm Marc Byers, a St. Paul resident, business owner, and member of Twin Cities YIMBY. We're volunteer housing advocates committed to ending our community's housing shortage, which causes displacement, segregation, high rents, and long commutes. We believe in creating abundant, affordable homes for everyone, which will reduce the racial wealth gap, displacement, and carbon emissions while improving access to jobs and schools.

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I urge you to vote yes on the historic designation to advance this well-thought-out project, bringing much-needed affordable housing, economic opportunities, and improved community spaces to Saint Paul. Please add my letter to the public record.

Thanks

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From: Tara @ REC
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Hamm"s Redevelopment
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 12:32:49 PM

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Dear St. Paul City Council,

I'm Tara Swedberg. I work with The Real Estate Collaborative. We believe in creating abundant, affordable homes for everyone, which will reduce the racial wealth gap, displacement, and carbon emissions while improving access to jobs and schools.

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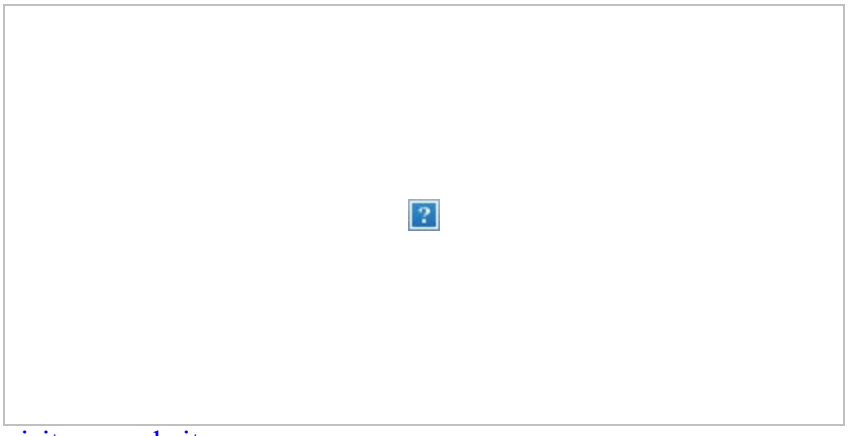
Thank you.
Tara Swedberg



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From: Mecca Bos
To: #CI-StPaul_Council
Subject: Hamm"s East Side Complex
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 12:31:39 PM

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Hi, this email is from Dominique Bos and Garrett Edstrom, currently residing at 769 Montana Ave. E., St. Paul.

I, along with my sister, mom, aunt, uncle, and grandparents are lifelong East St. Paul residents.

I'd like to share my support for the Hamm's Eastside Complex project.

The affordable housing units, proposed marketplace and gathering spaces, plus the improved access to Swede Hollow Park and the Bruce Vento Trail are fantastic for my friends and family.

I really like St. Paul Brewing, especially the wonderful outdoor patio in summer. I think having all of these things closeby is going to be a boost for the neighborhood's residents and visitors.

This project is a positive thing for our neighborhood. Please vote in favor of the designation that will advance this project, and add my comments to the public record.

Dominique Bos

From: Silver Moran-Stewart
To: CouncilHearing (CI-StPaul)
Subject: FW: Support for local historic designation - Historic Saint Paul
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 10:39:21 AM
Attachments: HSP Letter of Support - Hamm"s Brewery.docx
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Hello,

Please add the attached letter of support to public record.

Thanks,
Silver Moran-Stewart (she/her)
Executive Assistant
Office of Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson, Ward 7
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From: Kate Pearce <mskate878@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 9:13 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward1 <Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward3 <Ward3@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward5 <Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward6 <Ward6@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Support for local historic designation - Historic Saint Paul

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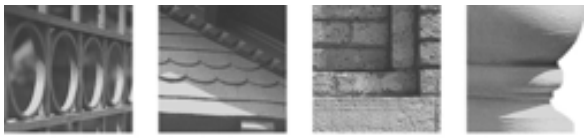
Dear CM Bowie, CM Noecker, CM Jost, CM Coleman, CM Kim, CM Yang, CM Johnson,

Please accept this letter of support for the local historic designation of the Hamm's Brewery complex.

Respectfully,
Kate Pearce,
on behalf of Historic Saint Paul



HISTORIC SAINT PAUL

October 20, 2025

Saint Paul City Council
15 W Kellogg Blvd
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Re: Local Historic Designation of the Hamm's Brewery complex

Dear Members of the Council,

On behalf of Historic Saint Paul, we are writing in support of local designation of the Hamm's Brewery as a historic district. Historic Saint Paul's mission is to preserve and promote the cultural heritage, character, and vitality of Saint Paul neighborhoods. Historic Designation of this property is an important way to preserve the cultural heritage of Saint Paul and the important role that Hamm's Brewery played in the history of Saint Paul, specifically the East Side of Saint Paul.

Since the properties were vacated by Stroh Brewery in 1997, many of these buildings have remained vacant and subject to decay and deterioration. As an organization, we support the tools of historic designation to preserve and rehabilitate historic properties, especially ones as significant as these.

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Minnesota State Review Board recommended the Theodore Hamm Brewing Company Historic District as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and a NRHP nomination is currently under review by the National Park Service (NPS). Based on the historic significance documented in the NRHP nomination, we believe that the property is likely to meet the City's Criteria for Designation as a local Heritage Preservation District.

We support the ongoing efforts of the city to ensure this development comes to fruition. And we want to emphasize our support for these current efforts to designate the property as a local historic district to ensure the remaining historic brewery buildings are preserved. We appreciate your acceptance of this letter of support from Historic Saint Paul for the Hamm's Brewery historic designation.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors, Historic Saint Paul

From: Taylor Hall
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Hamm"s Redevelopment is a WIN for all!
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 10:36:56 AM

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Dear St. Paul City Council,

I'm Taylor Hall, a **St. Paul resident, retail store owner, and local realtor**. A part of the real estate brokerage I work with (The Real Estate Collaborative), **is advocating to end our community's housing shortage,** which causes displacement, segregation, high rents, and long commutes. **We believe in creating abundant, affordable homes for everyone, which will reduce the racial wealth gap, displacement, and carbon emissions while improving access to jobs and schools.**

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Thank you,

Taylor Hall *(she/her)*
Owner | Evergreen Collective
Sustainability Made Simple
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From: C MCKINNEY
To: #CI-StPaul_Council
Subject: Hamm's Redevelopment Project
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 9:47:10 AM

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Hello St. Paul City Council,
As avid cyclists and fans of the Bruce Vento trail and St. Paul Brewing, we'd like to voice our support for the proposed Hamm's redevelopment project.
We are excited that this iconic site will be added to with affordable housing and retail that will benefit the neighborhood and people like us who enjoy biking (or driving) from our neighborhood to visit the cool stuff on the East Side.
We'd love to see you vote in favor of the historic designation to keep up the momentum for this project.

Thanks for taking our thoughts into consideration!
Sincerely,

Cate McKinney and Daniel Gerdts
Juno Ave, St. Paul

From: Paige @ REC
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: ** Hamm"s Redevelopment is a WIN for all **
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 9:23:01 AM

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Dear St. Paul City Council,

I'm Paige Manger Kahle, a St. Paul resident, business owner, and co-lead of Twin Cities YIMBY. We're volunteer housing advocates committed to ending our community's housing shortage, which causes displacement, segregation, high rents, and long commutes. We believe in creating abundant, affordable homes for everyone, which will reduce the racial wealth gap, displacement, and carbon emissions while improving access to jobs and schools.

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Thank you.
Paige Manger Kahle

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From: Galen Benshoof
To: CouncilHearing (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Hamm"s Eastside Site redevelopment support
Date: Monday, October 20, 2025 7:03:08 PM

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Dear Council Members,

Please continue to support the Hamm's Eastside Site redevelopment by JB Vang. This community-centered project will bring 196 much-needed new affordable housing units to the East Side, including family-friendly options and artist lofts. Historic designation and preservation are important elements of this redevelopment, and I urge your support of the site's Local Historic Designation application.

Thank you,

Galen Benshoof
1068 Laurel Ave

From: Jacob Hooper
To: CouncilHearing (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Support Hamm"s Redevelopment through Historic Designation
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 2:55:40 PM

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My name is Jacob Hooper, I am a Saint Paul resident at 811 Como Ave Apt 8. Please continue to support the Hamm's Eastside Site redevelopment by JB Vang. This community-centered project will bring 196 much-needed new affordable housing units to the East Side, including family-friendly options and artist lofts. Historic designation and preservation are important elements of this redevelopment, and I urge your support of the site's Local Historic Designation application. Thank you.

Jacob Hooper

From: Meghan Howard
To: #CI-StPaul_Council
Subject: YES to More Housing at the Hamms Redevelopment
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 3:23:14 PM

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Dear St. Paul City Council,

My name is Meghan Howard.

I live in St. Paul and am a member of Twin Cities YIMBY.

We are a group of volunteer housing advocates committed to ending our community's housing shortage, which causes displacement, segregation, high rents, and long commutes.

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Thank you ~ Meghan Howard

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From: Cheyenne Violet
To: #CI-StPaul_Council; CouncilHearing (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Support the Hamm"s Eastside Site Redevelopment
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 4:41:06 PM

Dear City Council,

My name is Cheyenne Violet. I am a resident of Ward 2. I am a sustainable urbanist and social equity advocate. I implore you to continue supporting the Hamm's Eastside Site redevelopment by JB Vang. This community-centered project will bring 196 much-needed new affordable housing units to the East Side, including family-friendly options and artist lofts. Historic designation and preservation are important elements of this redevelopment, and I urge your support of the site's Local Historic Designation application. Thank you.

Cheyenne Violet
She/Her/Hers
Downtown Revitalization Committee (SSP) Co-chair
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From: Melanie Buetow
To: #CI-StPaul_Council
Subject: Hamms Building Neighborhood support
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 4:49:30 PM

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Dear City Council,

I wanted to quickly throw my support behind the Hamm's Eastside Complex project. As a resident of the East Side, I've been following it, and I'm really excited about what JB Vang has laid out in the plans. We desperately need more housing, especially housing that working people can afford, and nearly 200 affordable units with underground parking is a huge win. They've clearly listened to the city and the community.

I'm also excited about the better access to places like Swede Hollow Park and the Bruce Vento Trail. w. This project will bring more life to the area, which will definitely serve to support the local business community, and make the area safer and more vibrant. As a fan of the existing businesses, I truly believe all can thrive together. The proposed marketplace and green spaces mean there are more options for those of us who live nearby to shop and gather.

Proceeding with the historic designation just simply makes sense, and it’s critical to advancing the project.
I applaud JB Vang for being so responsive to community concerns and making changes. I know the Dayton’s Bluff District Council, on which I serve, and Payne-Phalen District Councils have already voted to support this designation as well, and I'd like to think you're taking that into consideration.

This project is a big deal for the East Side, and I can't wait to see it finished!

Thank you,

Melanie Buetow, Daytons Bluff Resident

From: Kevin Gallatin
To: CouncilHearing (CI-StPaul)
Cc: Kevin Gallatin
Subject: Support for Hamm"s Eastside Site redevelopment
Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 9:48:19 AM

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Council President Noecker and council members,

I am a resident of the Highland Park neighborhood and a frequent visitor to the Hamm's complex, almost always by bike with friends. I'm excited for the preservation and redevelopment of this important piece of our history and what it means for the East Side in particular.

Please continue to support the Hamm’s Eastside Site redevelopment by JB Vang. This community-centered project will bring 196 much-needed new affordable housing units to the East Side, including family-friendly options and artist lofts. Historic designation and preservation are important elements of this redevelopment, and I urge your support of the site's Local Historic Designation application.

Thank you,
Kevin Gallatin
1822 Highland Parkway
Ward 3

Dayton's Bluff
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

October 2, 2025

Saint Paul City Council
15 Kellogg Boulevard West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Council President Noecker and Councilmembers,

On behalf of the Dayton's Bluff Community Council, please accept this letter with our support of local historic designation for the Hamm's Brewery Complex. During our regularly scheduled board meeting on September 15, 2025, the board heard a presentation about the local historic designation and voted unanimously in favor of supporting this historic designation.

As the community council where the proposed historic district is located, we fully support the redevelopment proposal from JB Vang, as the tentative developer of the HRA-owned property, and recognize the local historic designation is an important and necessary step in moving the project forward.

The redevelopment plan put forth by the developer JB Vang will help achieve several of the community's goals and priorities for this area, including the preservation and adaptive reuse of the historic buildings. The rehabilitation of these historic buildings is an investment that centers the needs and desires of the community and will serve it well into the future. Overall, the redevelopment plan has significant community support because of the future benefits it will bring to the neighborhood, including much needed affordable housing, commercial opportunities for small and emerging businesses, bike and pedestrian connections to parks and trail amenities, and both indoor and outdoor community gathering and event spaces.

Thank you for considering our support.

Dayton's Bluff
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Sincerly,

Eric Zidlicky
Board President, Dayton's Bluff Community Council

From: Benjamin Werner
To: CouncilHearing (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Hamm"s Historic Designation Comment
Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 4:23:17 PM

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Dear City Council,

My name is Ben Werner and I work in Saint Paul. I am sharing my support of the redevelopment of the Hamm's East Side Complex. It's a big win for the city and for the East Side. Please vote in favor of the historic designation so this project can advance and our community can benefit from all the opportunities it will bring. Thank you. Please add this letter to the public record.

Kind regards,
Ben Werner
(I live in Minneapolis, please let me know if you need my address)

From: Aaron Keniski
To: #CI-StPaul_Council
Subject: Hamm's Redevelopment is a Win for All
Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 4:32:14 PM

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Dear St. Paul City Council,

I'm Aaron Keniski, and I'm a member of Twin Cities YIMBY. We're volunteer housing advocates committed to ending our community's housing shortage, which causes displacement, segregation, high rents, and long commutes.

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Thank you,

Aaron

Sent from my iPhone

From: kathy wedemeyer
To: #CI-StPaul_Council
Subject: Hamm"s Eastside Complex
Date: Friday, October 24, 2025 9:47:24 AM

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To the Council,

My name is Kathy Wedemeyer, and I reside in the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood (Maple & 5th St E).

I offer my strong support for the proposed Hamm's Eastside Complex project. The planning, specifically the commitment to preserving the historic brewery buildings and incorporating genuine community input, is highly commendable.

I believe this project will have a significant positive impact on our community's future. I ask that you vote to approve all necessary components to advance the complex. This is a vital opportunity to strengthen our neighborhood, increase the availability of accessible housing, and enhance connectivity throughout Saint Paul.

These comments are submitted for public and council consideration.

kathy wedemeyer
651-387-2466

"Diversity is being invited to the party; inclusion is being asked to dance," Verna Myers

From: Matt Howard
To: #CI-StPaul_Council
Subject: Hamm's Redevelopment is a Win for All
Date: Thursday, October 23, 2025 10:54:41 PM

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Dear St. Paul City Council,

My name is Matt Howard and I'm a supporter of Twin Cities YIMBY. We're volunteer housing advocates committed to ending our community's housing shortage, which causes displacement, segregation, high rents, and long commutes.
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Thank you,

Matt Howard

From: Jorge Sosa
To: #CI-StPaul_Council; CouncilHearing (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Hamm"s Brewery proposal
Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025 11:00:05 PM

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Greetings,

I am Jorge Sosa and I live at 296 Bates Avenue, Apt. 9.

I am writing to voice my emphatic support for designating the Hamm's Eastside Complex project as a Heritage Preservation Site.

As a member of the Dayton's Bluff Community Council, I voted in support of JB Vang's requested rezoning of the property from an industrial use to a mixed use.

I'm now writing to you as a private citizen because I believe in JB Vang's vision for the Hamm's Brewery site and am certain it'd be a tremendous asset to our community.

At the heart of this project is the planned creation of much-needed quality affordable housing. As both a renter and someone who's reminded of our city's struggle with homelessness and housing insecurity every day, I am keenly aware of the need for this essential resource.

I also believe the proposed commercial marketplace will be a fantastic economic driver for our neighborhood. I took a road trip this summer to Milwaukee and was impressed by their thriving downtown Public Market. I can easily envision the proposed Hamm's marketplace similarly fostering local businesses, serving as a gathering place for East Siders, and becoming a destination for folks from around the Twin Cities.

I am grateful for your support of this project so far and respectfully ask you to vote in favor of the historic designation, which will help bring this project closer to fruition. Please feel free to add my comments to the public record.

Regards,
Jorge
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