



BELOW IS WHAT WAS VOTED ON AND PASSED BY THE DELEGATION:

(Deletions are marked with a strikethrough and additions are in a red font and underlined.)

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