

# SUPERVISOR CARMEN CHU

District 4 • Sunset • Parkside

April 2010

## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR: Tax Credits Available for Working Families

With the deadline for filing taxes approaching on April 15th, I wanted to make sure that families are aware of an opportunity for low-income families to keep more of what they earn.



### Federal Tax Credit

Through the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), eligible families can receive a tax credit of up to \$5,657. You can apply for the tax credit when you file your federal income taxes. This tax season, there are new rules that allow families with 3 or more qualifying children to earn slightly more income and claim a higher credit amount than families with 2 or fewer children. To be eligible for the EITC, your household income must be less than the amount listed below:

- SINGLE: With 3 or more qualifying children (\$43,279); With 2 qualifying children (\$40,295); With 1 qualifying child (\$35,463); With no qualifying child (\$13,440)
- MARRIED FILING JOINTLY: With 3 or more qualifying children (\$48,279); With 2 qualifying children (\$45,295); With 1 qualifying child (\$40,463); With no qualifying child (\$18,440)

There are a number of free tax preparation sites throughout the city for families with an income of less than \$52,000. Sunset District residents can access free help at the following locations:

- Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center (3925 Noriega Street @ 46<sup>th</sup> Ave)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church (1398 – 19<sup>th</sup> Ave)
- San Francisco State University (1600 Holloway Ave @ Room T-J, T-H)

For hours of operation, call 1-800-358-8832 or simply dial 2-1-1

### Local Tax Credit

In addition to the Earned Income Tax Credit, eligible low-income families can also receive a local San Francisco Working Families Credit up to \$125 if they use direct deposit. You are eligible for a Working Families Credit if you meet all of the five criteria below:

1. You earned less than \$48,300 in 2009
2. You claim and qualify for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit
3. You are claiming at least one qualifying dependent child on your federal tax filing who is either: A) under age 19; B) under age 24 and a full-time student; or C) permanently and totally disabled
4. You live in San Francisco
5. You have filed taxes by the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

If you would like additional information about the Earned Income Tax Credit, Working Families Credit or other programs for low-income families, please visit: [www.workingfamiliescredit.org](http://www.workingfamiliescredit.org). You can also always contact our office at (415) 554-7460 or [chustaff@sfgov.org](mailto:chustaff@sfgov.org).

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Planning Department has scheduled the hearing for the Medicinal Cannabis Dispensary proposed for 2139 Taraval Street at the Planning Commission for Thursday, May 20, 2010. The Planning Commission meeting begins at 1:30 pm, in room 400 at City Hall.

Please note that the meeting begins at 1:30 pm, but the discussion and action to be taken on this item may not begin until later in the meeting. The date and agenda for the hearing is subject to change. Please contact our office to confirm the meeting information as the hearing date approaches, or if you have any questions or concerns about the project. Call us at (415) 554-7460 or email us at [chustaff@sfgov.org](mailto:chustaff@sfgov.org).

## SUNDAY STREETS RETURNS TO THE GREAT HIGHWAY: APRIL 11 (10am – 3pm)

In honor of World Health Day, 1000 cities will be participating in a variation of San Francisco's own Sunday Streets. All over the world millions of people will be celebrating with simultaneous car-free events, and here in San Francisco it's all happening at the Great Highway. Skate, bike, hula hoop, or simply walk along the route from Golden Gate Park to the Zoo. It's a great opportunity for folks of all ages to enjoy open space in a whole new way.



Sunday Streets is looking for volunteers! Visit [www.sundaystreetsf.com](http://www.sundaystreetsf.com) for more information.

Volunteers who work a 2-3 hour shift will receive a snazzy new Sunday Streets t-shirt, a delicious lunch and reusable bag filled with goodies. Other incentives include a beautiful Sunday Streets zip-up hoodie (for volunteers working 5+ shifts in 2010) and invitation to Volunteer Appreciation events - the first one of 2010 will take place following the Bayview/3rd St Sunday Streets on April 18 - more details are coming soon!

### GET THE LATEST FROM SUPERVISOR CHU

Follow Supervisor Chu on Twitter and Facebook:



Supervisor Chu is on Twitter, as **SupervisorChu**. Follow her for District updates.

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Look for **Carmen Chu** on Facebook!

## CELEBRATING ST. PATRICK'S DAY & SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH CORK, IRELAND



Supervisor Chu with former Senator John Burton & parade Grand Marshal



Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on May 13<sup>th</sup>



Supervisor Chu with Peggy Mylett of the San Francisco United Irish Cultural Center



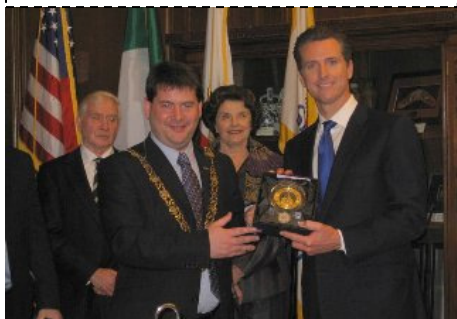
Dancers from the Whelan School of Irish Dance at City Hall after the flag raising ceremony



Supervisor Chu with Senator Dianne Feinstein at the Cork sister city celebration at City Hall on April 2



Supervisor Chu gets a ride from Gaetano Caltagirone at the St. Patrick's Day Parade



Lord Mayor of Cork with Mayor Gavin Newsom, Senator Dianne Feinstein, and Diarmuid Philpott

## GREENING THE SUNSET



Supervisor Chu and Friends of the Urban Forest (FUF) at Tree Care Day in the Sunset District on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. This volunteer event was to care for the trees planted in July 2008.



## REMEMBER, MAY IS **SUNSET MONTH** AT FRIENDS OF THE URBAN FOREST!

Don't forget that the Friends of the Urban Forest is devoting the entire month of May to projects in the Sunset District. For one month, every department of the organization will be working to promote greening in the district by identifying neighbors who want to plant trees in front of their residences, dispatching their "tree care" team to care for many of the nearly 4,000 trees that FUF has already planted in the Sunset over the years, and conducting their youth programming in the neighborhood. If you are interested in getting a tree in front of your residence during "Sunset Month" at FUF, the package is \$75 per tree and includes: the cutting and removal of concrete, city permitting, an arborist recommendation for species selection, the tree itself, the planting, all related arbor ties and stakes, as well as 18-months of arborist led tree-care. The cost of purchasing a tree or removing pavement often far exceeds this program price alone. If you want to participate in a May planting, fill out the two forms located on [www.fuf.net](http://www.fuf.net) or contact [greg@fuf.net](mailto:greg@fuf.net) by the beginning of April.

## SUPERVISOR CHU INTRODUCES GREEN LANDSCAPING ORDINANCE

Supervisor Chu introduced legislation at the Board of Supervisors in December 2009 to change portions of the City's Planning Code to increase tree coverage in our city, and increase the amount of permeable surfaces in front yards and parking lots. This legislation will help our City to reduce runoff and have less stormwater running off parking lots, reduce the burden off of our sewer system, improve streetscape aesthetic, and increase watershed function. The legislation has received the support from a wide range of community stakeholders, including SF Garage, the Residential Builders Association, PlantSF, Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA), as well as leading planners and designers in the City. The legislation is currently in Land Use Committee will be voted on by the full Board of Supervisors on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

## TARAVAL MERCHANTS PARTICIPATE IN SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

Each year, the San Francisco Office of Small Business hosts "Small Business Week," an opportunity to celebrate our small, local businesses in San Francisco – and in the Sunset District! This year, Small Business Week will take place from **May 15 – 22**.

Taraval will be hosting a *sidewalk sale and art walk* on Saturday, **May 15<sup>th</sup>** from approximately **10:00 am – 4:00 pm**. All merchants from 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue are invited to participate in the sidewalk sale by displaying merchandise outside their storefronts on the sidewalk, offering specials and deals, or by hosting their own events. Local artists and community organizations will be showcasing their work and programs around 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Ave of Taraval Street.



If you have any questions, would like to participate, or want to volunteer for this event, please contact Taraval Commercial Corridor Manager: Ashley Summers at 889-7984.

Along with the sidewalk sale and art walk, there will be a “**Taraval’s Got Talent**” show at **Sunset Movement Arts** (1647 Taraval St.) on **May 15<sup>th</sup>** that will showcase young talent on Taraval Street. There will be “local celebrity” guest judges, fun activities, and artwork from Cherry Art Studio as well as Lincoln High School students.

***Please come out on May 15<sup>th</sup> to Taraval Street to support your local merchants, local artists, and talented youth in their efforts to continue making Taraval a great place for the community to shop, gather, and enjoy their neighborhood!***

As part of Small Business Week activities, the Taraval Parkside Merchant Association (TPMA) will have a table at *Flavors of San Francisco* Monday, **May 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00 p.m.** at the Metreon’s Cityview Room. Larry O’Doyle from Parkside Tavern will be serving up some tasty tidbits from his restaurant, **Parkside Tavern** (1940 Taraval St.) alongside the TPMA to showcase what Taraval has to offer.

The TPMA will also be hosting its first “quarterly mixer” meeting in place of their regular meeting next month. Feel free to stop by and meet some of your local merchants or find out more about what the TPMA does. If you are a merchant, this is a great time to come and “try on” the TPMA to see if it is something for you! Join us, **Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** at the Taraval Police Station Community Room.

Merchants on other business corridors, such as Irving, Noriega and Judah Streets, also have the opportunity to organize their own activities for Small Business Week. Please contact our office for more information on how to participate.

## 2010-2011 FIRST 5 SF PARENT ACTION GRANTS

There are two types of grant applications. The Starter Grant is intended for parent groups supported by agencies (community based organizations, preschools, elementary school kindergarten classrooms, church groups, etc.) for parents with children ages 0 to 5. The Starter Grant is a pre-cursor to the First Year Grants, which are intended to build agency staff capacity on parent engagement by facilitating a group of parents to design and implement their own projects and is intended for parent groups with or without agency support. Parents are expected to take on more responsibilities on their own to design and implement the projects Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend Q&A sessions Find all details in the Information/Application packet. Due Date: **June 10, 2010, 5:00 pm.** To download the applications: [www.first5sf.org](http://www.first5sf.org). Questions: Elaine Wang at 415 554-8966 or [ewang@first5sf.org](mailto:ewang@first5sf.org).



## 2010 CENSUS

The U.S. Census Bureau recently announced that 54 percent of the nation's estimated 134 million households have mailed back their census forms. While April 1 is officially designated as Census Day, the Census Bureau will continue to accept 2010 Census questionnaires by mail through mid-April. Beginning May 1, census workers will begin going door to door to households that failed to mail back their forms -- a massive operation that costs taxpayers an average of \$57 per household versus the 42 cents it takes to get a response back by mail.

Conducting the census is a huge undertaking. Hundreds of thousands of census takers are needed nationwide to help locate households and conduct brief personal interviews with residents. For more information on Census jobs, visit [www.2010.census.gov](http://www.2010.census.gov)

## MERCHANT SPOTLIGHT: THE DOGGIE BATH-O-MATT

3928 Irving Street between 40<sup>th</sup> & 41st Ave  
(415) 661-6950  
[www.bathomatt.com](http://www.bathomatt.com)



With Ocean Beach, Lands End, Fort Funston and Stern Grove bordering our District, dog lovers in the Sunset are blessed with lots of opportunities for fun with their pets. But after an energetic romp at the beach, do you really want to bring home a drenched and dirty pup? No! You take your pooch to the Doggie Bath-O-Matt, conveniently located right near Golden Gate Park on Irving Street. From professional grooming treatments to do-it-yourself hose-downs, the Doggie Bath-O-Matt has been keeping Sunset District dogs clean for more almost **25 years!**

Washing and grooming dogs for a living can be a dirty business. “I probably have 10 pounds of dog hair in my lungs”, says proprietor Matt Ceragioli, but he enjoys it. When asked to pick a favorite breed, Matt says he likes them all, but is slightly partial to huskies. Having grown up in the Sunset District attending St. Anne’s and St. Ignatius, Matt enjoys working in the neighborhood and being close to the park.

The Doggie Bath-O-Matt is open Tuesday through Saturday from 8:30 to 4:30 and starting April 11 (just in time for Sunday Streets!) will be open for self-serve dog wash from 11 am – 4 pm. It’s the only self serve dog wash in the Sunset. People love being able to wash their dogs in the big tubs at the Bath-O-Matt, and letting their dog shake off the water there instead of at home. As Matt says, “leave the mess here and I clean it up.”

### NEW BANK FOR THE SUNSET



On March 20<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Chu participated in the opening of a new Wells Fargo branch on Noriega and 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave. A wide range of local leaders and community members joined in the celebration, including Senator Leland Yee, Treasurer Jose Cisneros, Assessor-Recorder Phil Ting, merchants from throughout the district, and local school representatives. Wells Fargo presented donations to Lawton Alternative School, AP Giannini Middle School, Robert Louis Stevenson Elementary School, and the Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center. We thank Wells Fargo for supporting our local schools and community organizations.

## DOGGIE DINER FOUNDER PASSES

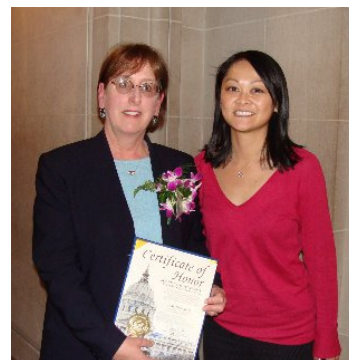


Al Ross, founder of the Doggie Diner chain, passed away at his home in Palm Springs at the age of 94. At its peak, there were 26 Doggies in the Bay Area, including 13 in San Francisco. Although the last of the Doggie Diners closed years ago, many people still reminisce about the DD's hotdogs, burgers and chili. The last of the fixed dachshund chefs watches over the Sunset District from high atop his pole on Sloat Blvd., but there are sightings of three Doggies on a flat bed truck at various events (look for them at Sunday Streets!). And while Mr. Ross has passed on to the great diner in the sky, you can pay tribute to him with Supervisor Chu at the Department of Public Works (DPW) Doggie Diner party every Valentines Day.

## SUPERVISOR CHU HONORS SUNSET DISTRICT HISTORIAN FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH: **LORRI UNGARETTI**

The Board of Supervisors celebrated Women's History Month with this year's theme: "Writing Women Back into History." To go along with that theme, Supervisor Chu selected Lorri Ungaretti, author of "San Francisco's Sunset District" as the honoree from District 4 and as someone who has literally written the Sunset District into San Francisco history.

Lorri grew up in the Sunset District, graduated from Lincoln High School, and has always been fascinated by the former "Outside Lands." She has written several historical articles about the west side of the City for different publications, as well as the two books for Images of America on the Sunset and Richmond Districts.



Here are some of the interesting facts we learned about the Sunset District through Lorri's book:

- people used to swim and boat on Mud Lake, otherwise known as Pine Lake, and cows used to roam the area;
- the Trocadero roadhouse in Stern Grove was the location for a hide-out during the graft trials of city officials in 1906;
- rabbits were hunted in the Parkside;
- there used to be a streetcar line running along Sloat Boulevard to the beach and that it was the longest streetcar line within city limits at the time; and
- there was a time when people began buying discarded streetcars, which cost \$10-\$20, rented inexpensive land out by the beach, put the cars on the sand without wheels and turned the cars into beach houses and permanent homes – resulting in "Carville."

Lorri is currently working on another book about the Sunset District and is looking for input, documents and photographs from longtime residents. This new book will describe more of the area's history and people up to about 1965. She plans to include stories and observations from former residents.

If you have interesting stories or memories about living in the Sunset-Parkside area, please share them with her, and you might end up quoted in the book! Send an email to Lorri Ungaretti at [lorrisf@comcast.net](mailto:lorrisf@comcast.net) or mail a note to her at PO Box 640076, San Francisco, CA 94164. You can also visit [www.lorriungaretti.com](http://www.lorriungaretti.com).

If you'd like to learn more about the history of the west side of San Francisco, Lorri also leads free walking tours of the Inner Sunset and Stern Grove through City Guides. Find out more information at <http://sfcityguides.org>

**Find Summer Resources:** At the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Resource Fair on March 6, over 200 Exhibitors displayed creative summer activity ideas to more than 1500 families. If you were not able to make it to the Fair, find information on camps, classes, and other great summertime fun—including free and low-cost camp options—at [www.sfkids.org](http://www.sfkids.org) San Francisco Official Family Resource Guide.

## Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center 2010 Summer Program Guide

### Sunset Beacon Center

#### 日落區培根中心

3925 Noriega St, San Francisco, CA 94122

Program Dates 課程日期: 6/14 – 7/16

Ages 學生年級: 2<sup>nd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Program Location 授課地點: TBD 待定

Fees 收費: Free 免費

Website網址: [www.snbc.org](http://www.snbc.org)

Contact 查詢: 1-415-759-3690

### West Sunset Rec Connect

3223 Ortega at 39<sup>th</sup> Ave, San Francisco, CA

Program Dates 課程日期: 6/14 – 8/6

Ages 學生年級: 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Fees 收費: Free 免費

Website網址: [www.snbc.org](http://www.snbc.org)

Contact 查詢: 1-415-694-3624

### Community Youth Center 社區青年中心

Program Dates 課程日期: 6/14 -7/23

Ages 學生年齡: 6 – 11

Program Location 授課地點:

Francis Scott Key Elementary School

1530 43rd Avenue San Francisco, CA

Fees 收費: \$500

Website網址: [www.cycsf.org](http://www.cycsf.org)

Contact 查詢: 1-415-775-2636

### San Francisco Unified School District

三藩市聯合校區

Program Dates 課程日期: 6/14 -7/23

Ages 學生年齡: Special Education students Pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade 特殊教育學生

Program Location 授課地點: Various Locations

Fees 收費: Free 免費

Website網址: [www.sfusd.edu](http://www.sfusd.edu)

Contact 查詢: 1-415-379-7753

### San Francisco Recreation and Parks

三藩市康樂和公園局

Program Dates 日期: 6/7 – 8/14

Ages 學生年級: 1<sup>st</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Fees 收費: Depend on programs視課程而定

Website網址: [www.sfreconline.org](http://www.sfreconline.org)

Contact 查詢: 1-415-831-6800

### Sunset Church 日落區華人浸信會

3638 Lawton St, San Francisco, CA 94122

Program Dates 課程日期: 6/21 – 7/30

Ages 學生年級: 1<sup>st</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Fees 收費: \$115-\$125/ Week

Website網址: [home.sunsetchurchsf.org](http://home.sunsetchurchsf.org)

Contact 查詢: 1-415-665-5500

### Growth & Learning Opportunities

Program Dates 課程日期: 6/14 – 7/23

Ages 學生年級: K – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Program Location 授課地點: West Portal

Elementary, 5 Lenox Way, San Francisco, CA

Fees 收費: \$230/Week

Website網址: [www.gloinc.org/summer](http://www.gloinc.org/summer)

Contact 查詢: 1-415-753-1113

### Everyday Magic @ Lakeshore Elementary School

220 Middlefield Drive, San Francisco, CA 94132

Program Dates 課程日期: 6/14 – 8/13

Ages 學生年級: K -8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Fees 收費: \$220/Week

Website網址: [www.everyday-magic.org](http://www.everyday-magic.org)

Contact 查詢: 1-415-681-9168

### Stonestown Family YMCA 男青年會

333 Eucalyptus Drive, San Francisco, CA 94132

Program Dates 課程日期: 6/21 – 7/30

Ages 學生年級: 1<sup>st</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Fees 收費: Depend on programs視課程而定

Website網址: [www.ymcasf.org/stonestown](http://www.ymcasf.org/stonestown)

Contact 查詢: 1-415-242-7101

### San Francisco Zoo 三藩市動物園

Sloat Blvd & 47 Ave, San Francisco

Program Dates 日期: 6/7 – 8/13

Ages 學生年級: K – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Fees 收費: Depend on programs視課程而定

Website網址: [www.sfzoo.org](http://www.sfzoo.org)

Contact 查詢: 1-415-753-8135



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Saturday, April 3**

Spring EGGSTRAVAGANZA  
At Stern Grove  
11 am to 3 pm  
Egg hunts, jumpy houses, games, rides  
And a rib cook-off!  
[www.parks.sfgov.org](http://www.parks.sfgov.org)

### **Thursday, April 8**

BART Community Meeting  
BART Earthquake Safety Program  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
UICC St. Patrick's Room 2700 45th Ave.

### **Saturday, April 10**

LaPlaya Park Work Party  
9:30am – 12:00pm  
1396 La Playa St., San Francisco, CA  
Meet in front of Java Beach Café. Bring gloves, hand garden tools, rakes, shovels, etc. if you have them.  
Every weekend (weather permitting), someone will be on site to explain the tasks each weekend morning.  
Please help as often as you can. For more information, contact [laplayaparkininfo@gmail.com](mailto:laplayaparkininfo@gmail.com)

### **Sunday, April 11**

SUNDAY STREETS  
At the Great Highway  
10 am – 3 pm  
[Sundaystreetsf.com](http://Sundaystreetsf.com)

### **Saturday, April 17**

Healthy Kids Day  
Stonestown YMCA Eucalyptus & 21<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
11:00 am – 3:00 pm

### **Saturday, April 17**

The Hard Wear Store – 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
Come celebrate Hard Wear's 2<sup>nd</sup> year at 2401 Irving St (between 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Ave)  
Beer, wine & sale throughout store!  
(415) 682-9565  
[hardwearsf.com](http://hardwearsf.com)

### **Tuesday, April 20**

7:00 pm  
Captain Schmitt's Public Safety Meeting  
Taraval Police Station – 2345 24<sup>th</sup> Ave.

### **Wednesday, April 21**

Board of Supervisors Budget Committee  
Public Meeting begins @ 4:00 pm  
The Budget Committee takes their show on the road.  
*To consider impact of Mayor's proposed budget to neighborhoods in District 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7*  
Hall of Flowers, County Fair Bldg.  
9<sup>th</sup> Ave. at Lincoln Way

### **Thursday, April 22**

West Sunset Playground community meeting  
Location: West Sunset Playground clubhouse  
38<sup>th</sup> Ave & Ortega (next to library location)  
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm  
This is the second community meeting with a revised design for the playground based on community feedback.

### **Friday, April 23**

"Once On This Island, Jr."  
St. Cecilia School Drama Club  
Presents a Caribbean flavored take on  
"The Little Mermaid"  
7:00 pm  
660 Vicente St. @ 17<sup>th</sup> Ave.

### **Saturday, April 24**

Francis Scott Key Rummage Sale  
9 am – 2 pm  
1530 43rd Avenue

### **Saturday, April 24**

New Goodwill on Irving St – Grand Opening  
2400 Irving St @ 25<sup>th</sup> Ave  
11:00am – 3:00pm  
Ribbon cutting at 12:00pm

### **Sunday, April 25**

Irish Immigration Pastoral Center  
San Francisco Family Sports Day  
12 Noon - 5.00pm  
George Washington Grove, Golden Gate Park

### **Wednesday, April 28**

**Supervisor Carmen Chu's District Office Hours**  
6:00 – 7:30pm  
Judahlicious – 3906 Judah Street @ 44<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Come with questions/concerns about the district!

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