

# North Carolina Balance of State Continuum of Care

Steering Committee Meeting  
January 6, 2026  
10:30 AM



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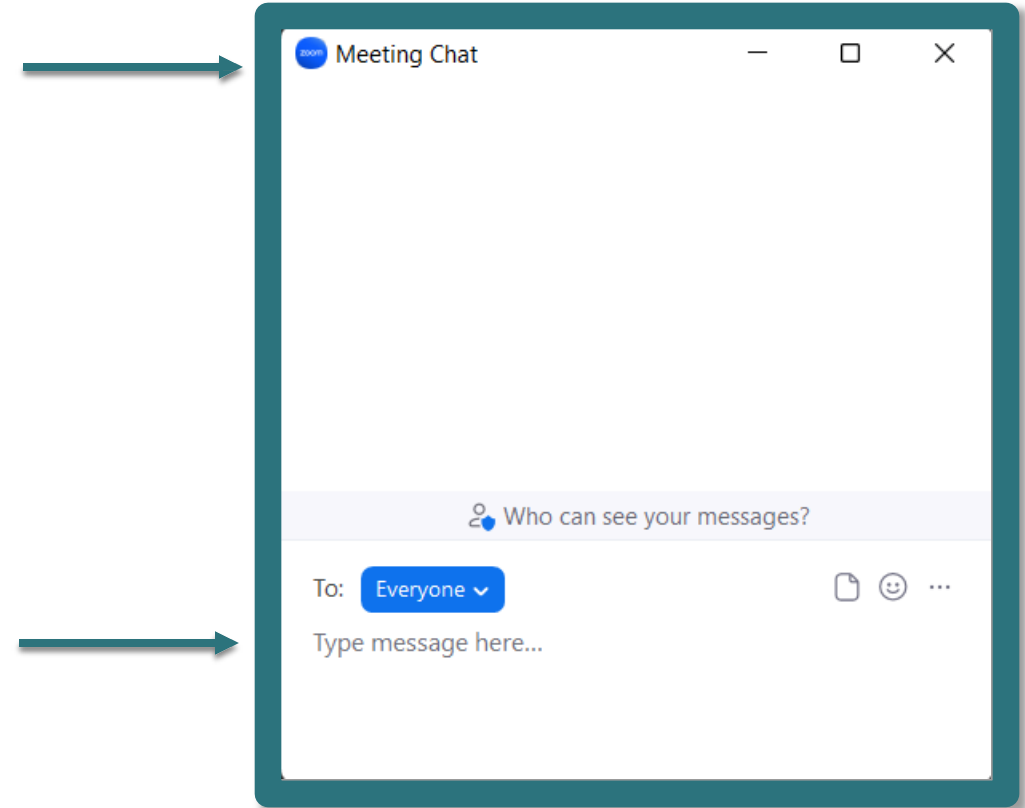
# Welcome

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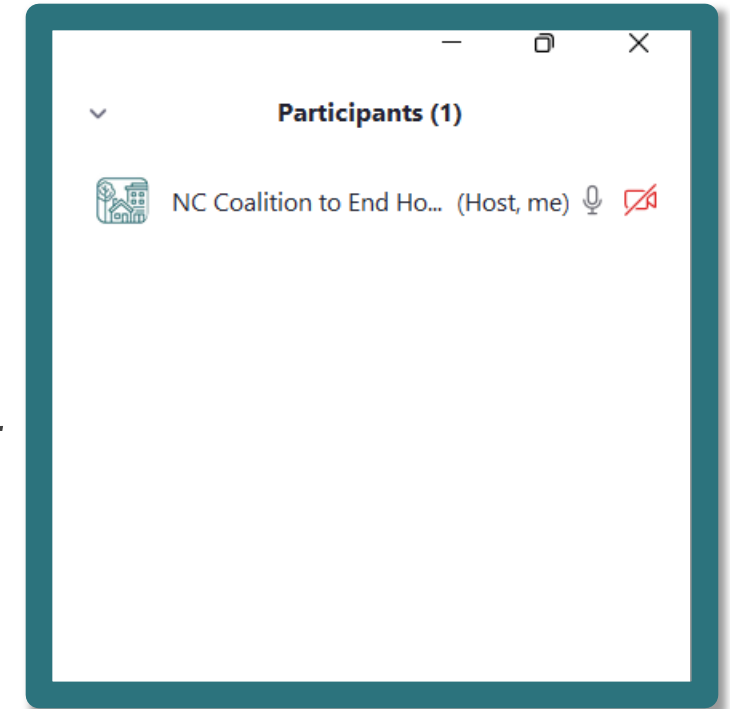
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# Roll Call

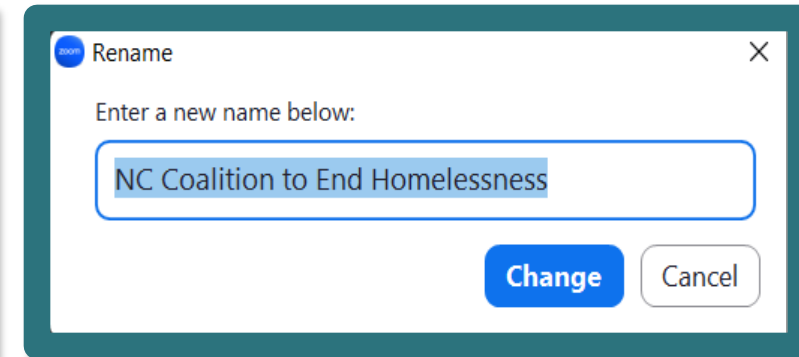
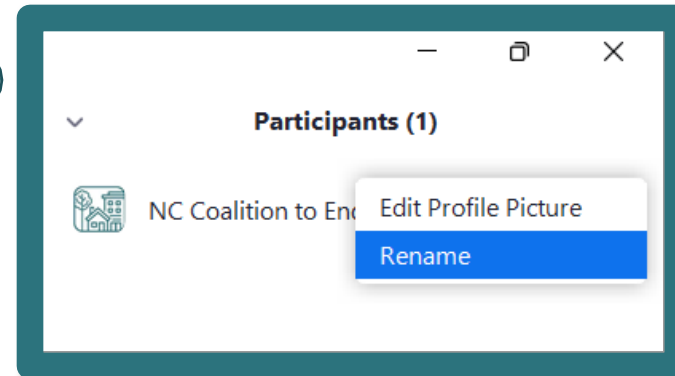
- We will conduct Roll Call for Regional Leads and at-large members to confirm quorum for voting.
- All participants should enter their full names, so we can document their participation in the minutes.

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# Agenda



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- Consent Agenda
- HUD TA and NCCEH Updates
- Safe at Home Update
- CoC Competition Update
- 2026 PIT/HIC
- Upcoming Meetings & Reminders



# Review & approve consent agenda

Consent agenda:

<https://www.ncceh.org/bos/steeringcommittee/>

- The consent agenda was sent to the Steering Committee prior to the meeting as a part of the Board Packet.
- The consent agenda will be voted on as a whole at the beginning of each meeting.
- Steering Committee members may request to remove an item from the consent agenda for additional discussion.

Changes or discussion?





# HUD TA and NCCEH Updates

# Advocacy Updates: Planning for 2026

## Engagement Survey



Responses due January 16

## January Local Leadership Call

**January Local Leadership Call**

Innovative Local Government Funding Approaches for Housing and Homeless Services

Wednesday, January 14 1-2 PM via Zoom

Join us to discover creative solutions that cities, counties, and towns across North Carolina are using to increase local funding opportunities for affordable housing and homeless services. Hear implementation strategies and lessons learned with an opportunity for Q&A. We encourage all local leaders, including elected officials, government employees, services providers, housing developers, ministers of faith, and advocates to attend!

Email [liz.carbone@ncceh.org](mailto:liz.carbone@ncceh.org) to register!

**NC COALITION to end HOMELESSNESS**

## Housing Day 2026

**SAVE THE DATE**

**NC HOUSING DAY**

**APRIL 28-29 2026**

Logos for North Carolina Housing Coalition, North Carolina Community Land Trust, and NC Coalition to End Homelessness.



For more information: [liz.carbone@ncceh.org](mailto:liz.carbone@ncceh.org)



# Advocacy Updates: Monthly Trainings

Monthly on the 4th Thursday from 2-3 PM, beginning January 22

Topics include:

- CoC 101
- Grant opportunities for 2026
- Fair Housing for shelter providers
- FY27: Budgeting in uncertain times
- Program evaluation toolkit
- Using data for storytelling



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# Slate of 2026 Steering Committee At-Large Members

North Carolina Residents with Lived Experience	Public Sector/Government	Partners with Statewide Focus
Karen Carroll, LEAC Co-Chair	NC DHHS: Angela Harper King, Division of MH/DD/SU Services	Blue Ridge Community Health: Kenett Melgar, Vulnerable Populations
Melissa Hewitt, LEAC Co-Chair	NCHFA: Erin Joy Crossfield, Senior Policy & Research Analyst	Legal Aid of NC: Joseph Chilton, Smoky Mountain Offices
	NC DHHS: Jackie Lucas, Back@Home	NCCADV: Cassandra Rowe, Director of Health and Housing
	NCDPI: Danny Jordan, EHCY Program Administrator	Housing Collaborative: Tara Peele, CEO
	NC DHHS: Brooks Ann McKinney, Division of Health Benefits	NCGA: Alison Dahle, Representative District 11
	City of Jacksonville: Cynthia Figueroa, Victim Advocate Officer	
	Morehead City: September Tuttle, Deputy Chief of Police	



# Safe at Home Update

# Safe at Home Rapid Rehousing

Safe at Home is a statewide CoC-funded Rapid Rehousing program that serves survivors of domestic violence meeting HUD's Category 4 homeless definition. The North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCCADV) is the grant recipient, and NCCADV subgrants funding to 15-20 Victim Service Providers (VSPs) across the state.

The Safe at Home program is currently funded to serve up to 160 survivor households each year.



# Blue Cross Blue Shield Partnership

In 2024, NCCEH, NCCADV, Housing Collaborative, and Redesign Collaborative partnered together to create a landlord engagement pilot program for Safe at Home. This partnership is funded by an award from Blue Cross Blue Shield to NCCEH.

The primary goal of this partnership is to support Safe at Home VSPs in moving survivor households into safe, affordable housing as quickly as possible.





Safe at Home VSP receives client through Coordinated Entry. Case Manager enrolls client in program and refers to Housing Collaborative for housing support.



Housing Collaborative works with their statewide network of landlords to help the survivor household move into safe housing as quickly as possible. HC Housing Placement Specialist supports unit identification, application materials, negotiating terms of lease, and HQS inspection. BCBS funding is used to support application fees, inspection costs, and provide up to \$1000 signing bonus.



Safe at Home VSP continues to work with client, providing case management and supportive services, and Housing Collaborative acts as the liaison for landlord engagement and support.

# Recap of 2025

In 2025, our landlord engagement partners:

- Developed policies and procedures for the client referral workflow
- Created training materials to enroll 5 Safe at Home providers in the program
- Onboarded participating providers in the Housing Accelerator tool
- Conducted monthly check ins and leadership meetings
- Moved our first 9 households into the Housing Accelerator system

# Moving into 2026

In Fall 2025, Blue Cross Blue Shield awarded NCCEH additional funding to carry the landlord engagement program through 2026. After an end-of-the-year evaluation of our pilot year, our leadership team has decided to ask for an extension of the 2025 operating year to spend a greater amount of funding and exhibit both need and positive results.

Over the next few months, we aim to:

- Enroll additional Safe at Home providers into the program
- Continue to refer survivor households to Housing Collaborative
- Evaluate and develop plans for reaching a greater number of referrals



# For more information about Safe at Home...

For general questions about the landlord engagement pilot, you can reach out to Natalie Rivera, [natalie.rivera@ncceh.org](mailto:natalie.rivera@ncceh.org).

For program-specific information, please reach out to Cassandra Rowe, Director of Health and Housing at the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

[crowe@nccadv.org](mailto:crowe@nccadv.org)

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# CoC Competition

# FY2025 CoC Program Competition Updates

Since our December Steering Committee Meeting, there have been many changes to the FY2025 CoC Program Competition on the federal level. On December 1, 2025, plaintiffs filed the *National Alliance to End Homelessness, et al. vs. US Department of Housing Urban Development & Scott Turner* lawsuit in the US District Court of Rhode Island.

The complaint alleged HUD's rescission of the 2-year Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and their issuance of the FY2025 NOFO violates the Administrative Procedure Act and US Constitution by acting contrary to statutory provisions governing the CoC Program, timing requirements, and limits on imposing retroactive conditions on federal funds.

**December 8:** HUD withdraws the FY2025 NOFO, removing it from the CoC Program Competition webpage and grants.gov, stating their intention of making appropriate revisions to account for new funding priorities. NCCEH decides to **pause** the NC BoS CoC local competition, stepping away from our previously determined timeline.

**December 19:** HUD releases a new FY2025 NOFO to replace the rescinded notice. The NOFO is posted on the CoC Program Competition webpage with the caveat that the NOFO will not be implemented or enforced pending further court action.

NCCEH keeps the local competition paused but encourages applicants to continue working on their application in ZoomGrants and compiling necessary materials.



**December 23:** Court orders HUD to pause recent actions related to CoC Program funding and stops them from moving forward with the FY2025 NOFO released on December 19. Court states HUD must return to the “status quo” that existed under the original 2-year NOFO, but does not require HUD to award or obligate renewal funds yet. Court requires HUD to produce a plan and timeline by December 30.

**December 30:** HUD releases “[FY24-25 NOFO Implementation Plan](#)”, providing a brief summary of their next steps in response to court orders.

# FY24-25 NOFO Implementation Plan

- By January 6, 2026, HUD will reopen and post the FY24-25 CoC NOFO with an extended deadline to allow for **all eligible renewals and reallocations**.
- HUD will accept eligible renewal project applications, YHDP renewal and replacement applications, and CoC reallocations to create new projects as described in the FY24-25 CoC NOFO. By approximately **February 19, 2026**, HUD will close the application window.
- HUD will require CoCs to submit FY25 Priority Listings as applicable.
- HUD will require certification of consistency with consolidated plan for projects that did not submit certification in FY24.

# FY24-25 NOFO Implementation Plan

- HUD anticipates completing its required review by **May 1, 2026**, after all applications are received.
- HUD will review all submitted renewal applications based on the Project Renewal Threshold criteria described in the new NOFO.
- HUD will review all submitted renewal and reallocation applications on the basis of the risk review set forth in the new NOFO.
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- HUD anticipates announcing awards in May 2026, provided that there are no government shutdowns, other significant disruptions to the NOFO process, or other factors beyond HUD's control.

# NC BoS CoC Next Steps

With HUD stating that more information will be available from them by January 6, NCCEH anticipates restructuring our local competition as needed (if needed) within the next few days and reopening our competition process. We will also update the information/timeline on NCCEH's website and ZoomGrants.

All information and announcements will be shared over email as soon as possible. Please reach out to [bos@ncceh.org](mailto:bos@ncceh.org) if you have not been receiving information regarding the FY2025 CoC Program Competition but would like to be included in emails moving forward.





2026 PIT/HIC

# Point in Time and Housing Inventory Counts

One Night Counts each year on the last Wednesday of January

- Decided by each CoC

Important community data for funding, stakeholders, and governance

- Deep data: covers HMIS and non-HMIS projects
- Consistent data: completed every year
- Consequential data: used by HUD, ESG Office, and others to determine funding for regions

# Who and What do we Count?

One Night Counts each year the last 10 days of January:



Unsheltered People



Sheltered People in Emergency Shelter (ES) or Transitional Housing (TH) Beds



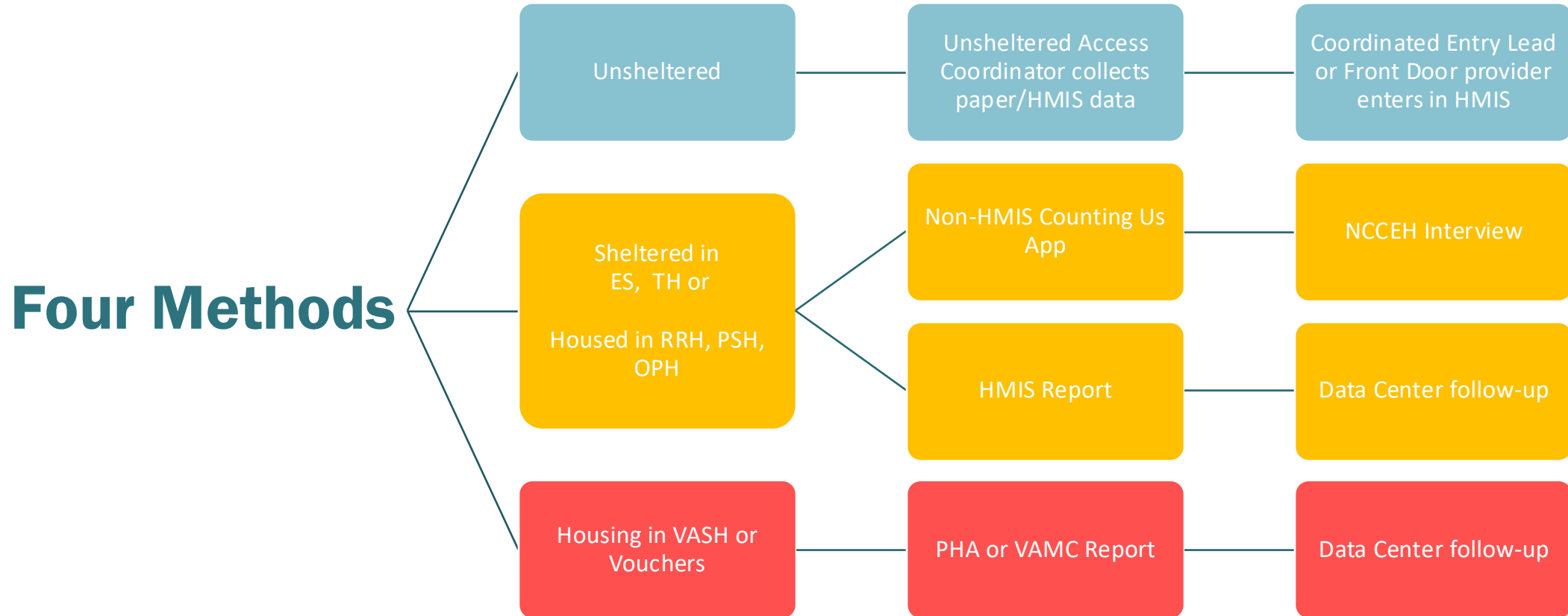
Permanently Housed People in Rapid Re-Housing (RRH), Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), or dedicated Other Permanent Housing (OPH) Beds/Vouchers

- Only Moved-In people



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# NC BoS CoC Makes Sure Everyone Counts!



# NC Balance of State CoC's PIT and HIC Timeline

## Planning

Project planning  
Outreach and Training  
Finalizing Tools

October - January

## Action

Data Collection  
Reporting to NCCEH

January 28<sup>th</sup> –  
February 21<sup>st</sup>

## Submission

Confirm/Clean Data  
Resolve Errors  
Upload to HDX

February - April

## Wrap Up

Analysis  
Publishing

April - May



# Next Steps

Type of Count	Contact
Unsheltered Count	Unsheltered Access Coordinators and CE Leads
Non-HMIS Sheltered/Permanent Housing Count	Your NCCEH PIT/HIC contact <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not sure who? Email <a href="mailto:BoS@ncceh.org">BoS@ncceh.org</a></li></ul>
HMIS Sheltered/Permanent Housing Count	Data Center HelpDesk ( <a href="mailto:hmis@ncceh.org">hmis@ncceh.org</a> )
OPH Count for PHAs	Alicia PB from BoS team is the EHV, HCV, and SV contact




Check out the NCCEH website PIT/HIC Page for Trainings, Materials, and descriptions of each type of count!

# Non-HMIS ES, TH, RRH, or PSH PIT/HIC Trainings

- <https://ncceh.org/events-trainings/>

**08**  
JANUARY




2026 PIT Training (for NC BoS CoC non-HMIS participating ES, TH, RRH, PSH projects)

 Date January 8, 2026  
 Time 10:00 am - 11:30 am  
 Venue Zoom Call

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**22**  
JANUARY

2026 Special Population PIT Training (for NC BoS CoC non-HMIS participating ES, TH, RRH, PSH projects)

 Date January 22, 2026  
 Time 10:00 am - 11:30 am  
 Venue Zoom Call

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# Upcoming meetings & reminders

*(Log-in, registration & recording information can be found on agenda)*

- **Lived Expertise Advisory Council**, *Friday, January 9, 12 – 1 P.M.*
- **Client Advocacy Collaborative**, *Wednesday, January 21, 11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.*
- **Funding and Performance Subcommittee**, *Thursday, January 22, 2 – 3 P.M.*
- **Coordinated Entry Council**, *Monday, January 26, 10 – 11:30 A.M.*
- **Veterans Subcommittee**, *Monday, February 2, 11 A.M. – 12 P.M.*



# Next Meeting(s)

Tuesday, February 3, at 10:30 AM

Reach out to us:

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