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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, April 17, 2008
9:40 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI, CHAIR

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

COUNCILWOMAN MARIA QUINONES-SANCHEZ

COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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BILLS 080302, 080303, 080304, 080305, 080306,
080307, 080308, 080309, 080310, 080311,
080312, 080313, 080314, 080315, 080316 and
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COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Good morning. The Committee of Appropriations is now in session.

Will the Clerk please read the title of the bills.

THE CLERK: Bill No. 080302, an ordinance authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008 within the Water Fund from the Water Department to the Department of Public Property, the Director of Finance, the Managing Director, the Police Department and the Department of Recreation - Fairmount Park Commission.

Bill No. 080303, an ordinance authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008 within the Community Development Fund from the Mayor - Office of Housing and Community Development to the Law Department.

Bill No. 080304, an ordinance authorizing the Director of Finance to charge against appropriations made to the Department of Public Health - Office of

1 4/17/08 - APPROPRIATIONS, BILL 080302, etc.
2 Behavioral Health/Mental Retardation
3 Services in the Fiscal Year 2008
4 Operating Budget, the compensation of
5 District Attorney employees being used by
6 the Department of Public Health - Office
7 of Behavioral Health/Mental Retardation
8 Services pursuant to Section 8-401 of the
9 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, under
10 certain terms and conditions.

11 Bill No. 080305, an ordinance
12 authorizing transfers in appropriations
13 for Fiscal year 2008 within the Hotel
14 Room Rental Tax Fund from the City
15 Representative and the Director of
16 Commerce to the Managing Director.

17 Bill No. 080306, an ordinance
18 authorizing the Director of Finance to
19 charge against appropriations made to the
20 Department of Human Services in the
21 Fiscal Year 2008 Operating Budget, the
22 compensation of District Attorney
23 employees being used by the Department of
24 Human Services pursuant to Section 8-401
25 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter,

1 4/17/08 - APPROPRIATIONS, BILL 080302, etc.

2 under certain terms and conditions.

3 Bill No. 080307, an ordinance
4 authorizing transfers in appropriations
5 for Fiscal Year 2008 within the General
6 Fund from the Streets Department, the
7 Department of Public Health, the
8 Department of Human Services and the
9 Board of Revision of Taxes to the Mayor's
10 Office of Information Services.

11 Bill No. 080308, an ordinance
12 authorizing the Director of Finance to
13 charge against the authorization made to
14 the Board of Pensions and Retirement in
15 the Fiscal Year 2008 Operating Budget,
16 the compensation of Office of the
17 Director of Finance employees being used
18 by the Board of Pensions and Retirement
19 pursuant to Section 8-401 of the
20 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, under
21 certain terms and conditions.

22 Bill No. 080309, an ordinance
23 authorizing transfers in appropriations
24 for Fiscal Year 2008 within the General
25 Fund from the Police Department, the

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2 Department of Streets, the Fire
3 Department, the Department of Public
4 Health, the Department of Recreation, the
5 Department of Human Services, the
6 Department of Human Services - Office of
7 Supportive Housing, the Director of
8 Finance and the City Representative and
9 the Director of Commerce to the Managing
10 Director.

11 Bill No. 080310, an ordinance
12 authorizing transfers in appropriations
13 in Fiscal Year 2008 within the Aviation
14 Fund from the City Representative and the
15 Director of Commerce to the Director of
16 Finance - Fringe Benefits.

17 Bill No. 080311, an ordinance
18 authorizing transfers in appropriations
19 for Fiscal Year 2008 within the General
20 Fund from the Managing Director, the
21 Police Department and the Director of
22 Finance to the Law Department.

23 Bill No. 083012, an ordinance
24 authorizing transfers in appropriations
25 for Fiscal Year 2008 within the General

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2 Fund from the Council and the Auditing
3 Department to the Department of Human
4 Services and the Auditing Department.

5 Bill No. 080313, an ordinance
6 authorizing transfers in appropriations
7 for Fiscal Year 2008 within the General
8 Fund from the Managing Director and the
9 Department of Public Health to the
10 Department of Recreation - Fairmount Park
11 Commission, the Department of Human
12 Services - Office of Supportive Housing,
13 the Department of Licenses and
14 Inspections and the Department of
15 Revenue.

16 Bill No. 080314, an ordinance
17 authorizing the Director of Finance to
18 charge against the authorization made to
19 the Board of Pensions and Retirement in
20 the Fiscal Year 2008 Operating Budget,
21 the compensation of Mayor's Office of
22 Information Services employees being used
23 by the Board of Pensions and Retirement
24 pursuant to Section 8-401 of the
25 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, under

1 4/17/08 - APPROPRIATIONS, BILL 080302, etc.
2 certain terms and conditions.

3 Bill No. 080315, an ordinance
4 authorizing transfers in appropriations
5 for Fiscal Year 2008 within the General
6 Fund from the Department of Revenue to
7 the Director of Finance.

8 Bill No. 080316, an ordinance
9 authorizing transfers in appropriations
10 for Fiscal Year 2008 within the Aviation
11 Fund from the City Representative and the
12 Director of Commerce to the Director of
13 Finance, the Procurement Department and
14 the Managing Director.

15 Finally, Bill No. 080317, an
16 ordinance authorizing the Director of
17 Finance to charge against the
18 appropriations made to the District
19 Attorney in the Fiscal Year 2008
20 Operating Budget, the compensation of
21 Police Department employees being used by
22 the District Attorney pursuant to Section
23 8-401 of the Philadelphia Home Rule
24 Charter, under certain terms and
25 conditions.

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2 (Witness approached witness
3 table.)

4 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
5 you.

6 Would you please state your
7 name for the record.

8 MR. AGOSTINI: Good morning,
9 Councilmember Krajewski. Steve Agostini,
10 Budget Director. Good morning, members
11 of the Committee.

12 I would ask that rather than
13 offer the written testimony, read the
14 written testimony, that you would have
15 that read into the record for the Bills
16 No. 080302 through 080317, and instead I
17 would make myself available, as are other
18 members of the Administration, for any
19 questions you might have.

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Why
21 are we requiring the ordinance for these
22 type of transfers, and how long has this
23 been in effect?

24 MR. AGOSTINI: Madam Chair,
25 members, my understanding, this is the

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2 first time that we have done this in, I
3 think, about 30 years. In the past when
4 the Council adopted a budget, there were
5 general provisions that allowed for the
6 Director of Finance to make appropriate
7 expenditure transfers between departments
8 and between funds to ensure that payroll
9 expenditures were properly accounted for
10 when employees were being shared by
11 departments or by different funds.

12 When the '08 budget was
13 adopted, that provision was struck,
14 requiring that any transfers like that
15 come back to the Council for their
16 approval, which is why you have not only
17 the number of these, but sort of the
18 detail of them. We also have probably an
19 additional half dozen that will be coming
20 through in subsequent weeks in order to
21 do that.

22 It was viewed as an
23 administrative provision in the past that
24 would allow the Director of Finance to do
25 this to sort of square up our payroll

1 4/17/08 - APPROPRIATIONS, BILL 080302, etc.
2 accounts.

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: It
4 takes a lot longer this way, doesn't it?

5 MR. AGOSTINI: Yes, it does.

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: You
7 may continue.

8 MR. AGOSTINI: It does take a
9 lot longer and it creates a lot of sort
10 of administrative work for you, for us.
11 We would ask that as you consider the '09
12 and subsequent years, that you consider
13 adding that provision back so that we
14 could do that administratively. If there
15 is a desire to have us report that to
16 you, we'd be happy to do that as part
17 of that.

18 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: But, I
19 mean, it's within your own department.

20 MR. AGOSTINI: It would make
21 sense, Madam Chair. It would.

22 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Right.

23 MR. AGOSTINI: The last thing I
24 would ask is that given the time
25 associated with this, we would ask for a

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2 suspension of the rules so that first
3 reading could take place this afternoon
4 and that subsequent second reading could
5 take place quickly so that we can
6 actually move these dollars.

7 For example, there's a rather
8 sizable expenditure transfer for the
9 District Attorney that we need to do. I
10 think it's about \$5 million in order to
11 square up their accounts, and the sooner
12 we can do that, the better for everyone.

13 Thank you.

14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
15 you.

16 Is there anyone else here to
17 testify?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Are
20 there any questions from members of the
21 Committee?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All
24 right. Thank you.

25 Anyone else?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:

4 Therefore, that ends our public hearing
5 in Appropriations. Now we'll go into our
6 public session.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Goode for the purpose of Bill No. 080302.

9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
10 Madam Chair. I move that Bill No. 080302
11 be reported out of Committee with a
12 favorable recommendation, that the rules
13 of Council be suspended so as to permit
14 first reading at our next Council
15 session.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
18 you. All those in favor?

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:

21 Opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:

24 Therefore, Bill 080302 will be reported
25 out of this Committee with a favorable

1 4/17/08 - APPROPRIATIONS, BILL 080302, etc.
2 recommendation and the rules of Council
3 be suspended as to permit first reading
4 of this bill.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Clarke for Bill 080303.

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
8 Madam Chair. I move that Bill 080303 be
9 reported out of Committee with a
10 favorable recommendation and a request
11 for rules suspension as to allow reading
12 at the next session of Council.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All
15 those in favor?

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
18 Opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
21 Therefore, Bill 080303 will be reported
22 out of this Committee with a favorable
23 recommendation and the rules of Council
24 be suspended so as to permit first
25 reading of this bill.

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2 The Chair recognizes

3 Councilwoman Sanchez for Bill 080304.

4 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
5 you, Madam Chair. I move that Bill
6 080304 be moved out of Committee with a
7 favorable recommendation and that the
8 rules of Council be suspended to allow
9 first reading.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All
12 those in favor?

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
15 Opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
18 Therefore, Bill 080304 will be reported
19 out of this Committee with a favorable
20 recommendation and the rules of Council
21 be suspended as to permit first reading
22 of this bill.

23 The Chair recognizes

24 Councilwoman Miller for Bill 080305.

25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank

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2 you, Madam Chair. I move that Bill
3 080305 be reported out of this Committee
4 with a favorable recommendation and
5 further move that the rules of Council be
6 suspended so as to permit first reading
7 at our next session.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All
10 those in favor?

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
13 Opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
16 Therefore, Bill 080305 will be reported
17 out of this Committee with a favorable
18 recommendation and the rules of Council
19 be suspended so as to permit first
20 reading of this bill.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Rizzo on Bill No. 080306.

23 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam Chair,
24 Bill No. 080306 reported out of Committee
25 with a favorable recommendation and that

1 4/17/08 - APPROPRIATIONS, BILL 080302, etc.

2 the rules of Council be suspended so we
3 can have first reading at today's Council
4 session.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All
7 those in favor?

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
10 Opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
13 Therefore, Bill 080306 will be reported
14 out of this Committee with a favorable
15 recommendation and the rules of Council
16 be suspended so as to permit first
17 reading of this bill.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 DiCicco for Bill 080307.

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
21 Madam Chair. I move that Bill 080307 be
22 reported out of this Committee with a
23 favorable recommendation and a further
24 recommendation that the rules of Council
25 be suspended.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
4 you. All those in favor?

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
7 Opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
10 Therefore, Bill 080307 will be reported
11 out of this Committee with a favorable
12 recommendation and the rules of Council
13 be suspended so as to permit first
14 reading of this bill.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 DiCicco on Bill 080308.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
18 Madam Chair. I move that Bill No. 080308
19 be reported out of this Committee with a
20 favorable recommendation, that the rules
21 of Council be suspended so as to permit
22 first reading at our next session of City
23 Council.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All

1 4/17/08 - APPROPRIATIONS, BILL 080302, etc.

2 those in favor?

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:

5 Opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:

8 Therefore, Bill 080308 will be reported
9 out of this Committee with a favorable
10 recommendation and the rules of Council
11 be suspended so as to permit first
12 reading.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Clarke for Bill 080309.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
16 Madam Chair. I move that Bill 080309 be
17 reported out of Committee with a
18 favorable recommendation, request for a
19 rules suspension as to allow reading at
20 the next session of Council.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
23 you. All those in favor?

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:

1 4/17/08 - APPROPRIATIONS, BILL 080302, etc.

2 Opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:

5 Therefore, Bill 080309 will be reported
6 out of this Committee with a favorable
7 recommendation and the rules of Council
8 be suspended so as to permit first
9 reading of this bill.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Goode for Bill 080310.

12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
13 Madam Chair. I move that Bill 080310 be
14 reported out of Committee with a
15 favorable recommendation, that the rules
16 of Council be suspended so as to permit
17 first reading at our next session of
18 Council.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All
21 those in favor?

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:

24 Opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:

3 Therefore, Bill 080310 will be reported
4 out of this Committee with a favorable
5 recommendation and the rules of Council
6 be suspended so as to permit first
7 reading of this bill.

8 The Chair recognizes
9 Councilwoman Sanchez on Bill 080311.

10 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
11 you, Madam Chair. I move that Bill
12 080311 be moved out of Committee with a
13 favorable recommendation and the rules of
14 Council be suspended to allow first
15 reading.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
18 you. All those in favor?

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:

21 Opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:

24 Therefore, Bill 080311 will be reported
25 out of this Committee with a favorable

1 4/17/08 - APPROPRIATIONS, BILL 080302, etc.

2 recommendation and that the rules of
3 Council be suspended so as to permit
4 first reading of this bill.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 DiCicco for Bill 080312.

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
8 Madam Chair. I move that Bill No. 080312
9 be reported out of this Committee with a
10 favorable recommendation and that the
11 rules of Council be suspended so as to
12 permit first reading at our next session
13 of Council.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All
16 those in favor?

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
19 Opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
22 Therefore, Bill No. 080312 will be
23 reported out of this Committee with a
24 favorable recommendation and the rules of
25 Council be suspended so as to permit

1 4/17/08 - APPROPRIATIONS, BILL 080302, etc.

2 first reading of this bill.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 DiCicco on Bill 080313.

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
6 Madam Chair. I move that Bill No. 080313
7 be reported out of this Committee with a
8 favorable recommendation, that the rules
9 of Council be suspended so as to permit
10 first reading at our next session.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
13 you. All those in favor?

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
16 Opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
19 Therefore, Bill 080313 will be reported
20 out of this Committee with a favorable
21 recommendation and the rules of Council
22 be suspended so as to permit first
23 reading of this bill.

24 The Chair recognizes
25 Councilwoman Miller for Bill 080314.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
3 you, Madam Chair. I move that Bill
4 080314 be reported out of this Committee
5 with a favorable recommendation and
6 further move that the rules of Council be
7 suspended so as to permit first reading
8 at our next session.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All
11 those in favor?

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
14 Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
17 Therefore, Bill 080314 will be reported
18 out of this Committee with a favorable
19 recommendation and the rules of Council
20 be suspended so as to permit first
21 reading of this bill.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Clarke for Bill 080315.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
25 Madam Chair. I move that Bill 080315 be

1 4/17/08 - APPROPRIATIONS, BILL 080302, etc.

2 reported out of Committee with a
3 favorable recommendation, request for a
4 rules suspension as to allow reading at
5 the next session of Council.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All
8 those in favor?

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:

11 Opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:

14 Therefore, Bill 080315 will be reported
15 out of this Committee with a favorable
16 recommendation and the rules of Council
17 be suspended so as to permit first
18 reading of this bill.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Rizzo for Bill 080316.

21 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam Chair,
22 Bill No. 080316 be reported out of
23 Committee with a favorable recommendation
24 and the rules suspended so it can be
25 heard today at our Council session.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All

4 those in favor?

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All

7 those opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:

10 Therefore, Bill 080316 will be reported

11 out of this Committee with a favorable

12 recommendation and the rules of Council

13 be suspended so as to permit first

14 reading of this bill.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman

16 Clarke on Bill 080317.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam

18 Chair, I move that Bill 080317 be

19 reported out of Committee with a

20 favorable recommendation, request for

21 rules suspension as to allow reading at

22 the next session of Council.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All

25 those in favor?

1 4/17/08 - APPROPRIATIONS, BILL 080302, etc.

2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:

4 Opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:

7 Therefore, Bill 080317 will be reported
8 out of this Committee with a favorable
9 recommendation and the rules of Council
10 will be suspended for our next session of
11 Council.

12 That ends our hearing in
13 Appropriations, and thank you all very
14 much.

15 (Committee on Appropriations
16 adjourned at 9:55 a.m.)

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