

File No. 04-1000-20-2012-137

July 3, 2012

s.22(1)

Dear s.22(1) :

Re: Request for Access to Records under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the "Act")

I am writing in response to your request of May 17, 2012 under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, (the Act)*, for:

Electronic copies of any and all physical or electronic records, files, emails, memos, briefing notes, meeting minutes, working papers, telephone transcripts, correspondence, communications and any other documentation pertaining to the proposal (and subsequent approval by the Vancouver City Council and implementation of the decision) to officially designate the Vancouver-Kingsway area as the 'Vietnam Town' or 'Little Saigon' business area since January 2011.

All responsive records have been located and are included with this letter. Repeat email strings and non-responsive materials have been severed in the records, in addition to a minor amount of information severed, (blacked out), under s. 22(1) of the Act, provided below:

22 (1) The head of a public body must refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant if the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's personal privacy

Under section 52 of the Act you may ask the Information & Privacy Commissioner to review any matter related to the City's response to your request. The Act allows you 30 business days from the date you receive this notice to request a review by writing to:

Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner,
P.O. Box 9038, Stn. Prov. Govt.
Victoria, B.C. V8W 9A4
Tel. 250-387-5629; Fax 250-387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with the following:

- the file number assigned to your request (04-1000-20-2012-137);
- a copy of this letter;
- a copy of your original request for information sent to the City of Vancouver; and
- detailed reasons or grounds upon which you are seeking a review.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours truly,



Barbara J. Van Fraassen, BA
Manager, Corporate Information and Privacy

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Encls.

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Rae, Shobha

From: Welman, Mairi
Sent: Friday, March 02, 2012 11:44 AM
To: Carley, Neal
Subject: FW: Little Saigon - Complaint

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2012 12:45 PM
To: Jang, Kerry
Cc: penny.ballum@vancouver.ca; Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Little Saigon - Complaint

Dear Councillor Jang,

It has been brought to my attention, through numerous media interviews you have done, that the "Little Saigon" idea you are promoting has overwhelming support in Vancouver, is generally a good business idea in your opinion, and hasn't had "any complaints".

A recent article in The Globe and Mail newspaper last Saturday, February 18th (BC section page S3), clearly states that "*city staffers are developing a work plan that includes street signs, banners and English translations.*" It is my understanding you were the City's contact for the writer of this article.

The article, "**What the pho...**", not only gives readers the impression that it is a "done deal", but it may also have the effect (intended?) of discouraging any substantial or organized opposition. I trust you are aware many in the Vietnamese community, especially of North Vietnamese descent, fear reprisals should they want to speak out against this plan. There has not even been an announcement by the City of a public consultation process, yet it appears there is some type of process you are already engaged in.

You should be aware that this issue does not have broad support in Vancouver, and there is substantial credible opposition to the ill-conceived plan.

Please consider this e-mail a complaint regarding the name "Little Saigon". I am in favour of an inclusive and respectful name such as "Little Vietnam".

The primary reason I am opposed to the name "Little Saigon", is that it discriminates against those new immigrants and Canadian citizens of North Vietnamese descent. Having recently spent a month in Hanoi and areas in North Vietnam, I can honestly say that your plan also carries with it substantial risk of offending the government of Vietnam. There are numerous trade initiatives in Vietnam connected to Canada that will assist all people in Vietnam, not just those from the area around Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon). I assume you may not have considered this potential negative impact of your plan.

We must all be cognizant of history and the tragic struggles the Vietnamese people have endured over the centuries. Many countries have exploited the Vietnamese people, and we must be sensitive to the lingering effects of this exploitation.

As Canadians, we must all be willing to show the necessary leadership, sensitivity and understanding that acknowledges and accepts all Vietnamese people, not just those from the Southern area commonly termed "Saigon".

I trust the City will reconsider the promotion of the name, "Little Saigon".

s. 22(1)

5/23/2012

Rae, Shobha

From: Welman, Mairi
Sent: Friday, March 02, 2012 11:02 AM
To: s. 22(1)
Subject: RE: New Contact Info

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Engineering tells me the proponents for "Little Saigon" came in to ask about process to apply for street banners and street sign design changes. They were provided with the standard publicly accessible information.

Regards,
Mairi

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mairi.welman@vancouver.ca

-----Original Message-----

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Friday, March 02, 2012 10:56 AM
To: Welman, Mairi
Cc: Vaughan, Tracy
Subject: Re: New Contact Info

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To date, I can only see this exercise the City is embarking upon as a waste of time (mine and yours) and money (staff?), although everyone is learning much more about the Vietnamese cultural and people, which is a good thing. It is quite a unanimous comment from those I speak to and explain the "plan" to that it discriminates upon those residents of Vietnamese descent who have immigrated from the northern regions and other cities within the country.

Thank-you,
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Hi Randy;
Correct. I have copied your email to Clr Jang to Engineering and spoken with them.
MW

----- Original Message -----

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Friday, March 02, 2012 01:55 PM
To: Welman, Mairi
Subject: Re: Little Saigon proposal

Thanks Mairi,

I trust that since I have phoned my complaint and sent an e-mail complaint to the City Managers' office, in addition to Mayor and Council, that it is not necessary to send another complaint to the City Engineer, who reports to the City Manager?

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Rae, Shobha

From: Honrado, Lara
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2012 7:56 AM
To: Welman, Mairi; s. 22(1)
Subject: Re: Little Saigon proposal

Hi s. 22(1)

Is there a good time to chat by phone? I am in Victoria today but available in the afternoon.

Or perhaps we can meet for coffee next week when I am back in Vancouver? I'd very much like to discuss your concerns.

Talk soon,
Lara

Lara Honrado
Director, Community Relations
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From: Welman, Mairi
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2012 11:57 AM
To: s. 22(1)
Subject: RE: Little Saigon proposal

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Rae, Shobha

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2012 4:34 PM
To: Welman, Mairi
Subject: Re: Little Saigon proposal

Thanks Mari, have a nice weekend.

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On 26-Apr-12, at 2:29 PM, Welman, Mairi wrote:

> I'm sorry I really don't know one way or the other.
> I do know that Engineering is still telling the people who want the
> Little Saigon street banners etc that they must have Council approval
> and that council has said there will be a community consultation.
> Having someone in the Mayor's office for you to speak with is
> advantageous.
> Talk with Lara and she will be able to fill you in on what the plans
> are (if any) from here on out.
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> Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2012 12:09 PM
> To: Welman, Mairi
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> My cell is s. 22(1)

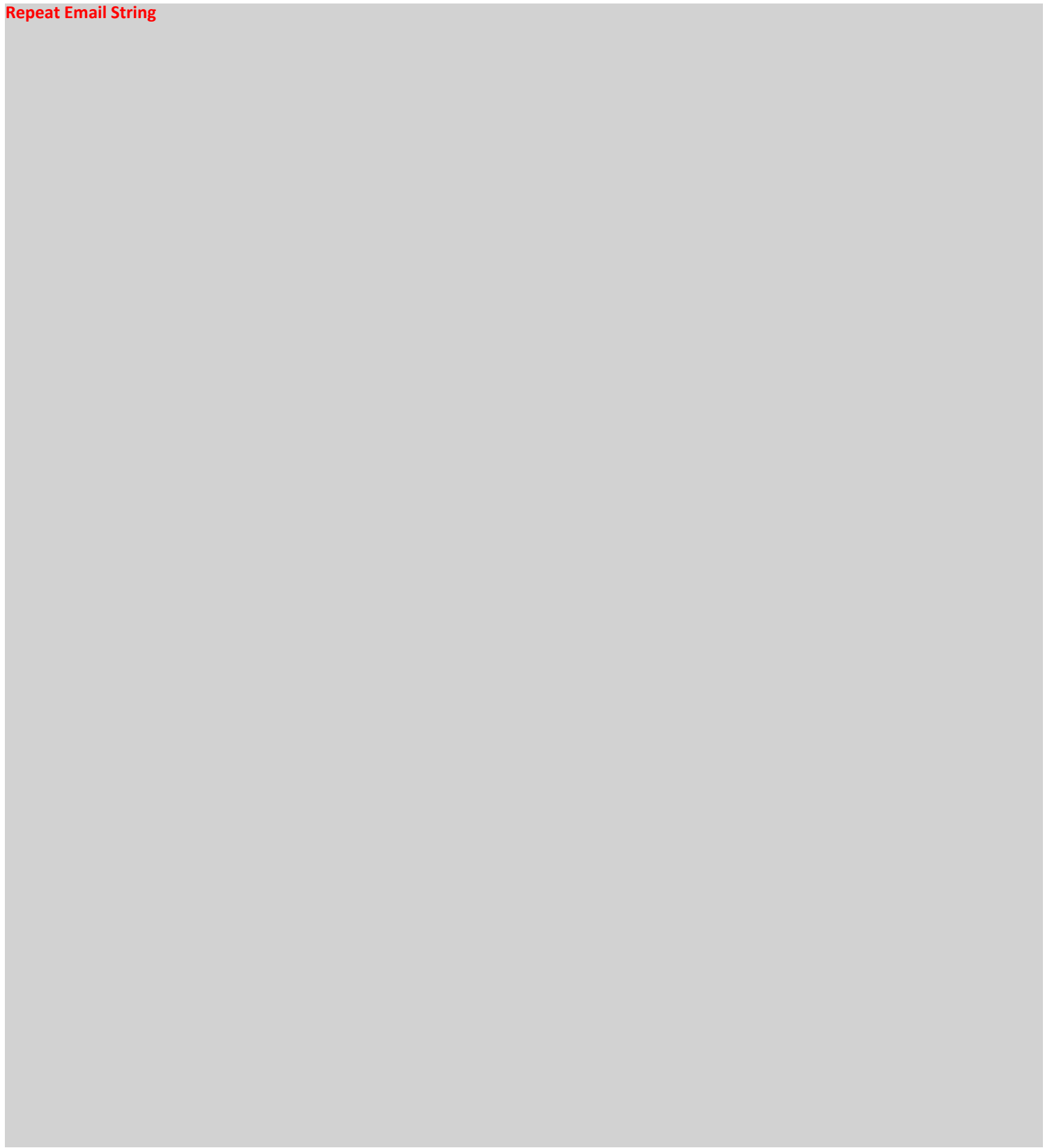
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Rae, Shobha

From: Carley, Neal
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2012 12:42 PM
To: Welman, Mairi; Honrado, Lara
Subject: Little Saigon/Little Vietnam- Logos size

Lara/Mairi - To keep everyone in the loop, this group looks like they are moving along in the community (fundraising), and plan to make application in the near future.

Lara- What are the plans for community consultation on the area designation?

For reference, the Oct 6, 2011 Council motion was that "City staff be directed to conduct community consultations, including members of the Vietnamese community, merchants' associations, community groups, and local area residents, to designate and promote an area along Kingsway as "Little Saigon".

Thanks,

Neal

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2012 8:12 AM
To: Carley, Neal
Subject: Re: Logos size

Dear Neal,

Thank you for your reply.

Our Board is working together: 1. fundraising, 2. logos, 3. limit the area. Therefore we need to draw 2 more logos which we have asked you and then after we have all 3, we will put the application and send you with the details. Please advise us.

We are working right now with the City on 3 logos:

1. Banners
2. Customized Street Name Signs
3. Pole-mounted Signs

Regards,

s. 22(1)

On Thu, Apr 26, 2012 at 11:04 AM, Carley, Neal <Neal.Carley@vancouver.ca> wrote:

Thank you for your email- I will check with my staff.

Please note that staff have not performed the consultation with the public regarding the naming/designation of the area. Since Council approval is required to allow specialty name blades and pole-mounted signs, the results of the consultation will be important for the Council decision.

I will find out the status of the consultation process.

Thanks,

5/23/2012

Neal

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2012 12:16 AM
To: Carley, Neal
Subject: Logos size

Dear Mr. Neal Carley,

Our group have come to meet Councillors at the City Hall on Wednesday. It was a wonderful talk. Now, we have some questions to ask your help:

- I would like to ask you the size of the Customized Street Name Signs. Our designer will draw 2 logos, one with the form of decal and one with the replacement of the sign blade. We will need about 45 signs.
- I would like to ask you also the size of Pole-mounted Signs and can the City manufacture them?

Warmest regards,

s. 22(1)

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Date: 5/23/2012 11:25:51 AM

Subject: FW: "Little Saigon"

FYI - re: FOI request.

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Assistant to Councillors

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>From: Jang, Kerry
>Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 10:31 AM
>To: Basi, Sarah
>Subject: FW: "Little Saigon"

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>From: Jang, Kerry
>Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 4:05 PM
>To: Carley, Neal
>Cc: Judd, Peter; McLellan, David; Wightman, Murray; Wong, Phil
>Subject: RE: "Little Saigon"

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>OK! Where are the applications? The community groups are at a loss.
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>We are ready to receive the banner and street sign applications as per the normal processes. When we receive the applications, we will review and let you know the status of the applications.

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>Neal

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>From: Jang, Kerry
>Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 3:18 PM
>To: Carley, Neal
>Subject: "Little Saigon"

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>Hi Neale,

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>Just following up on the "Little Saigon" motion. As I think I told you before, its really about putting up some banners and a few street signs along a small portion of Kingsway. The Vietnamese community has been raising money to pay for the hardware and labour.

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>Have you guys given this any thought?

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>Cheers,

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>Kerry

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Date: 5/23/2012 11:23:41 AM

Subject: FW: Ethnic Area Designations

Not responsive

From: Jang, Kerry
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 10:30 AM
To: Basi, Sarah
Subject: FW: Ethnic Area Designations

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From: Jang, Kerry
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2012 9:47 AM
To: s. 22(1)
Subject: RE: Ethnic Area Designations

Hi Matt,

Thanks for your e-mail. First of all, there is no "Pinoy Town" as that idea was floated by a few in the Filipino community but given there were no "historical roots" for the community (just a commercial district), the idea was dropped. It hit the media and we at the City had not endorsed the idea.

The "Little Saigon" a proposal was put to us by the Vietnamese community who wanted to share thier culture with others as a way of thanking canadians for taking them in when they were "boat people". Its interesting that they admitted they were a "closed" community, but really wanted, now that they feel they are Canadians (and the large Vietnamese population in the area as it was where the "Boat People" had settled) wanted to open up their community and culture by giving folks an identifiable area to come to by creating a vibrant street scape in in sevral North American cities that have "Little Sagoons" (actually, the one proposed here is much less than that designated in LA for example, w hich actually caused a name change to a neighbourhood). The entire proposal had nothing to do with creating an enclave, but to put up a few street banners and create a more vibrant streetscape. No names for the neighbourhood are changed, and all one will see is a short stretch of Kingsway will get a few banners with Vietnamese style motifs. Its like Chinatown, everyone is welcome and its about as mixed as you can get!

I hope this answers your questions.

Warm regards,

kerry

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From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2012 9:36 AM
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Subject: RE: Ethnic Area Designations

Thank you for your email which has been circulated for information to the Mayor, Councillors, City Manager, Acting General Manager of Community Services Group, and the Assistant Director of Community Planning.

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 10:30 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Ethnic Area Designations

Dear Vancouver Mayor/City Council,

I'm writing this in regards to recently hearing about the designations of areas of East Van as 'Little Saigon' and 'Pinoy Town'. I would first like to say that I am Caucasian, but married to an Asian. I am not racist at all, in fact one of the things I love most about Vancouver is that it is such a vibrant multi-cultural city. I really believe that we're a model for the world to show how many different ethnic and other groups can live together in harmony and enhance each others lives.

I'm a resident of East Van close to both of the areas in question – my wife and I and her mother recently bought a house near 26th and Fraser. All three of us were somewhat alarmed to read about the designation of Little Saigon and Pinoy Town.

When you designate an area especially for one group, then to some degree you are discouraging other groups from being there. We're concerned that such policies will have a negative impact on the community life in those areas as well as the property values. If people of only one nationality are looking to buy there then you are reducing the pool of potential buyers for that area and that will stunt the growth of property values.

I know that Chinatown is a part of our city many would not consider changing, but that is from a different time when segregation was the norm. The best future for all of us lies in increased integration, not increased fragmentation. Dividing the city up into areas dedicated to specific special interest groups would be a huge step backwards – let's not go there. I definitely consider this to be a 'voting issue' by which I mean it could have a large influence on who I vote for in future elections. Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

s. 22(1)

Date: 5/23/2012 11:26:17 AM

Subject: FW: Little dsaigon

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jang, Kerry

Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 10:31 AM

To: Basi, Sarah
Subject: FW: Little dsaignon

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From: Jang, Kerry
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 2:43 PM
To: Ballem, Penny
Subject: Little dsaignon

Thanks for the call. Its all street signs and banners, no neighbourhood name change as alleged. On the street signs, Neale Carley is looking after the signs so staff should check in with him as the Viets will apply for the sign changes thru him. The banners under street banner program so its biz as usual. Its just about a few signs and banners on say, on a couple of blocks of Kingsway. The stretch of kingsway tbd. Part of the consult. I can give staff names of viet organizers when ready for the consult. The Viets have raised money to pay for work. Let me know when the consult is. Thanks!

Kerry

Date: 5/23/2012 11:25:41 AM

Subject: FW: Little Saigion

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>Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 10:31 AM

>To: Basi, Sarah
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>Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 10:46 AM
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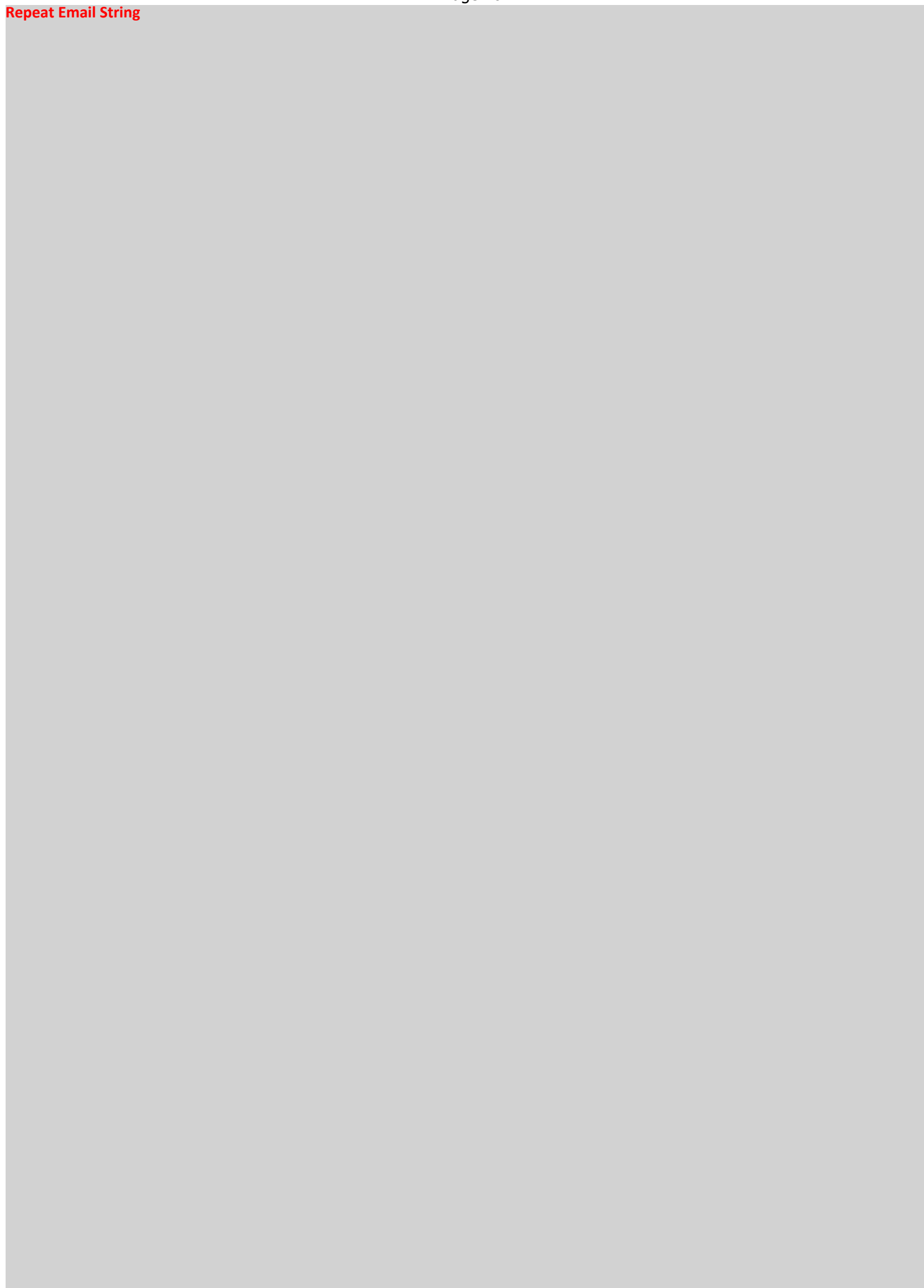
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>Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2012 1:00 PM
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>Subject: RE: Media Call- Little Saigon

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>To: s. 22(1)
>Cc: Quinlan, Kevin
>Subject: FW: Media Call- Little Saigon

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>Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2012 11:24 AM

>To: Media
>Subject: Media Call- Little Saigon
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>250 656 2731
>Working on a story for the Canadian Tourism Commission Website about Little Saigon. Would like some more information about the area and the decision to rename it.
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Date: 5/23/2012 11:24:01 AM

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>Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2012 12:23 PM
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Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 10:30 AM
To: Basi, Sarah
Subject: FW: Meeting to organize Little Saigon Vancouver street signs and banners program

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From: Jang, Kerry
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 2:12 PM
To: Carley, Neal
Cc: Welman, Mairi; Judd, Peter
Subject: RE: Meeting to organize Little Saigon Vancouver street signs and banners program

Thanks Neal!

Great work.

Thanks, Kerry

From: Carley, Neal
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 1:13 PM
To: Jang, Kerry
Cc: Welman, Mairi; Judd, Peter
Subject: FW: Meeting to organize Little Saigon Vancouver street signs and banners program

Councillor Jang- This is a quick update on the Little Saigon/Little Vietnam community initiative. There is strong interest in proceeding this year with banners and signs for the area to enhance the vibrancy of the public realm and create a community identity. The coordinators have some proposed banner designs are currently in the fund-raising stage. We

have been working closely with the coordinators and the email train below includes the correspondence to date.

Please note that staff have not yet started the consultation with the community, thus, we have suggested that the coordinators engage in some form of community consultation (or wait for the City consultation process). The banners and signs will likely require Council approval (depending on the status of the consultation and type/location of signs that are requested).

Thanks,

Neal Carley
Director, Streets

From: Carley, Neal
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 1:05 PM
To: s. 22(1)
Cc: 'Success Seconds'; Wong, Phil
Subject: RE: Meeting to organize Little Saigon Vancouver street signs and banners program

Just caught an error with the mounting costs (you would probably have 2 banners per pole, rather than one per pole). The costs for 100 banners should be on the order of \$37,500.

\$15,500 - Mount banner brackets (50 @ \$330/pole, **assuming 2 banners/pole**) - City Work
\$ 4,000 - Put up banners (50 @ \$80/pole, assuming 2 banners/pole) - City or Private work
\$ 4,000 - Take down banners (50 @ \$80/pole, assuming 2 banners/pole) - City or Private work
\$10,000 - Purchase banners (100 @ \$100/banner) - Private Work (you will need to work directly with a manufacturer to set a price)

We can also discuss options for a ground-mounted sign. I am interested in which location(s) you would like to propose so we can evaluate.

Thanks,

Neal

From: Carley, Neal
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 12:41 PM
To: s. 22(1)
Cc: Success Seconds; Wong, Phil
Subject: RE: Meeting to organize Little Saigon Vancouver street signs and banners program

Good to hear from you.

1. Cost for 100 banners

The approximate costs are on the order of \$51,000 (Phil Wong can correct the numbers if they are off):

\$33,000 - Mount banner brackets (100 @ \$330/pole) - City Work
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Please make sure that you are familiar with the City's banner application process and specifications:

<http://vancouver.ca/engsvcs/transport/streets/documents/BannerAppProcedure.pdf>

<http://vancouver.ca/engsvcs/transport/streets/documents/drawings.pdf>

Please note that we would require some form of community consultation (unless you wish to wait until after the City consultation).

2 Concrete/Metal welcome Sign

Sign design can vary significantly, thus, we need to see a proposed design before we can provide an estimate for manufacturing and installation. (From my **personal** experience on a Parent Advisory Committee for my son's elementary school, we placed a "welcome" sign at cost on the order of \$8,000. Please note that we had a "heavily discounted preferred price" and volunteer labour (the company was owned by a parent). Also we did not have any site preparation costs or structural design issues.)

Fees could be assessed under Section 13 of the Sign Bylaw (<http://vancouver.ca/commsvcs/BYLAWS/sign/SEC13.PDF>). If you wanted the sign to be located on public property, we would have to assess the situation.

Please note that you may need a professional engineer to sign off on the sign (Section 5.4.3 of the Sign Bylaw):

"Where the Chief Building Official has concern for the structural integrity of a proposed sign, he may require, as a condition of the issuance of any permit, that all drawings and specifications, or any part thereof, be prepared and sealed by, and the construction carried out under the supervision of, a professional engineer registered in the Province of British Columbia; and he may refuse to issue a permit until he is provided with a letter signed by the professional engineer undertaking to supervise the work authorized by such permit, or any part thereof as specified by the Chief Building Official, until it is completed."

I reiterate that that ground-mounted signs within the street right-of-way are rare due to the limited space and would likely require Council approval for use of the public space. The outcome of the community consultations would be a factor in the Council decision.

Thanks,

Neal

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Sunday, March 25, 2012 12:24 PM
To: Carley, Neal
Cc: Success Seconds
Subject: Re: Meeting to organize Little Saigon Vancouver street signs and banners program

Dear Mr. Neal Carley,

Thank you for sending the information to us. We would like to ask you 2 questions regarding our fundraising plans:

1. What is the cost for 100 banners?
2. Could you please provide an estimate for the concrete and metal welcome signs?

Thank you,

s. 22(1)

On Tue, Mar 6, 2012 at 9:06 AM, Carley, Neal <Neal.Carley@vancouver.ca> wrote:

Thank you for your time last week. It was pleasure meeting you and discussing ways to enhance the public realm in the area. I am following up on the City cost charges for the following options that we discussed:

1. Banners

The City charges to mount banner brackets are on the order of \$330 per pole. City crews would mount the brackets to eliminate or minimize the risk of damage to our poles.

Installation and removal of banners can be done by City crews or private companies. The City charges \$80/pole to install or remove banners (note that this activity requires a lift truck working in traffic and in proximity to energized trolley lines).

Design and manufacturing of the banners is done by private companies and the costs vary depending on the design and materials used.

Please note that Council (Oct 6, 2011) directed City staff to conduct community consultations with the Vietnamese community, merchants' associations, community groups, and local area residents. I understand that the community consultations have not yet been conducted. Given this situation, we would request some form of community consultation on the banner design or wait until after the City consultation have been concluded.

2. Customized Street Name Signs

Customization is for the sign "blades" and does not change the street name (which is a different process).

The City charges for manufacturing and installation of customized street name signs are on the order of \$75-\$100 per sign depending on the complexity of the customization. The costs may be greatly reduced if the customization was in the form of a decal, rather than replacement of the sign blade. Due to the official nature of street name signs, City staff would manufacture and install the signs.

The approval of customized street name signs (blades) would be subject to Council approval. The outcome of the community consultations would be a factor in the Council decision.

3. Pole-mounted Signs

City charges for manufacturing and installation of customized signs mounted on street light poles are on the order of \$100-\$200 per sign depending on the complexity of the customization and size. The signs could be manufactured by a private company, but we would require that the signs be installed by City crews to eliminate or minimize the risk of damage to our poles.

Please note that this is not a common practice and would require Council approval. The outcome of the community consultations would be a factor in the Council decision.

4. Ground-mounted "Welcome" Signs

Manufacturing and installation of ground-mounted signs could be done by City staff or private sector companies. Ground-mounted signs vary so greatly, that we cannot provide an estimate for manufacturing or installation.

Please note that signs on private property are governed under the sign bylaw (<http://vancouver.ca/commsvcs/BYLAWS/sign/sign.htm>) and the application form can be found at <http://vancouver.ca/commsvcs/LICANDINSP/applications/pdf/SignPermit.pdf>. Note that signs, especially free-standing signs, would likely require design and drawings by a professional engineer for the structure, footings, and power. Obviously, signs on private property would require the approval by the property owner.

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Thank you again for your time. Please let me know if you have any questions or require clarification on these items.

Thanks,

Neal Carley
Director, Streets
[604-873-7360](tel:604-873-7360)

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2012 8:05 PM
To: Carley, Neal
Subject: Re: Meeting to organize Little Saigon Vancouver street signs and banners program

Dear Mr. Neal Carley,

We can see you on Tuesday Feb 28, 2012 at 12.30PM.

Thanks

Ninh Nguyen

On Mon, Feb 20, 2012 at 3:58 PM, Carley, Neal <Neal.Carley@vancouver.ca> wrote:

Good to hear from you.

I am booked solid this week. Next week, I am available:

Tuesday, Feb 28, any time after 12:00 noon

Wednesday, Feb 29, any time between noon and 3:00 pm

Thanks,

Neal Carley
[604-873-7360](tel:604-873-7360)

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2012 10:02 AM
To: s. 22(1); Carley, Neal
Cc: Jang, Kerry; Reimer, Andrea
Subject: Meeting to organize Little Saigon Vancouver street signs and banners program

Dear Mr. Neal Carley

My name is s. 22(1). I am a graphic designer.

I would like to meet Mr. Neal Carley and s. 22(1) so that we can share details on technical matters about selecting options for installing street sign and street banners to promote the area.

I am available during week days between 12:30 PM till 3:00 PM. I am looking forward to meeting you and s. 22(1) very soon. s. 22(1)

Best Regards,

s. 22(1)

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On Wed, Feb 15, 2012 at 10:06 PM, s. 22(1) wrote:

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Date: Wed, Feb 15, 2012 at 10:45 AM

Subject: Little Saigon

To: s. 22(1)

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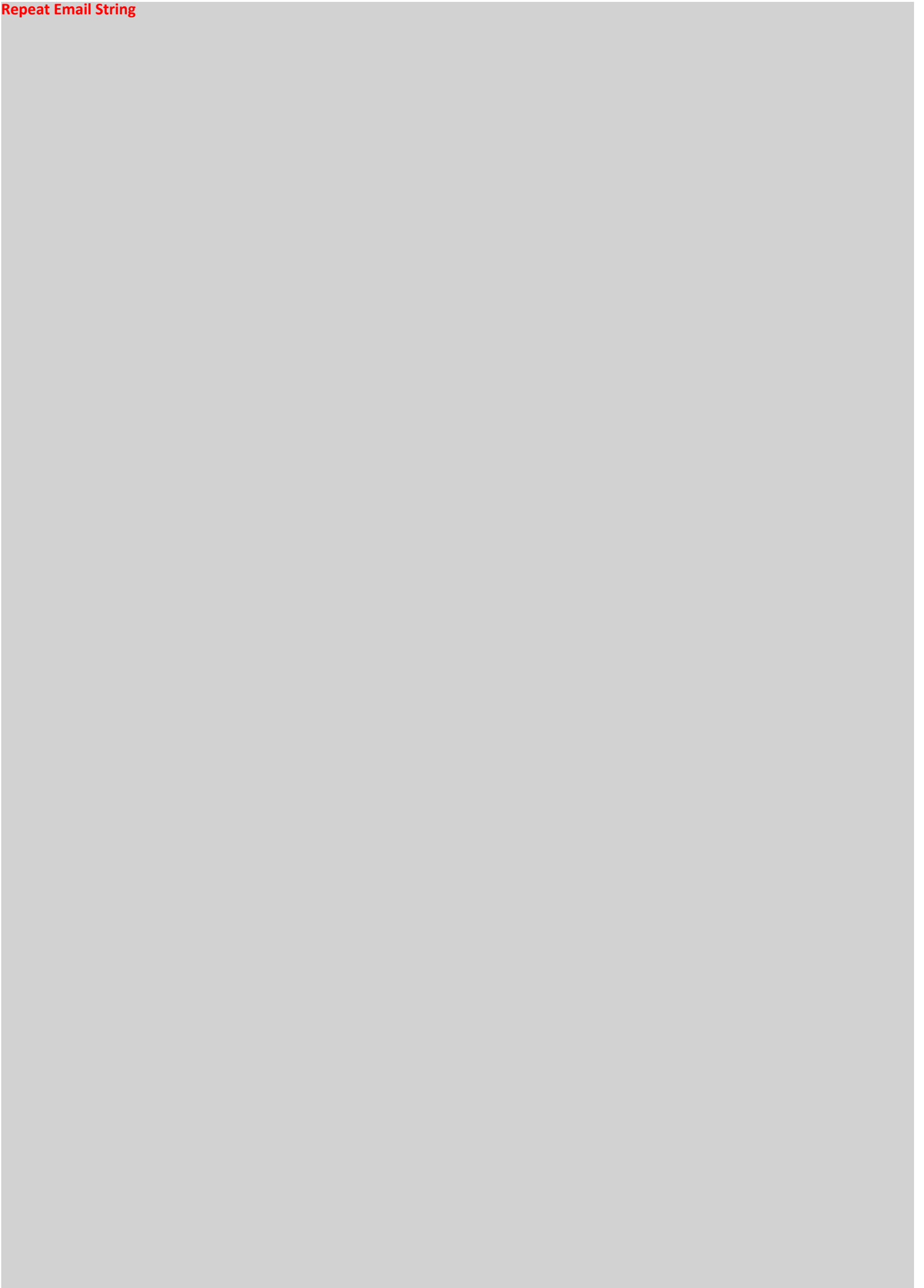
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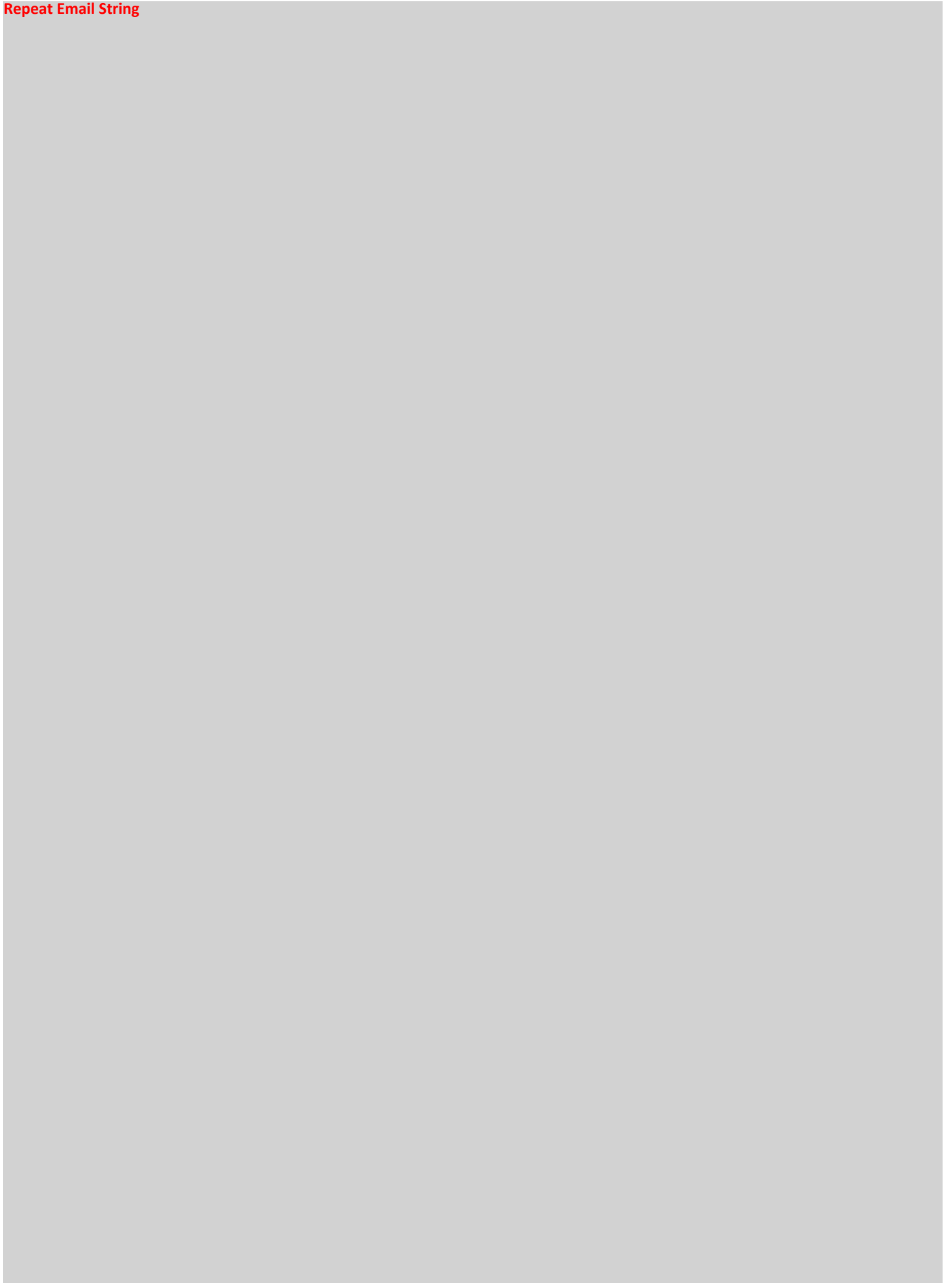
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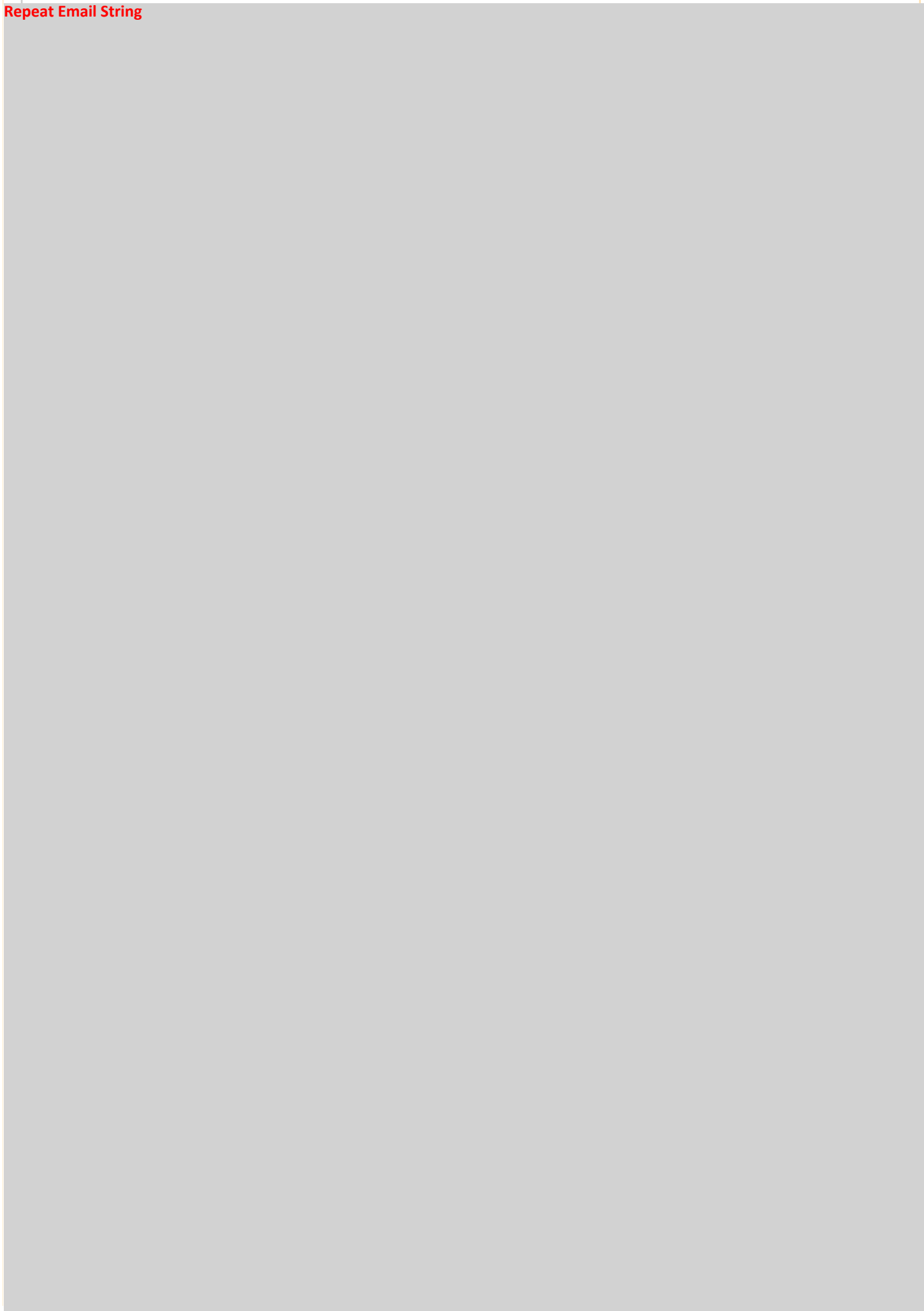
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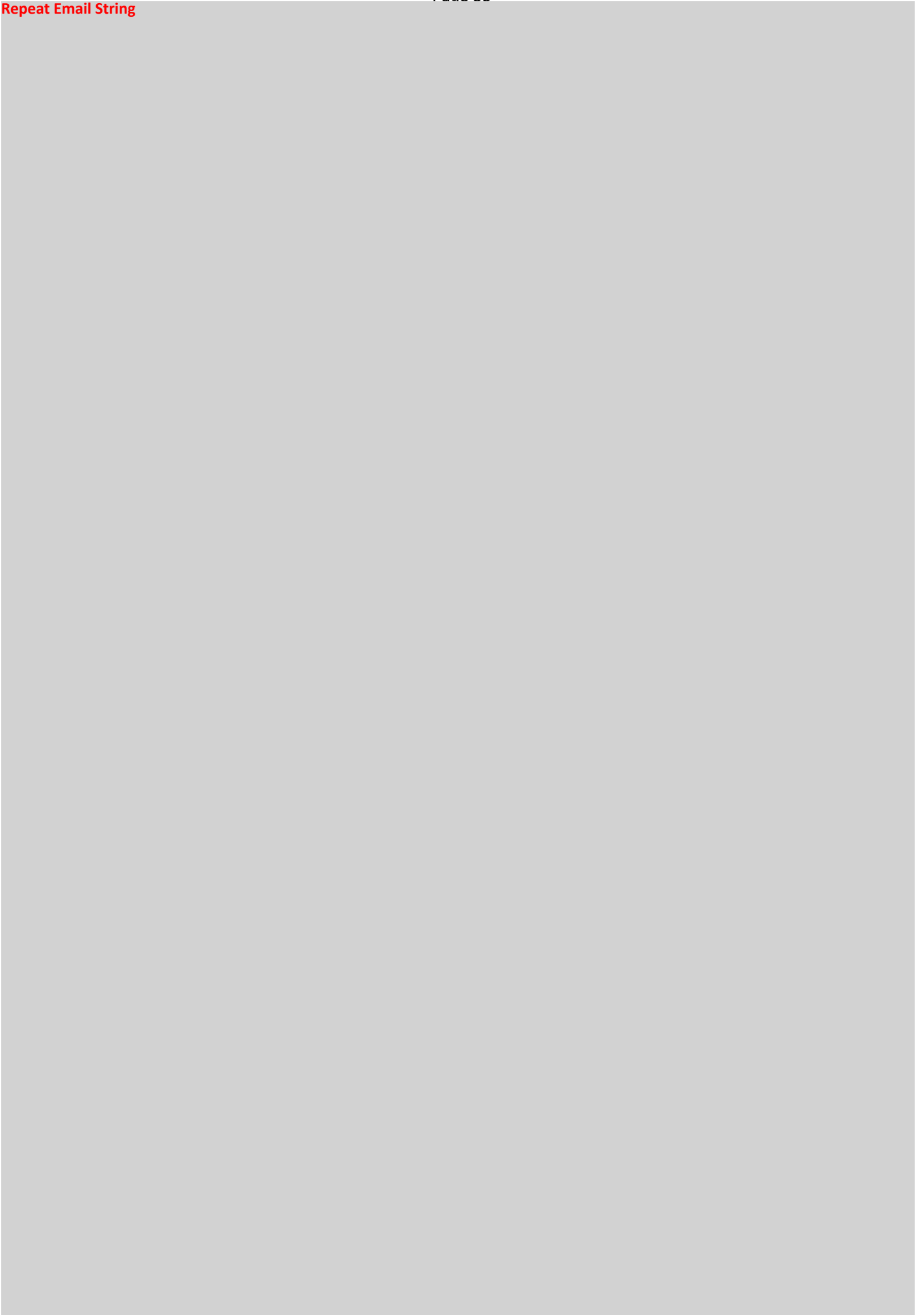


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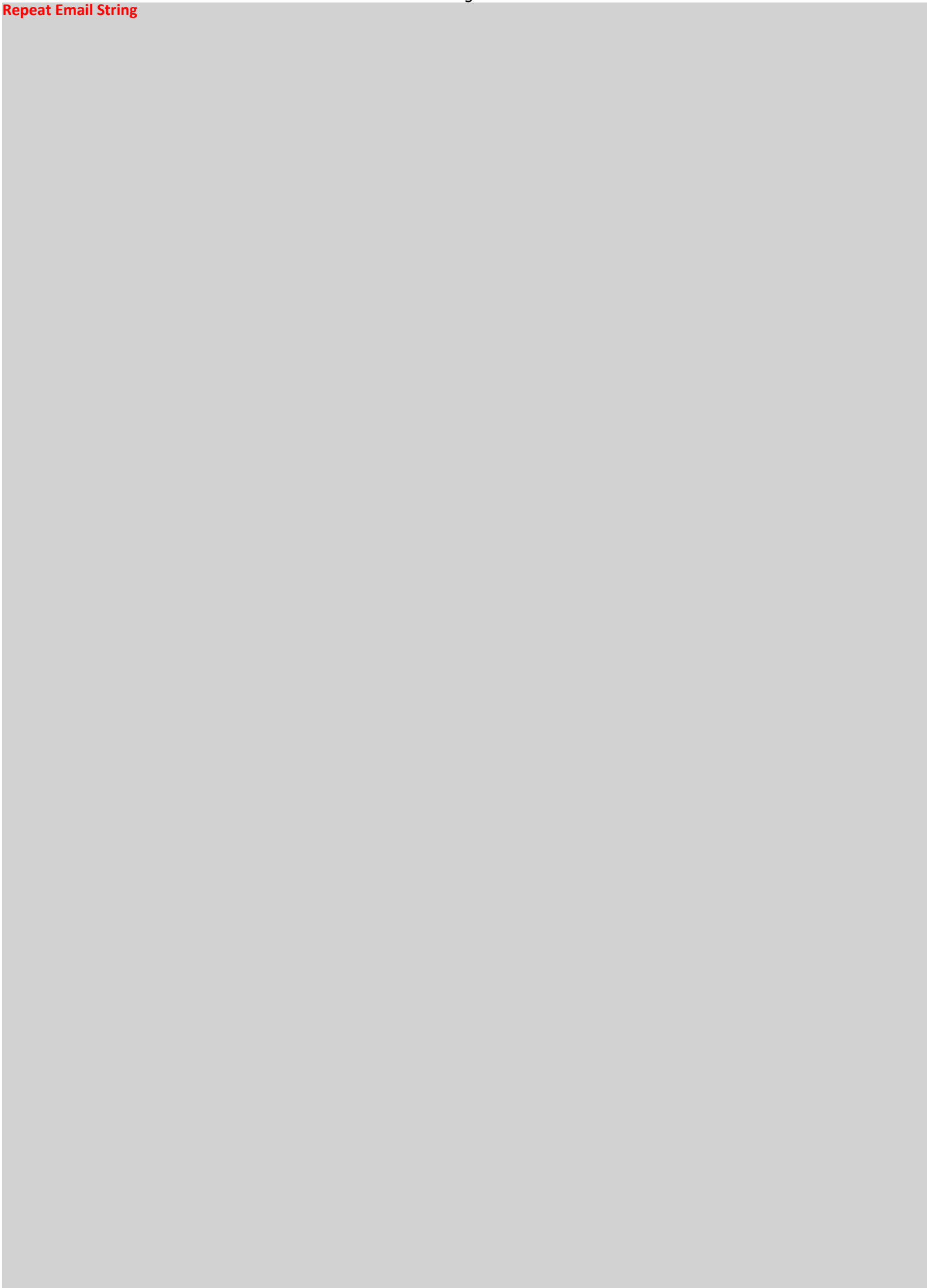


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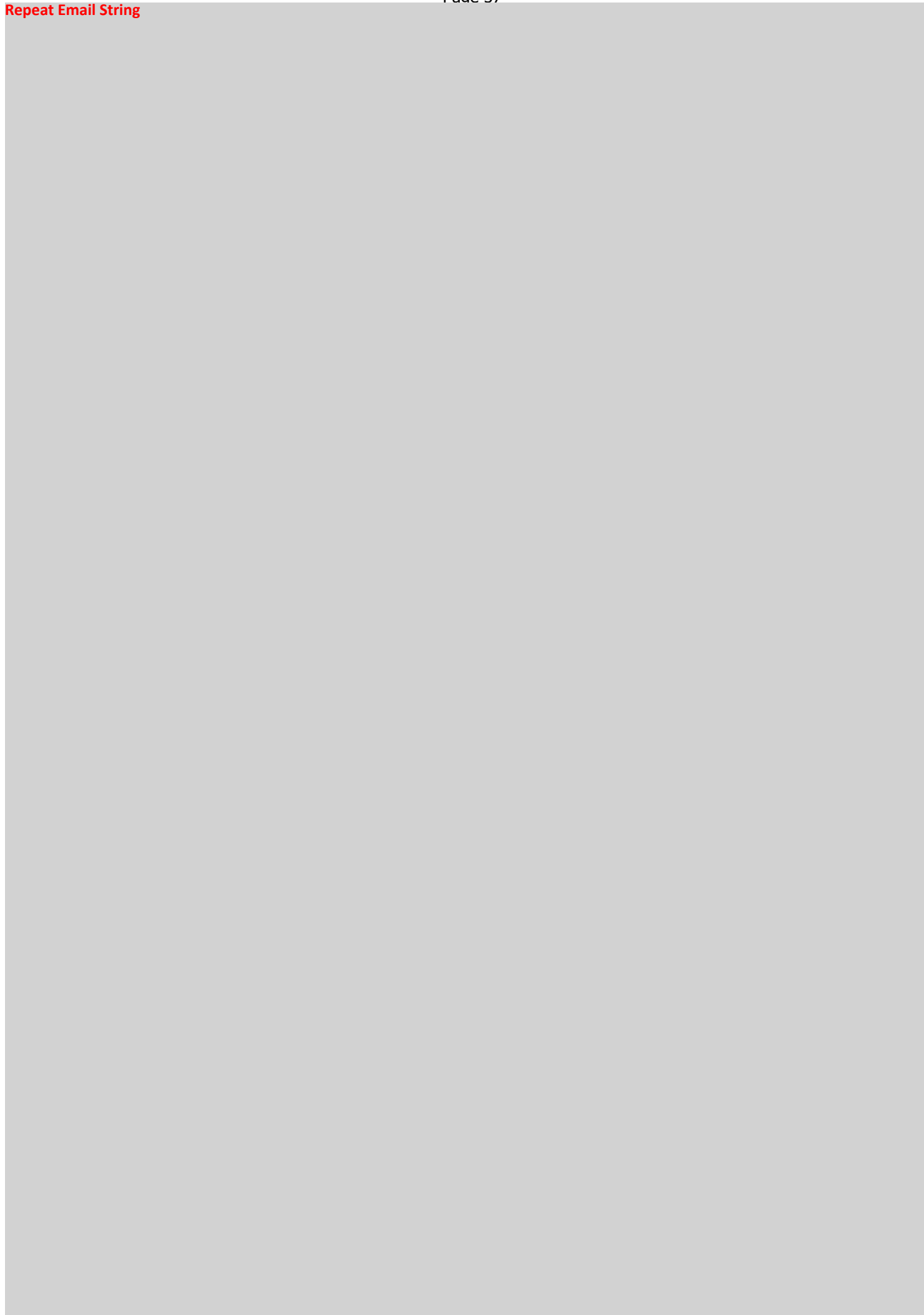
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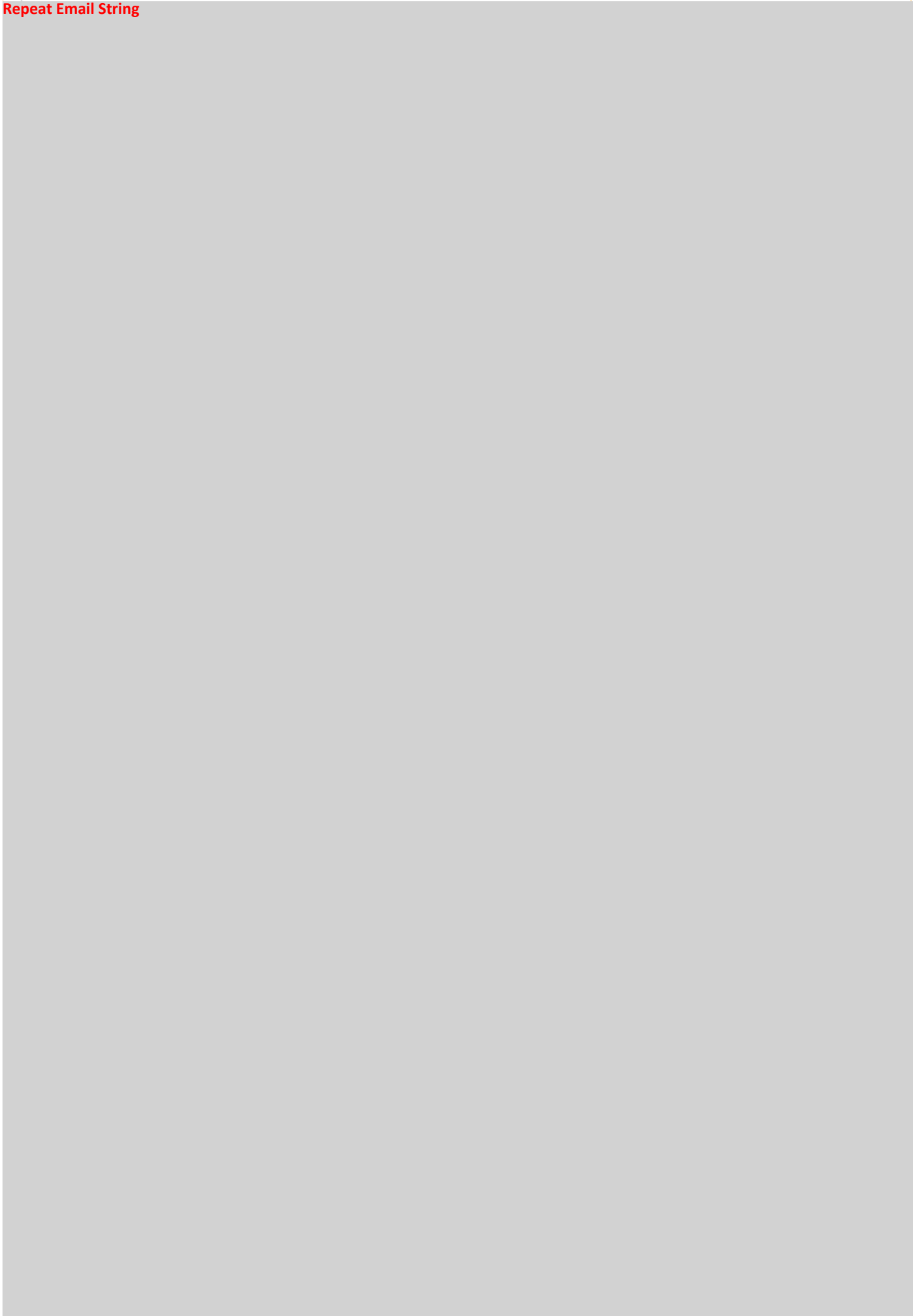
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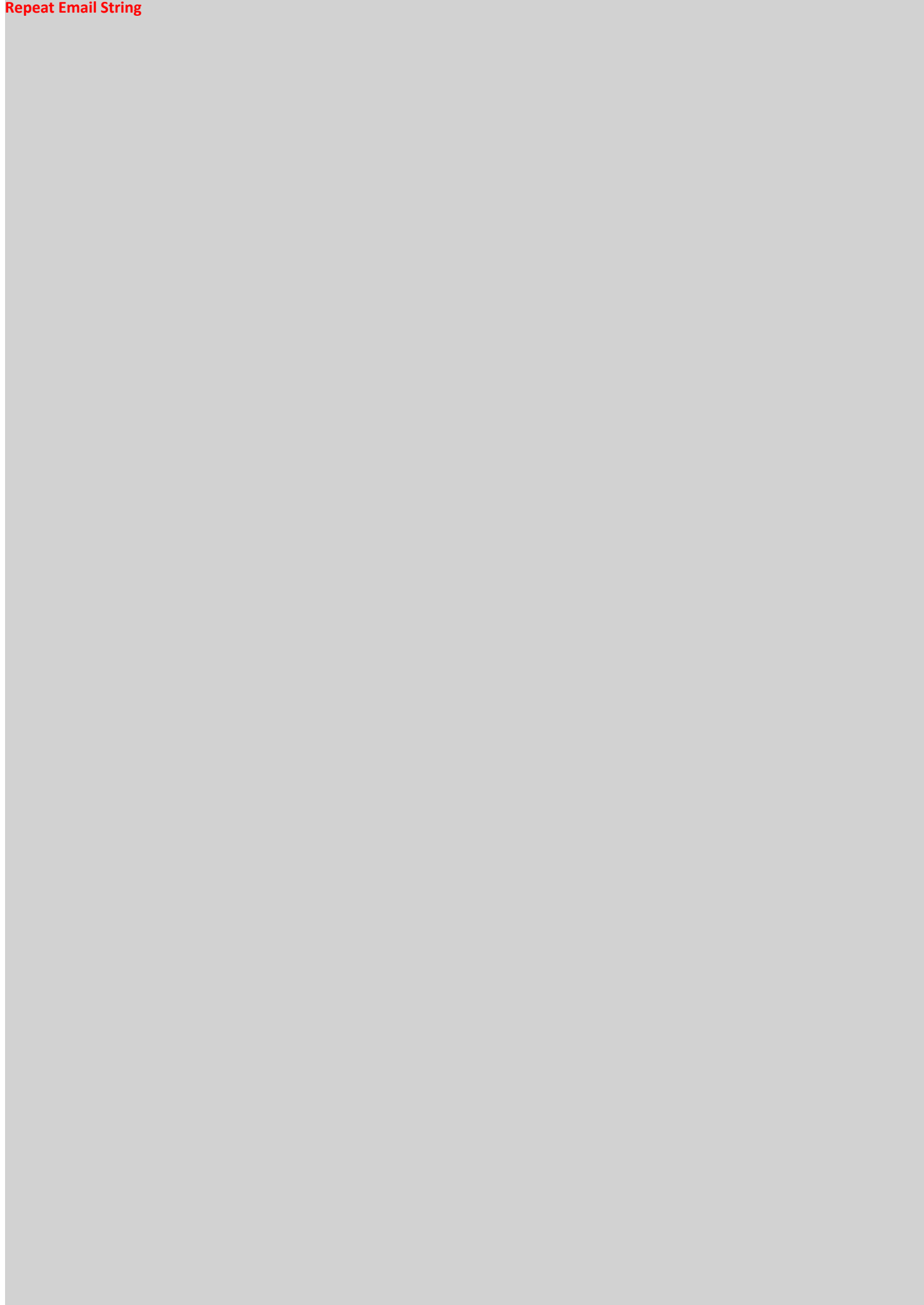


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Date: 5/23/2012 11:26:26 AM

Subject: FW: Objectives based on 5 great iPhotos of Vancouver tree bylaw in action

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Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 10:31 AM
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From: Jang, Kerry
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 11:07 PM
To: s. 22(1)
Subject: RE: Objectives based on 5 great iPhotos of Vancouver tree bylaw in action

Dear s. 22(1),

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Thank you for your letter. You have a lot of questions, so here are the answers one by one:

1. Porn shop. As you know, we enforced the bylaw as the business was not in compliance. The owner has taken the city to court as he feels it is a charter issue on freedom of speech and as it is in court, he can continue to operate until the court case is heard and decision rendered. This is simply the law.
2. Trees. I asked staff to check into the cutting of the trees, and the Rector had all the permits and was well within the bylaw. Trees can be removed for development and the church will be replacing a number of them as part of the redevelopment.
3. Little Saigon. The Vietnamese community wanted a few street signs on a short stretch of Kingsway to have the street name in English and Vietnamese as Pender street, for example is in English and Chinese in Chinatown, or Main street is written in English and Punjabi, to help local businesses along that strip. There is no renaming of the neighbourhood to

"Little Saigon" as many have suggested. Staff are planning a meeting on street signs in the near future. Also, the Vietnamese wanted to put up some street banners as well, and they can do that - indeed anyone can - under our existing street banner program. In short, the Little Saigon motion that was passed by all of Council last term is looking at having a few street signs for Kingway in English and Vietnamese, and a few street banners (which could be done anyway now). Many have referred to that area of Kingsway as "Little Saigin" for years anyways...

4. Ward System. I was the co-chair of the "Yes for Wards". This is still my goal, but many now want proportional representation, a mixed ward at large, etc system. As the Province must amend the Vancouver Charter, we have asked them to do so to 1) allow us to look at different electoral systems, but also, gone further by asking for 2) spending limits, 3) restriction on donations, and 4) changes in reporting. Ida Chong, the Minister in charge said "NO" last term when we asked for this, and we have just passed another motion again asking for last meeting. I hope she says "YES" this time. Indeed, just so you know, we brought all these to the Union of BC Municipalities meeting and was defeated there by all of the other municipalities who voted against our motion on electoral reform as they like it just the way it is!

5. Shelter at Mt Saint Josephs. The shelter is on hospital grounds and is housing local homeless. The homeless there are people who are living on the streets in the area, and have so for years. The good thing about it is that we are now in contact with them, and a number have moved to more permanent housing or recovery. We keep detailed statistics on issues, compalins, VPD calls, and this shelter is very quiet. Indeed, the calls for service for VPD are down in the area for calls due to homeless as they are now inside and not breaking into cars.

6. RIZE. This is at public hearing and am looking forward to hearing the pros and cons from all sides on the staff proposal, as required by law, before casting a vote.

I hope this answers your questions and thank you for all of your work in the community.

Warm regards,

Kerry

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 2:26 PM
To: Jang, Kerry
Subject: Objectives based on 5 great iPhotos of Vancouver tree bylaw in action

Kerry: So we are wondering if you seriously mean to visit the rector and revisit the tree bylaw in this particular case or are you too busy with the "little saigon" file on behalf of the 2.8 per cent of residents of kensington/cedar cottage that speak Vietnamese and their petition that was only read and signed by Vietnamese-speaking businesses/people and excluded others entirely. Excuse the sarcasm but some of the things the city tries to pull off around our neighbourhood are so questionable and you know what we are saying, think Rize tower Kingsway/Broadway, homeless highrise Fraser/Broadway, Fantasy Factory prostitute hang-out 701 Kingsway, homeless shelter Mt.St Joseph's residence, wall to wall 24-hour convenience stores, monster duplexes on streets of heritage houses blocking out views and light for neighbours. I say "we" because I walk the dog, talk to people, get the dickens list-serve, used to go to meetings for years since 1992 community policing office volunteer/board member when we had one, then community plan meetings for years to end up with a plan that doesn't want but can't stop Rize tower, homeless highrise, prostitutes, drug dealers, pimps & thieves cruising alleys. Ward system? Went to those committee meetings too. Shot down by NPA. Now we are supposed to be Vision. What is the vision for a rector who is going to cut down trees year after year because the neighbourhood historic trees have no protection, he just has to say we think they are dangerous, to the detriment of a historic landscape?

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Date: January 10, 2012 1:18:00 PM GMT-07:00
To: s. 22(1)
Subject: RE: 5 great iPhotos of Vancouver tree bylaw in action

Thanks s. 22(1) ,

Let me look into this!

Cheers,

kerry

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To: Jang, Kerry
Subject: Re: 5 great iPhotos of Vancouver tree bylaw in action

Kerry: I called the city hall line in the middle of this. The person in charge of tree cutting permits looked it up and the church was permitted to cut down one tree and trim four. They were advised to replant one tree. I didn't know at the time that the tree cutting bylaw allowed one tree per year per property WITHOUT any arborist report or visit from any official. All that is apparently required is that the property owner gives a reason they are doing it. In this case they stated the tree was "hazardous" because it was growing on a "steep bank". Of course you can see by the photos that all it would have taken is to rebuilt that section of the wood retaining wall higher and infill a bit as the tree was obviously well rooted inward as large trees do. I have a tree that large bordering my own lot with a steeper bank than that. The tree was NOT diseased and was one of the tallest in the neighbourhood, and rare in that is was a distinctive pine among the many cedars and firs in the area. It was truly an asset to the neighbourhood. This grand tree, in a green-conscious, gardening-loving and historic neighbourhood, was taken down for no reason. The rector (priest) called out to me as I took the pictures wait until next year I will be taking down another one and he pointed to another majestic tree on that lot. As I said in my e-mail that church was established there in 1950 by Father Philomen because of the location he called a "beautiful and sublime site" and that is what neighbours thought of it as well. Now we have the clearcutting going on big time. In past years they have cut smaller trees and denuded most of the slope but losing this grand tree now and being treated to insulting remarks by the rector promising that they will be taking down more of the big trees every year to come has enraged many people around here. The issue is that permitted or not there are instances where some consultation with community and city hall is need when historic trees are threatened. This church is know for thumbing their noses at the rest of the world. This goes back to when they built a manse house on the adjacent lot they falsified measurements and comparisons to get a bigger building approved and had to be called on the mat and resubmit altered plans that showed the true picture of what they were building. It was not a house, but a church hall being passed of as a residence. Their new back fence is still talked about in the neighbourhood even though according to city surveyor it conforms with their "property line" it juts out into the back lane further than anything else in the block. Thanks for your interest.--

s. 22(1)

On 10-Jan-12, at 10:58 AM, Jang, Kerry wrote:

Dear s. 22(1),
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Thank you for the pictures. Can you provide me with any details on the reason for why the trees were taken down? Is there an arborists report? Perhaps they were diseased? Do you know if permits were sought or if these were taken down illegally? If you can provide me with some information, I can track down the issues here.

Best regards,

Kerry

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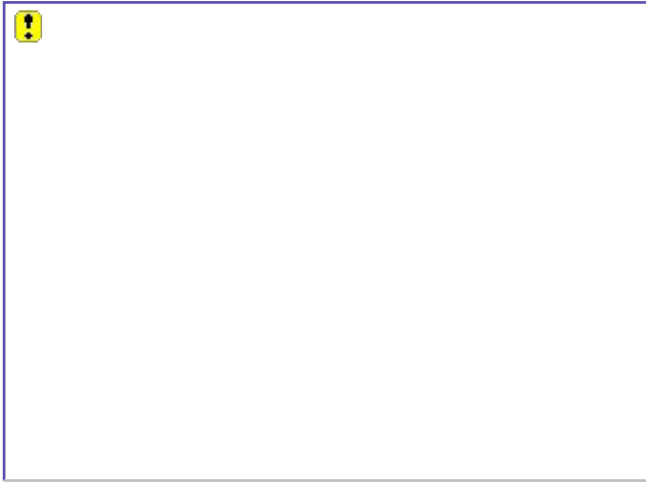
From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2012 9:48 AM
To: s. 22(1)
Subject: FW: 5 great iPhotos of Vancouver tree bylaw in action

Thank you for your email which has been circulated for information to the Mayor, Councillors, City Manager, and the Enquiry Centre of Development Services.

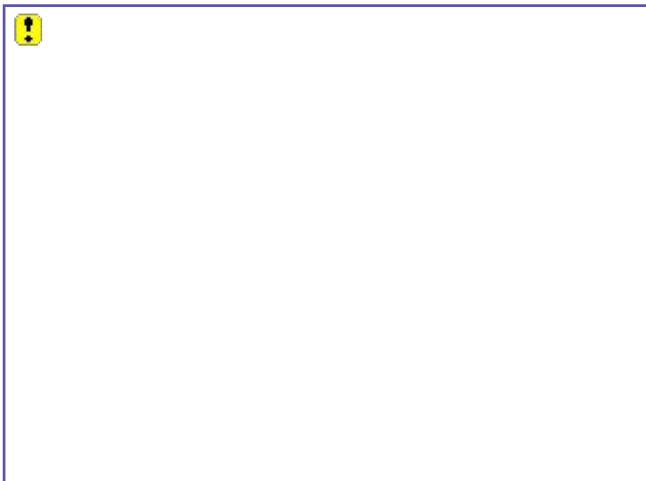
From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2012 4:36 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; editor@vancourier.com; s. 22(1); s. 22(1)
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Subject: 5 great iPhotos of Vancouver tree bylaw in action

Mayor Gregor Robinson, Councillors and staff: Your vow to make the city the greenest in the whatever by whenever is not being well served by your gutless trees on private property bylaw. When the tree(s) are in an historic part of town (Mt. Pleasant) and are a distinctive part of the landscape there needs to be more control over who decides if the tree is hazardous or not. This noble pine tree now destroyed is probably well over seventy five years old whereas the parishioners of the Russian Synodal Orthodox St Nicholas Church who decided along with their board and rector to remove it do not appreciate our historic landscape since they do not even live in this neighbourhood (except for the rector himself) and most have not even been around that long. Their own history states Father Philomen came to erect their shrine on "this beautiful and sublime site at East 13th Avenue and Prince Albert Street" in this city in 1950. So now they decide they don't care about the beautiful and sublime corner and are clearcutting it. I say this because the priest himself today at the site of this pine massacre told me he will take down another similar sized historic tree on the same sight "next year". So it's plain to see the community-minded citizens who struggle to save their green environment for your image Mr. Mayor and Councillors are at cross purposes with your bylaw that allows this ruthless degreening of the landscape by persons and organizations who seem to have no regard for the truly exceptional property they have. It is an important part of our neighbourhood too. Couldn't you look further into these tree removals as they happen instead of giving an outright permission for one tree a year. In this particular case the outright bylaw is changing an very luxurious green corner into a slash-covered clearcut. They want to wall themselves off from the neighbourhood like they recently did at the back of their property and many of us, as long time residents who have fought for improvements over the years, are saying it's time to wake up

and realize what you have to protect here. The city needs to come and have a look and have a talk with the church people at 810 East 13th Avenue. Why wouldn't they just build up their retaining wall where necessary to save the tree instead of the other way around, taking down an important historic tree to save a rotting retaining wall? Robert Andrew, on behalf of taxpayers on 13th Ave etc.



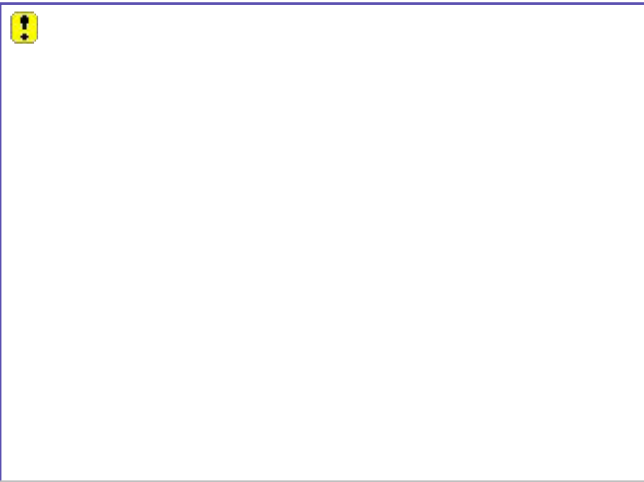
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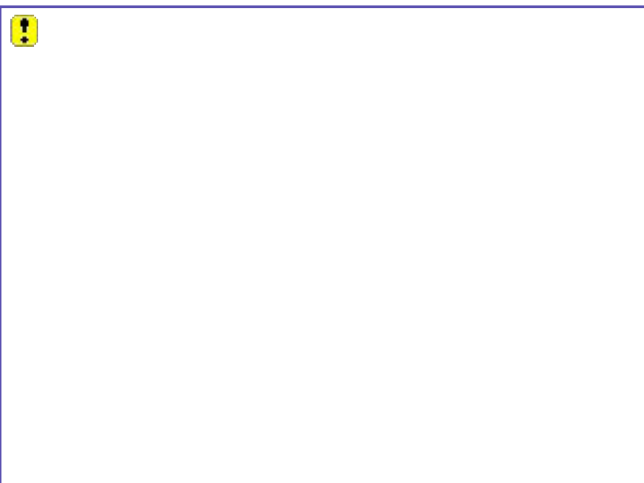
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Date: 5/23/2012 11:26:06 AM

Subject: FW: see attached story

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From: s. 22(1)

Sent: Friday, March 30, 2012 11:30 AM

To: Jang, Kerry

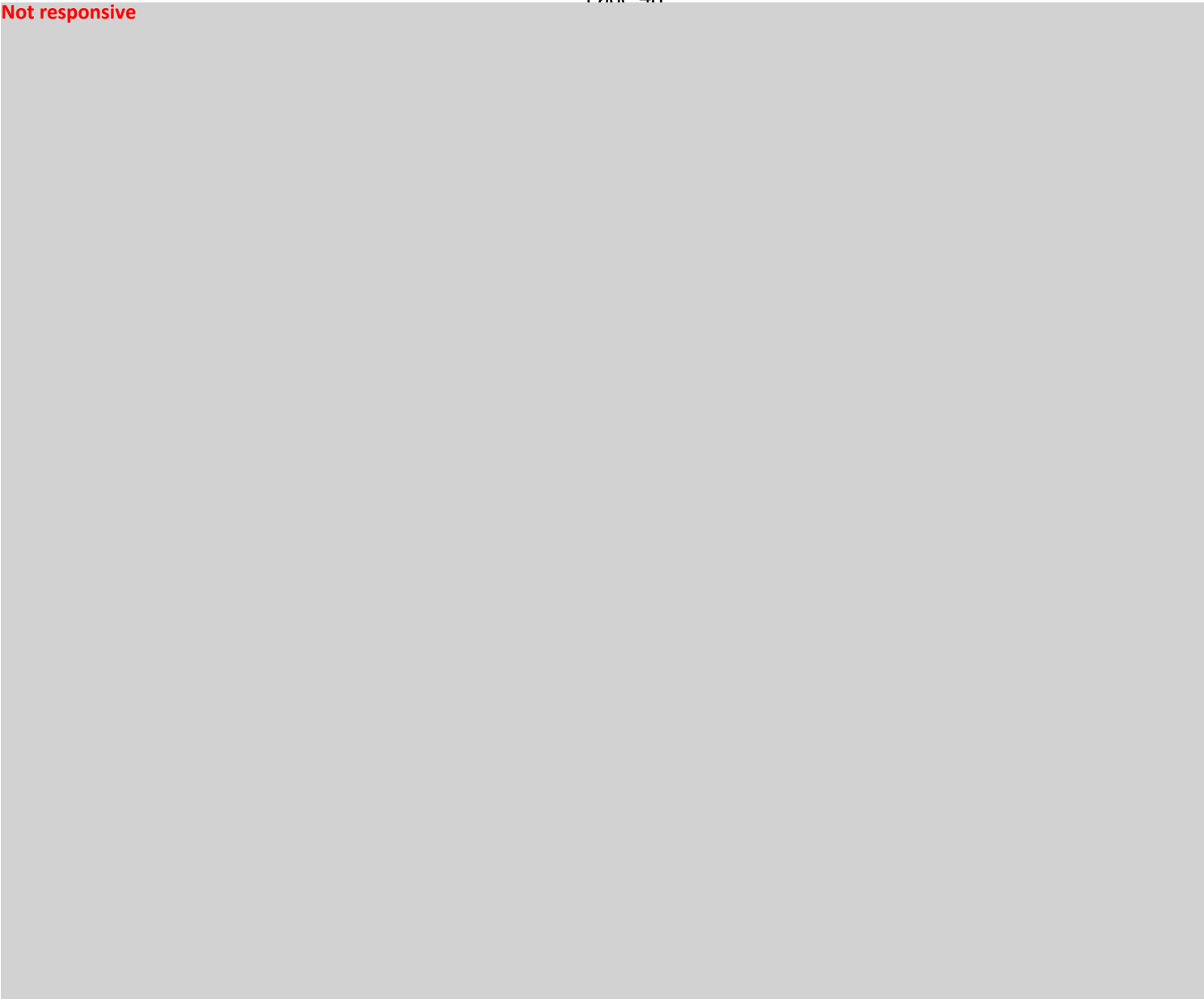
Subject: see attached story

Kerry, as per my voice message, see attached:

s. 22(1)

Date: 5/23/2012 11:23:21 AM

Subject: FW: Street banners



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>From: Jang, Kerry
>Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 4:19 PM
>To: Carley, Neal
>Subject: RE: Street banners

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>No, little saigon remains. I wanted them to acknowledge they are part of kensington Cedar Cottage. The poll they did of the viet communtiy overwhelmingly chose Little Saigon as it's a historic city for centuries.

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>From: Carley, Neal
>Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 4:15 PM
>To: Jang, Kerry
>Cc: Welman, Mairi
>Subject: RE: Street banners

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>Did they change from "Little Saigon" to "Little Vietnam"?

>From: Jang, Kerry
>Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 4:13 PM
>To: Carley, Neal
>Subject: RE: Street banners

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>Thanks and yes, they have some new designs. I am reviewing them now

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>From: Carley, Neal
>Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 2:26 PM
>To: Jang, Kerry
>Cc: Welman, Mairi
>Subject: RE: Street banners

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>I will check and get back to you. Any progress on the name change by the group?

>From: Jang, Kerry
>Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 11:44 AM
>To: Carley, Neal
>Subject: Street banners

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>Hi neale,

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>Quick question, the Vietnamese community was asking that when they put in the application, do they need to attach

the funds at that time, or will you bill them?

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Blog post

By [s. 22\(1\)](#) (include by-line)

Submitted: March 29, 2012

Suggested title: Big flavours in Vancouver's Little Saigon

Suggested tweet- Vancouver welcomes Little Saigon

[Vancouver](#)'s Kingsway corridor isn't much to look at with its strip malls and heavy traffic, but it sure is tasty.

The neighbourhood known as Kensington-Cedar Cottage is home to thousands of Vietnamese-Canadians, many who came as refugees in the 1970s.

Long settled, they're now planning to name their community Little Saigon. They're raising money for bilingual street signs and colourful banners, with the city's blessing.

"They were so glad that Canada welcomed them with open arms after the war that they want to give back," says Kerry Jang, a Vancouver city councillor and neighbourhood resident.

Signs and banners are welcome. but I figure the Vietnamese community has already given us plenty. I'm talking about their cuisine, of course...their crispy spring rolls, aromatic beef stews and crusty baguettes layered with pork pate and grilled veggies. Hearty soups and flavourful curries. And fresh seafood; this *is* the West coast.

Jang estimates there are more than 30 Vietnamese eateries in a three-kilometre stretch along Kingsway. He enjoys [Green Papaya Hut](#), where traditional Vietnamese dishes are served in family-size bowls for sharing. "I just close my eyes and point; it's all good there."

There's also one-of-a-kind grocery stores like [88 Supermarket](#) with whole pig heads for five bucks and a mouth-watering variety of Asian fruit, vegetables and herbs.

With Little Saigon, you'll never need to visit the real one.

Not responsive

From: s. 22(1)

Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 4:23 PM

To: Jang, Kerry

Cc: Robertson, Gregor; Affleck, George; Ball, Elizabeth; Carr, Adriane; Deal, Heather; Jang, Kerry; Louie, Raymond; Meggs, Geoff; Reimer, Andrea; Stevenson, Tim; Tang, Tony

Subject: Opposition to Little Saigon

Dear Mr. Jang,

I am writing to find out about the proposed renaming of the Kensington-Cedar Cottage area to "Little Saigon". As a resident of the area, my neighbours and I have been waiting for a public consultation of the renaming of the area in order to share our views of this motion, but are now wondering if indeed there has or will be such a consultation. We strongly disagree with the renaming of the area and do not feel that it represents the ethnic diversity of one of the most historic neighborhoods in Vancouver.

Our question is why should a neighborhood that prides itself on a long history of cultural diversity, celebrate only one culture that arrived almost 100 years after the community was founded in 1888? And what of the fact that the 2006 census reveals that only 5.4% of the people in this community speak Vietnamese? And that the second most spoken language after English, is Chinese?

We believe that this neighborhood should be celebrated by its historic name :Cedar Cottage.

The name reflects its historic roots which have germinated over 130 years, and was one of the most important commercial areas as a stop between the capital in new Westminster and Vancouver. Why is this not being celebrated? The Vietnamese presence exists in the neighborhood, but it certainly does not define it. By doing as such, you disregard the history and the cultures that represent the area. In fact, its exclusionary effect would seem to be quite racist.

Additionally, we feel that the Vietnamese influence in the area has done very little to build a presence of a desirable community; many of the beauty salons, restaurants, and markets, are by far the grubbiest and most unappealing found in Vancouver. We have seen very little effort on the business owners' part to beautify and take pride in the community. Our fear is that with this focus on Little Saigon, that new more diverse businesses will hesitate to open in the area-businesses that represent the demographics of the people who actually live there. It is the kiss of death for other ethnicities thinking of establishing there.

Indeed, a few banners will do nothing, and only contribute to the deterioration of Kingsway into grubby obscurity....

In closing, we would like to know at what stage this motion is at, and what we as residents can do to have our voices heard. If properly polled, I can tell you the majority in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage area would not agree. We would like the opportunity to be heard before such a community altering proposal goes through.

Sincerely,

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A large grey rectangular redaction box covers the signature area, obscuring the name and any handwritten notes.