

# Northside Piers – Brooklyn, NY

## Structural System Redesign



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# Presentation Outline

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- 29 Story Condominium Tower

- 176 units

- Two typical floor plans  
(7500SF and 6200SF)

- Glass Cladding System that allows  
for floor to ceiling views

- No drop ceiling over living spaces

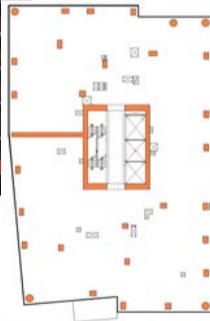




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- Flat plate two-way mild reinforced slab
- Irregular Column Scheme
- Shear Walls around central core with additional wall



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**Redesign Goals**

- Make structure more cost effective
- Meet or improve serviceability of structure

**Structural Elements Studied**

- Floor Slab System - Mild reinforced vs. Post-Tensioned?
- Shear Wall System - More optimal layout?

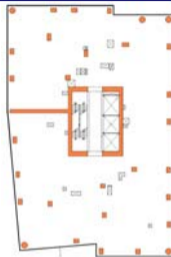
**Other Disciplines Considered**

- Construction Management
- Acoustics
- Mechanical Exhaust Risers



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26<sup>th</sup>-Roof



3<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Floor

**Slab Redesign Goals**

- Make slab more cost effective
- Meet or improve serviceability of structure

**Why Post-Tensioned System?**

- No room for beams
- Tendons improve slab efficiency
- Tendons reduce deflections

**Design Method**

- RAM Concept with Post-Tensioned spreadsheets
- Must meet ACI318-05

**Design Loads (Floor)**

- 40psf Live
- 30psf Super

**Design Loads (Balconies)**

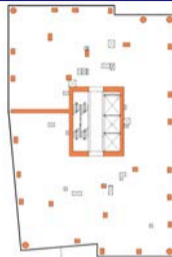
- 60psf Live
- 15psf Super





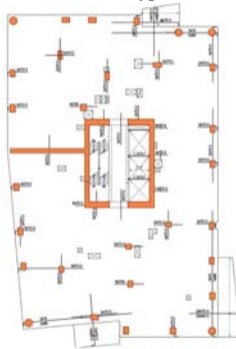
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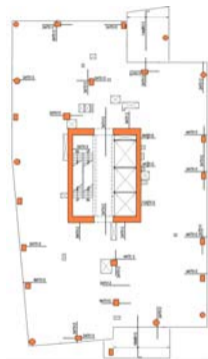


**3<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**3<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Floor Typical Slab**



**26<sup>th</sup>-Roof Typical Slab**



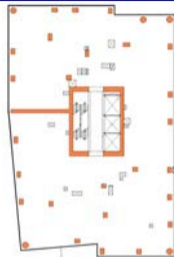
- 8" Slabs with #5's @ 12" o/c on Top and Bottom going both ways
- Additional bars added as shown on plan





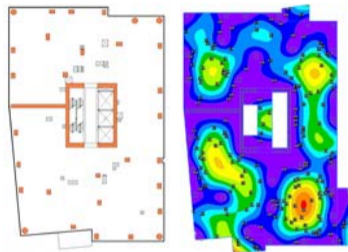
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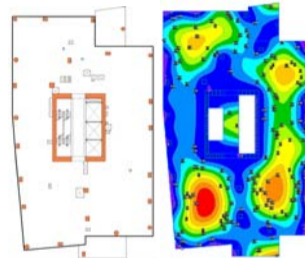
**3<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**3<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Floor Long-Term Deflection**



Maximum Long-Term Deflection: 0.67"

**26<sup>th</sup>-Roof Long-Term Deflection**

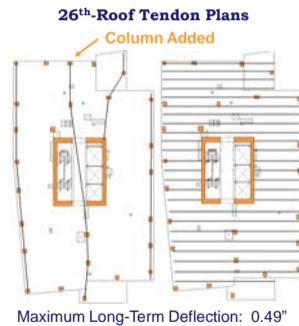
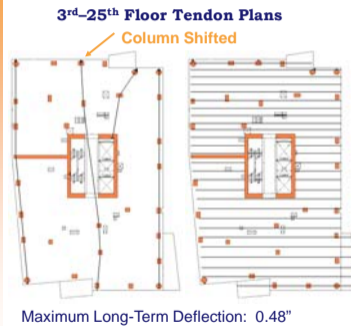
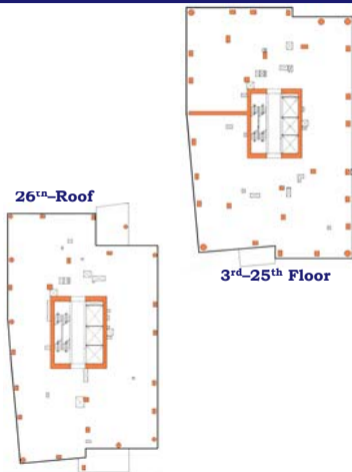


Maximum Long-Term Deflection: 0.74"

ACI318 Limit (30' Span):  $L/480 = 0.75"$



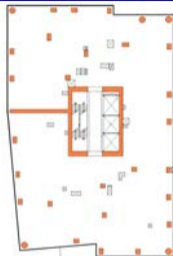
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### **Tendon Stress**

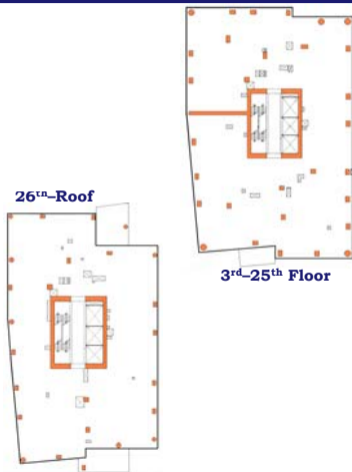
- 35% Banded tendon Load-Balancing Percentage
- 40% Uniform tendon Load-Balancing Percentage
- Maximum P/A of 320psi

### **Design Details**

- 7" Slabs
- 1/2" Unbonded Tendons
- Typical Profile heights of 5.75" and 1.25"
- Typically #4 bars @ 24"o/c at bottom, both ways
- Top reinforcing at columns and walls



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**Serviceability Comparison**

- Maximum Long-Term Deflections reduced by about 30%
- Both slabs meet the IBC requirement for a 2-hr fire rating
- The difference in Sound Transmission Level is almost imperceptible (57-56)

**Cost Comparison**

	Original (3rd-25th)		PT (3rd-25th)		Original (26-Roof)		PT (26-Roof)	
	Amt.	Cost	Amt.	Cost	Amt.	Cost	Amt.	Cost
Concrete (CY)	185.2	\$25,558	164	\$22,632	153.1	\$21,128	134	\$18,492
Post-Tensioning (lbs)	0	\$0	4,273	\$6,367	0	\$0	2,921	\$4,352
Formwork (SFCA)	7,589	\$33,088	7,589	\$33,088	6,199	\$27,028	6,199	\$27,028
Formwork Edge (LF)	360	\$839	360	\$839	346	\$806	346	\$806
Mild Steel Reinforcing (ton)	17.85	\$23,919	2.8	\$3,752	14.94	\$20,020	2.3	\$3,082
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$83,404</b>		<b>\$66,678</b>		<b>\$68,982</b>		<b>\$53,760</b>
<b>Cost/SF</b>		<b>\$10.99</b>		<b>\$8.79</b>		<b>\$11.13</b>		<b>\$8.67</b>

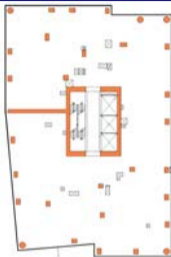
- \$36,000 will be saved if the story height is decreased by 1"



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**Original Shear Walls  
Viewed from South West**



**3<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**Shearwall Redesign Goals**

- Make shear walls more cost effective
- Meet or improve serviceability of structure

**Design Method**

- ETABS with shear wall spreadsheets
- Must meet ACI318-05

**Lateral Loads**

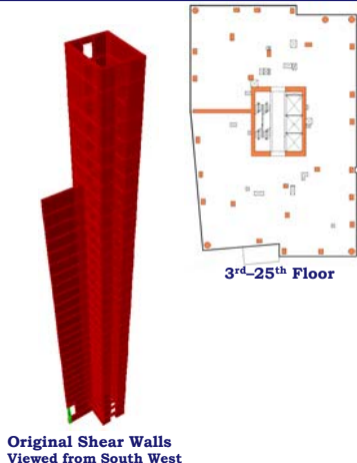
- Wind Loads were found from a wind tunnel test
- Wind produced base moments almost twice that of seismic

**Serviceability Issues**

- Story Drift must be less than  $L/600$
- Building acceleration must be less than 15 milli-g



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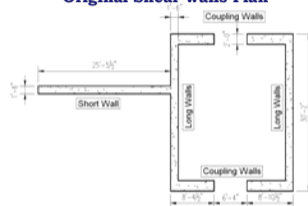
**Original Shear Walls Viewed From South West**



**Original Shear Walls Viewed From North East**



**Original Shear Walls Plan**



**Design Information**

- 8ksi concrete below 14<sup>th</sup> floor
- 6ksi concrete above 14<sup>th</sup> floor

**Serviceability**

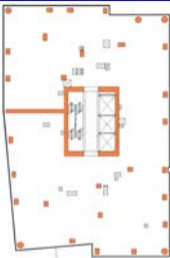
- Total deflection: 3.80" (H/1004)
- Torsional deflection: 2.82 milli-rad
- Max story drift: H/759



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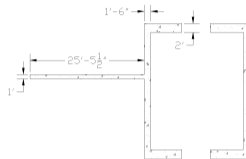


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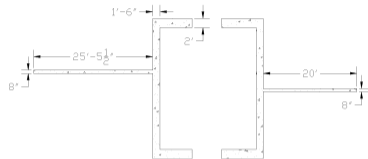


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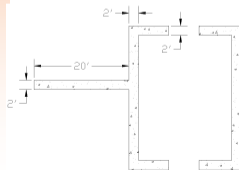
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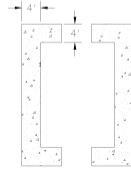
**Additional Wall**



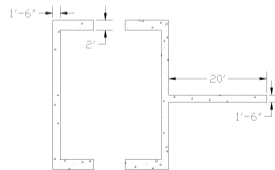
**Shortened Wall**



**Core Only**



**Opposite Wall Only**

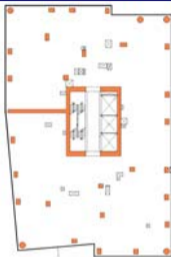




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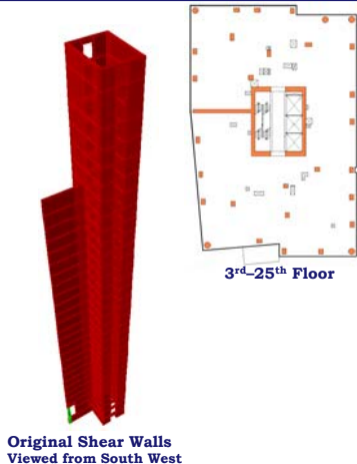
**Alternate Layouts Initial Estimate**

	X Deflection (in)	Y Deflection (in)	Torsional Deflection (milli-rad)	Estimate Cost	Rank	Price Difference
Original	3.32	3.80	2.82	\$24,463	4	\$1,882
Modified Original	3.70	3.79	1.99	\$23,555	2	\$975
Core Only	3.29	2.08	1.54	\$32,492	6	\$9,911
<b>Additional Wall</b>	<b>3.37</b>	<b>3.82</b>	<b>2.83</b>	<b>\$22,580</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Shortened Wall	3.64	3.49	2.67	\$27,661	5	\$5,081
Opposite Wall Only	3.85	3.85	2.82	\$24,070	3	\$1,490





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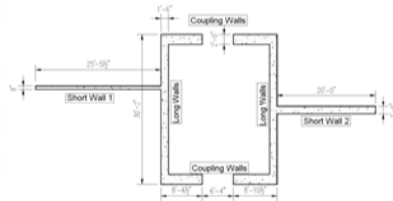


**Original Shear Walls Viewed From South West**

**Original Shear Walls Viewed From North East**



**Original Shear Walls Plan**

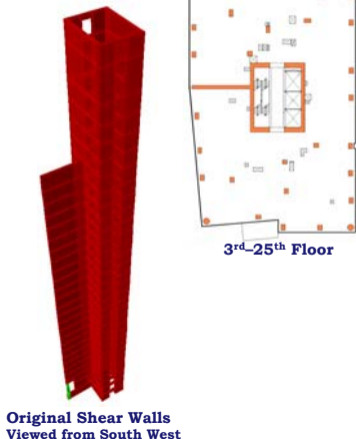


**Serviceability**

- Total deflection: 3.81" (H/1002)
- Torsional deflection: 2.49 milli-rad



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**Serviceability Comparison**

- New layout reduced torsional deflections by 12%
- Both layouts have equivalent total deflections and story drifts

**Cost Comparison**

	Original Design		New Design	
	Amt.	Cost	Amt.	Cost
Total Rebar (ton)	126	\$182,248	106	\$151,369
Total Concrete (CY)	2183	\$334,858	2113	\$328,170
Total Formwork (SFCA)	62155	\$121,202	66675	\$130,016
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$638,308</b>		<b>\$609,555</b>

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**Schedule Comparison**

<b>Floor Schedule</b>				
	<b>3rd-25th Floors</b>		<b>26th-Roof</b>	
	<b>Mild Reinforced</b>	<b>Post-Tensioned</b>	<b>Mild Reinforced</b>	<b>Post-Tensioned</b>
Estimated Time Per Floor	22 Days	20 Days	18 Days	16 Days

<b>Shear Wall Schedule</b>		
	<b>Original Layout</b>	<b>New Layout</b>
Estimated Total Time	110 days	107 days

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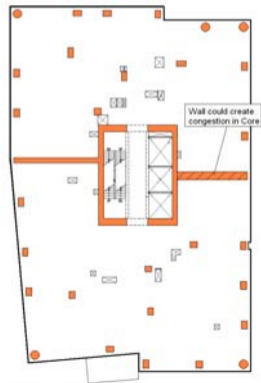
**Schedule Comparison**

	Bottom Floor		12th Floor		Top Floor	
	Original	New	Original	New	Original	New
Estimated Time Per Floor	4 days	5 days	3 days	3 days	2 days	2 days

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**Typical Floor Plan (Ground-11<sup>th</sup> Floor)**





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	<b>Serviceability Exceeded?</b>	<b>More Cost Effective?</b>
<b>Post-Tensioned Slab</b>	✓ 30% less long term deflection	✓ 20% Cheaper
<b>New Shear Wall Layout</b>	✓ 12% less torsional deflection	✓ 5% Cheaper

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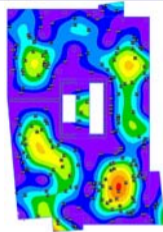
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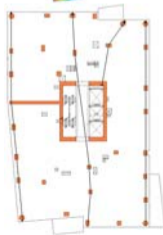
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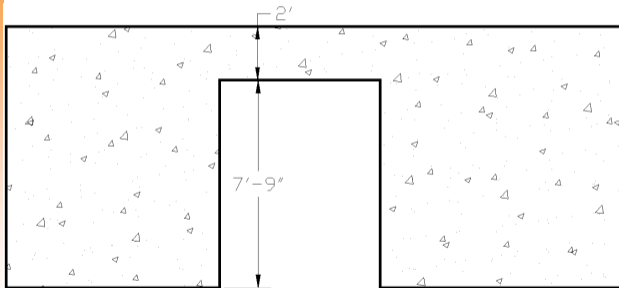
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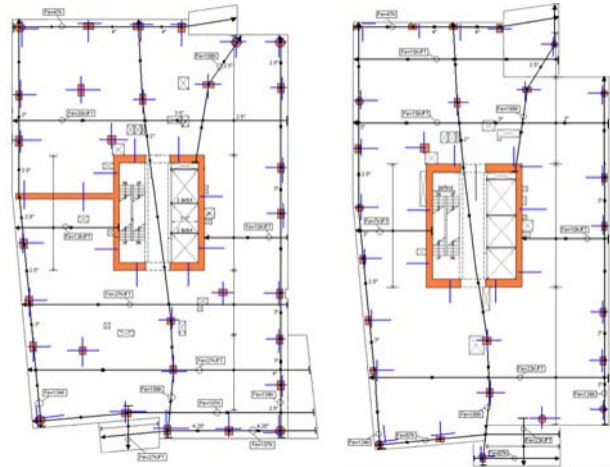
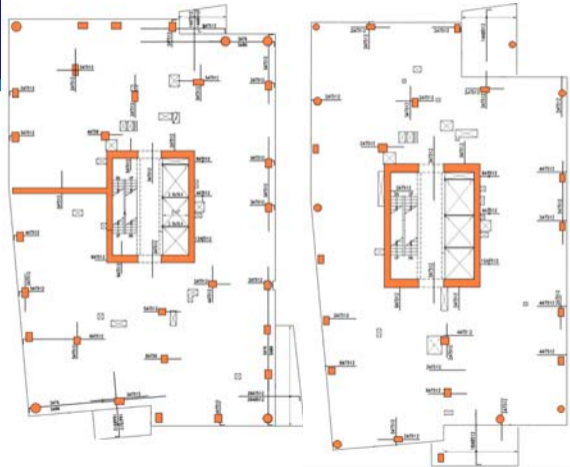
Existing Ceiling Link Beam Height: 7'-9"

Reduction due to thinner slab: 1"

Reduction for shear walls: 3"

Potential New Ceiling Link Beam Height: 7'-5"

New York City Limit: 7'-0" (Gives 5" for finishes)





Original Wind Deflections				
Floor	Floor Height (ft)	Story X Deflection (in)	Story Y Deflection (in)	Story Torsional Deflection (milli-rad)
Building Top	318	0.115	0.151	0.010
EMR FLOOR	304	0.210	0.271	0.020
ROOF	294	0.130	0.166	0.020
29	282	0.126	0.158	0.020
28	272	0.128	0.158	0.030
27	261	0.129	0.151	0.030
26	251	0.128	0.152	0.040
25	240	0.118	0.146	0.040
24	231	0.118	0.145	0.050
23	221	0.118	0.145	0.050
22	211	0.118	0.143	0.060
21	201	0.118	0.142	0.070
20	192	0.117	0.140	0.080
19	182	0.116	0.137	0.100
18	172	0.115	0.135	0.110
17	162	0.114	0.131	0.120
16	153	0.112	0.128	0.120
15	143	0.118	0.133	0.140
14	132	0.106	0.119	0.120
13	123	0.103	0.114	0.120
12	113	0.100	0.109	0.120
11	103	0.097	0.104	0.130
10	93	0.093	0.098	0.130
9	83	0.089	0.091	0.120
8	74	0.084	0.084	0.130
7	64	0.079	0.077	0.130
6	54	0.073	0.069	0.120
5	45	0.067	0.060	0.120
4	35	0.060	0.049	0.120
3	25	0.059	0.044	0.130
2	14	0.054	0.041	0.160
LOBBY	0	0.011	0.011	0.060
BASEMENT	-10			
Max Story Deflection		H/571	H/444	
Total Deflection		3.32"	3.80"	2.82 milli-rad
Total Deflection		H/1149	H/1004	

Shear Rebar  
 Total Rebar (#\* 3)  
 Total Concrete (#\* 3)  
 Total Formwork (#\* 2)

Original Rebar Plans		
Short Walls	Long Walls	Coupled Walls
	#5	#6
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Shear Rebar  
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 Total Concrete (#\* 3)  
 Total Formwork (#\* 2)



New Wind Deflections				
Floor	Floor Height (ft)	Story X Deflection (in)	Story Y Deflection (in)	Story Torsional Deflection (milli-rad)
Building Top	318	0.116	0.151	0.000
EMR FLOOR	304	0.212	0.272	0.020
ROOF	294	0.131	0.166	0.010
29	282	0.127	0.159	0.020
28	272	0.128	0.159	0.020
27	261	0.129	0.155	0.030
26	251	0.129	0.155	0.030
25	240	0.119	0.146	0.040
24	231	0.119	0.146	0.040
23	221	0.119	0.145	0.040
22	211	0.118	0.143	0.050
21	201	0.118	0.142	0.060
20	192	0.117	0.140	0.070
19	182	0.116	0.137	0.090
18	172	0.114	0.135	0.100
17	162	0.111	0.132	0.100
16	153	0.108	0.128	0.110
15	143	0.112	0.133	0.120
14	132	0.099	0.119	0.110
13	123	0.094	0.114	0.110
12	113	0.088	0.111	0.110
11	103	0.077	0.105	0.110
10	93	0.072	0.097	0.110
9	83	0.069	0.091	0.110
8	74	0.066	0.084	0.110
7	64	0.062	0.076	0.110
6	54	0.057	0.068	0.120
5	45	0.052	0.059	0.100
4	35	0.046	0.049	0.110
3	25	0.048	0.042	0.120
2	14	0.048	0.041	0.150
LOBBY	0	0.012	0.011	0.060
BASEMENT	-10			
Max Story Deflection		L/566	L/441	
Total Deflection		3.13"	3.81"	2.49 milli-rad
Total Deflection		L/1218	L/1002	

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New Rebar Plans			
Short Wall 1	Short Wall 2	Long Walls	Coupled Walls
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#5		*	*
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#7		*	*
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*		*	*
*	#6	*	*
*	*	*	#9
*	#8	*	*
*	*	*	*
*	#11	*	*
#9	*	*	#10
*	*	*	*
*	#14	*	*
#11	*	#7	#11
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