

COUNCIL MEETING

**Wednesday 29 March, 2023
6.30pm**

**Community Hall
Braybrook Community Hub
107–139 Churchill Avenue
Braybrook**

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Agenda Item 6.1**PETITION: WESTGATE BASKETBALL NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT FOR A NEW STADIUM IN YARRAVILLE!**

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Director Corporate Services

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PURPOSE

To table a petition received in relation to “Petition: Westgate Basketball Needs Your Support for a New Stadium in Yarraville”.

ISSUES SUMMARY

- A petition has been submitted to Council containing 2209 signatures.
- The petition presented to Council included the following text:

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Westgate Basketball Petition.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **Receives and notes the Petition: Westgate Basketball needs your support for a new stadium in Yarraville!**
 2. **Requests the Chief Executive Officer to consider the petition and determine the appropriate response.**
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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	31/7/2022	"I know there is a need for Maribyrnong's first new indoor stadium to support the growth in youth sports such as netball, futsal, volleyball, and basketball. A new Melvor Reserve Masterplan is a great opportunity to create a municipal wide sporting precinct and can be designed not to disadvantage any users or sporting clubs. Please sign and share!"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	31/7/2022	"Because our kids need to be encouraged to play sport, now more than ever, in a post COVID, digitally dependant time!! We have plenty of dog walking facilities in the area but not enough indoor sporting facilities. Keep kids in sport!!"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	31/7/2022	"Team sport is valuable for children's wellbeing and growth."
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	31/7/2022	"Anything that encourages the kids to be more active and or to support kids that need the facilities to be better is a worthy cause"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	1/8/2022	"We need this!"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	1/8/2022	"We need more court space!"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	1/8/2022	"To increase opportunity for everyone to have a go. And to increase the standard of facilities available."
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	1/8/2022	"Our community needs more facilities to give kids access to sport"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	1/8/2022	"The Westgate Basketball Competition has grown immensely and a new adequate indoor basketball stadium is much needed and long long long overdue."
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	1/8/2022	"They need a new stadium!!!"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	1/8/2022	"Kids need sport"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	1/8/2022	"As a member of the community, the west gate competition is inclusive, provides a much needed service and is run by passionate people who care for the community"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	1/8/2022	"Supporting the local residents and players"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	1/8/2022	"Kids need to belong, exercise and challenge themselves to keep a happy and healthy self esteem outside of school. So much better than painting on walls and damaging property."
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	1/8/2022	"BASKETBALL IS IMPORTANT TO THE YOUTH IN THE WEST"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2/8/2022	"We need more sporting facilities in the west."
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2/8/2022	"Very much needed infrastructure which will provide access for the community sports groups which help maintain a healthy and active society."
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2/8/2022	"Maribyrnong has a diverse population based on ethnicity, physical abilities, culture, age and gender. The diverse groups that utilise indoor sporting facilities connect these communities in safe, year round, inclusionary environments. The number of participants this will directly and indirectly affect would leave a positive legacy for generations."
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2/8/2022	"Team sports like basketball help our kids develop in so many ways and not enough facilities to help this in the West!"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2/8/2022	"Basketball is such an inclusive sport"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2/8/2022	"There is a much needed stadium to support our kids to train and compete!!"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2/8/2022	"I grew up playing basketball. It was a wonderful, healthy lifestyle. Kids need this even more than ever."
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	3/8/2022	"The more local options, the better"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	3/8/2022	"We need this facility for our children!"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	3/8/2022	"We need more sports and recreation facilities to meet the demand in our local area. Sports clubs are forced to turn kids away due to a lack of courts and training venues."
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	3/8/2022	"There isn't enough stadiums"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	3/8/2022	"If they can give prisoners stadiums to die for every country town, school, Association deserves one too"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	3/8/2022	"We desperately need more basketball courts for our community. Sonya, Kingsville 3012"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	4/8/2022	"Absolutely needed! The more facilities in the West the better!"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	4/8/2022	"I support the development of sport and basketball in the local area"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	4/8/2022	"This would be a fantastic addition to our sport loving community"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	6/8/2022	"More venues for children's sport activities"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	6/8/2022	"They need a new stadium."
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	6/8/2022	"My 3 boys play basketball and finding a court for training is always an issue. The community needs this."
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	6/8/2022	"Grass roots sports need access to facili"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	6/8/2022	"I think it would be a great and much needed addition to yarraville."
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	6/8/2022	"There is a direct need for more indoor sporting space within this municipality. This encourages our youth into a more active lifestyle."

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"The western suburbs needs another facility as all venues are at capacity. And this is a good thing! It shows that kids, teenagers and adults are keeping fit and active which is not only healthy for the body, but also for the mind..."

6/8/2022 "Each minute our kids are playing sport is a minute off their screens."

6/8/2022 "the project meets a community need for more sporting facilities, especially for growth sports like basketball and netball"

"Our children need to be encouraged to play sport in a team environment and be more active now more than ever, in a post COVID, digitally dependant time!! We have plenty of dog walking facilities in the area but not enough indoor sporting facilities. Kids get funding not dogs!"

7/8/2022 "New facilities have been needed for a while and will service the community for years to come"

7/8/2022 "The Western suburbs need more sporting facilities to support the growing population and to keep kids active."

"We need more sports and recreation facilities to meet the demand in our local area. Sports clubs are forced to turn kids away due to a lack of courts and training venues."

8/8/2022 "This is a valued service and we need more services like this in the west"

8/8/2022 "It is important to keep kids in sports and provide them with venues, facilities etc to be able to do so and keep them wanting to keep coming back."

8/8/2022 "More sports for the community the better, healthy people = healthy community"

"As a lifetime resident of Yarraville I have witnessed it's growth with so many young families moving into the area there is a huge demand for a stadium such as this."

8/8/2022 "My kid plays basketball with westgate and this would provide such fantastic facilities for all of us"

9/8/2022 "The more kids playing organised sport the better for society"

9/8/2022 "Albert Romagnoli I used to play Basketball in Yarraville."

"Our youth deserve this opportunity- especially after the past 2 years. This is critical to support youth health and well-being especially via sporting activities. With the numbers shown it warrant's the ask for more courts. Imagine the lives we might save- or at the very least impact in a positive way."

10/8/2022 "We need more youth sport facilities please!"

11/8/2022 "Our youth need activities such as netball, basketball and venues like this in their communities urgently."

11/8/2022 "I have family in the West who would benefit greatly from these courts"

14/8/2022 "There is a pressing need to have additional high quality indoor sports facilities within the City of Maribyrnong."

14/8/2022 "Kids need basketball courts"

14/8/2022 "The west is in desperate need for a stadium"

"I have 2 kids who adore basketball but struggled to get into a club in the west as the clubs simply cannot facilitate more teams. We are growing at such a rate yet facilities aren't there"

"The local area needs more basketball courts so kids don't miss out on playing sport. If Council could retain and enhance some green space as well (keep mature trees etc.) that would be ideal as we need to keep green space in this area too!"

14/8/2022 "We need modern basketball stadiums for kids and adults!"

"In this stage of the pandemic, more than ever, our kids need space to play sports, connect with their friends and have an outlet from the pressure of the last two years."

22/8/2022 "If my mate Tim says it's a thing...then it's a thing!"

30/8/2022 "I think it would be very beneficial to the community in Yarraville."

"Sports facilities in the inner west have been neglected for a long time and growth ignored. New facilities are required to ensure all our community has a chance to play sport and realise the associated physical and mental health benefits."

3/3/2023 "With two daughters who play basketball my support is automatic. We should be doing more as a community to support our children to participate in sport and have less time in front of screens. Traveling around with rep basketball shows off the amazing facilities in other council areas that we simply do not have. Let's support our community by providing modern facilities that encourage children and adults to be active."

3/3/2023 "Basketball in this area is growing in popularity! The west needs this!"

4/3/2023 "Our kids and families need this development to keep the game growing"

"Sport is so important for kids physical and mental health. Kids are being put on long lists to get into teams due to lack of facilities, some waiting years. We need a stadium so all our kids have the opportunity to be part of a team and play sport. Surely objections on fenced in dog areas and car parking can be met through looking at locations at our numerous parks in and around Yarraville and through the recreation space and stadium design."

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5/3/2023 "The development is an appropriate response to greater need for youth sports facilities in our area"

5/3/2023 "The Inner West is in desperate need of additional indoor sports facilities. Players are being turned away because of the lack of facilities."

5/3/2023 "The inner west is in desperate need of an additional indoor stadium."

7/3/2023 "It's a great place for the community"

"Community facilities are places for all and more sport like basketball = more fitness and more community links. I do think some innovation on the location within the reserve could retain open parkland."

8/3/2023 "It is important to have facilities to foster an interest in sport, which brings many advantages in terms of physical and mental health, and also fosters connections within the community"

10/3/2023 "We need more sporting facilities as our area population grows."

10/3/2023 "This will be a fantastic community asset and something we can all use - young and old - for fun and recreation."

10/3/2023 "I believe disadvantage kids in the west deserve to be supported and empowered through sport"

"Sport, particularly basketball has proven to be an important, inclusive team sport for our family and friends in this community. This stadium will continue to keep our kids active, out of their rooms and part of a fantastic social network."

10/3/2023 "There are not enough courts around for kids to play and train basketball and some players can't play in teams. Let's invest in kids health and well being and fund stadiums."

10/3/2023 "I support requirement of more sporting facilities for our kids."

10/3/2023 "We need the facilities"

10/3/2023 "There is an immediate need for quality indoor sport facilities to service the community."

10/3/2023 "This is a great thing for the kids and people of the community. We currently have to travel out of our local area to utilise facilities like this"

10/3/2023 "We need stability in having a large multi-purpose stadium so kids don't miss out."

10/3/2023 "The Inner West needs to be invested in for children's participation in sport. (Postcode 3011)"

"We need greater access to sporting facilities in the inner west. Too many kids are turned down in the area who want to play indoor sports like basketball."

10/3/2023 "Basketball is great for making friends, socialising, staying out of trouble and improving mental and physical health."

12/3/2023 "My kids have played, and are still playing in the Westgate Basketball League. We need more courts to support more kids staying in sport."

"We need local sporting clubs for more sport and recreation facilities to meet the demand in our local area, such as basketball competition located at a new stadium in Yarraville from Victoria."

13/3/2023 "The west desperately needs more facilities to keep participation up. Too many kids on waitlists."

17/3/2023 "We need more sporting facilities in the west, this is great for our kids."

"The demand for kids sports is high, kids are being turned away from playing due to lack of space. My 14yr old is playing games as late as 9:40pm to accommodate current fixtures."

19/3/2023 "Both adults and children need venues to play sport ... mental health and well-being."

20/3/2023 "This is a modest but important community asset that will increase female participation in sport and also children and youth."

20/3/2023 "Will become a great community facility used by the community."

20/3/2023 "Sport is healthy for the community, especially for younger people. Let's make sure there are enough venues for them."

21/3/2023 "With the population growth around Altona North, we need to be able to support the needs of the community."

"As a former Australian netballer and avid junior basketballer it's so important that our governments invest in indoor multi sport stadiums to keep our young people active and healthy. Sport also encourages positive mental health and well-being, friendship and mentors. Kids involved in sport are less likely to get involved in bad choices/behaviour."

21/3/2023 "I want facilities for our kids and community to play sport"

"It's one way to show that Maribyrnong is serious about sport and supporting its rate payers. You can see the difference in other localities where they take pride in promoting community sport, not just developments."

21/3/2023 "We pay very high rates per square meter of land in this municipality, and yet our sporting facilities are sadly lacking. Our kids play basketball all over Melbourne and our facilities are abysmal in comparison to the other centres where we play across Melbourne. Our kids deserve a decent facility to be able to play basketball."

21/3/2023 "There are insufficient basketball courts available versus the size of the group playing today. This creates all sorts of challenges for children and parents alike."

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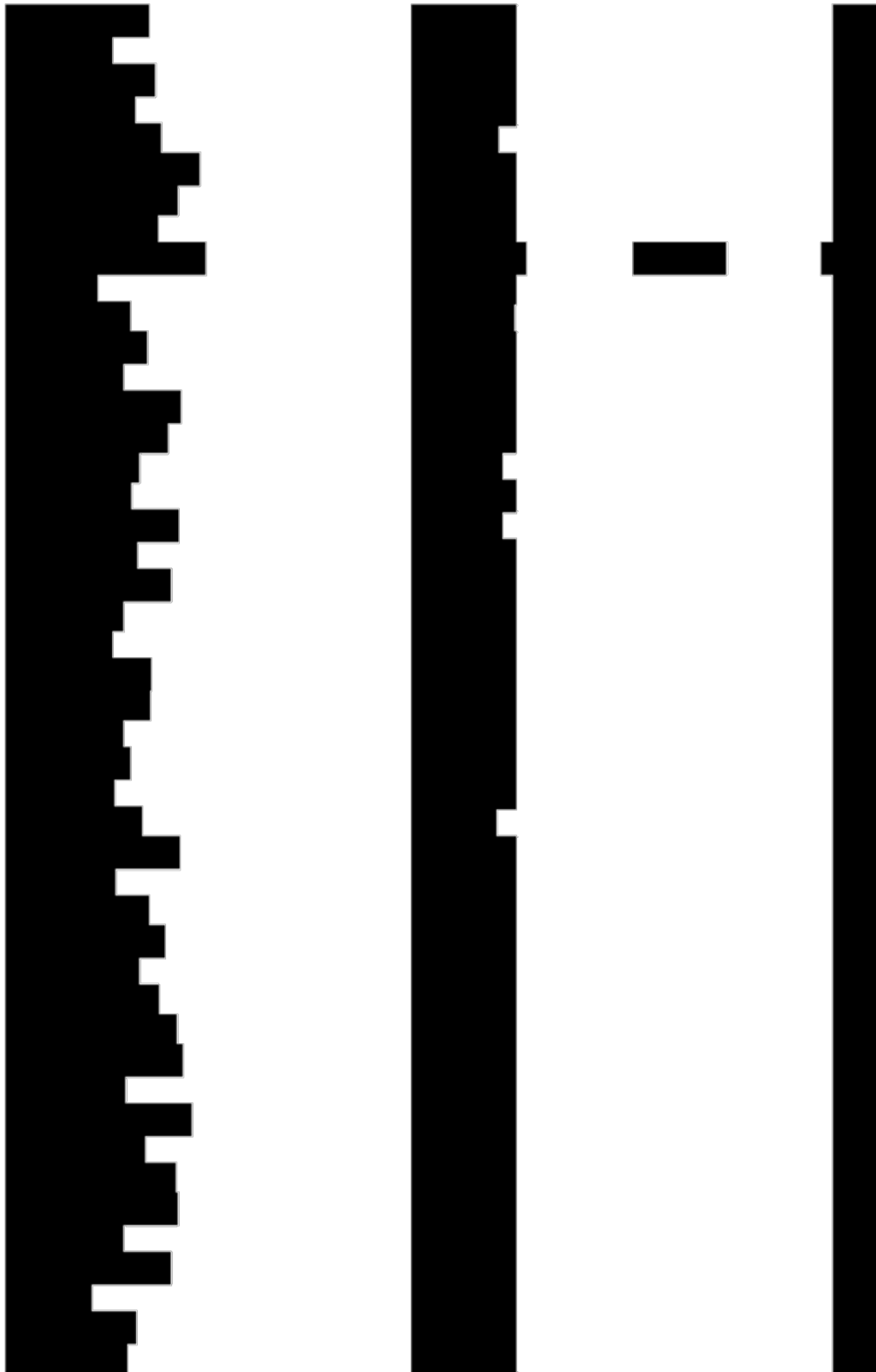


21/3/2023 "We need to find a way to make this work."
21/3/2023 "To support our kids to be the best healthy versions they can be!"
"The development will not only introduce additionally needed sporting facilities, it will also improve the outdoor areas and surrounding facilities for
21/3/2023 broad community use"

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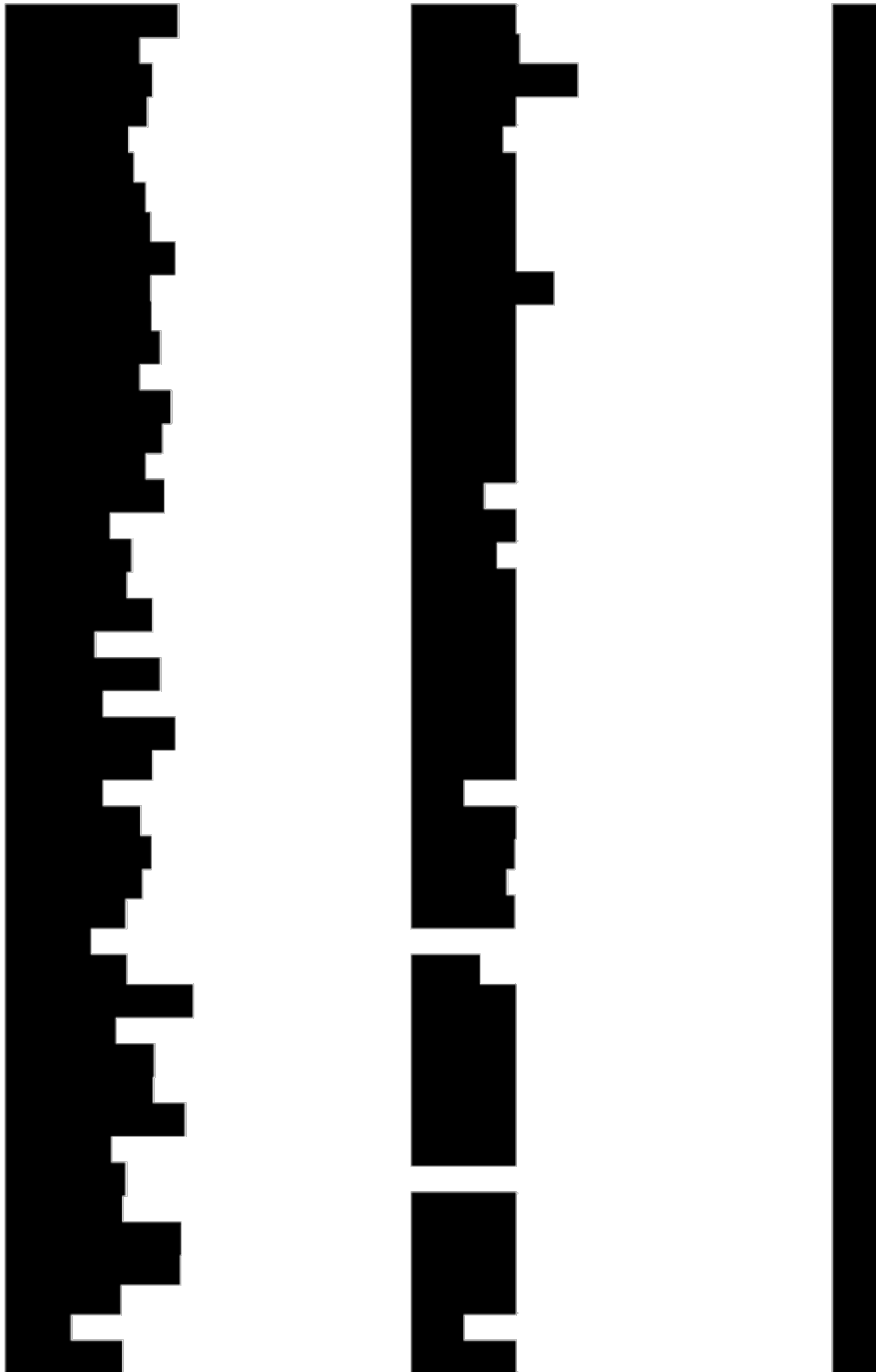
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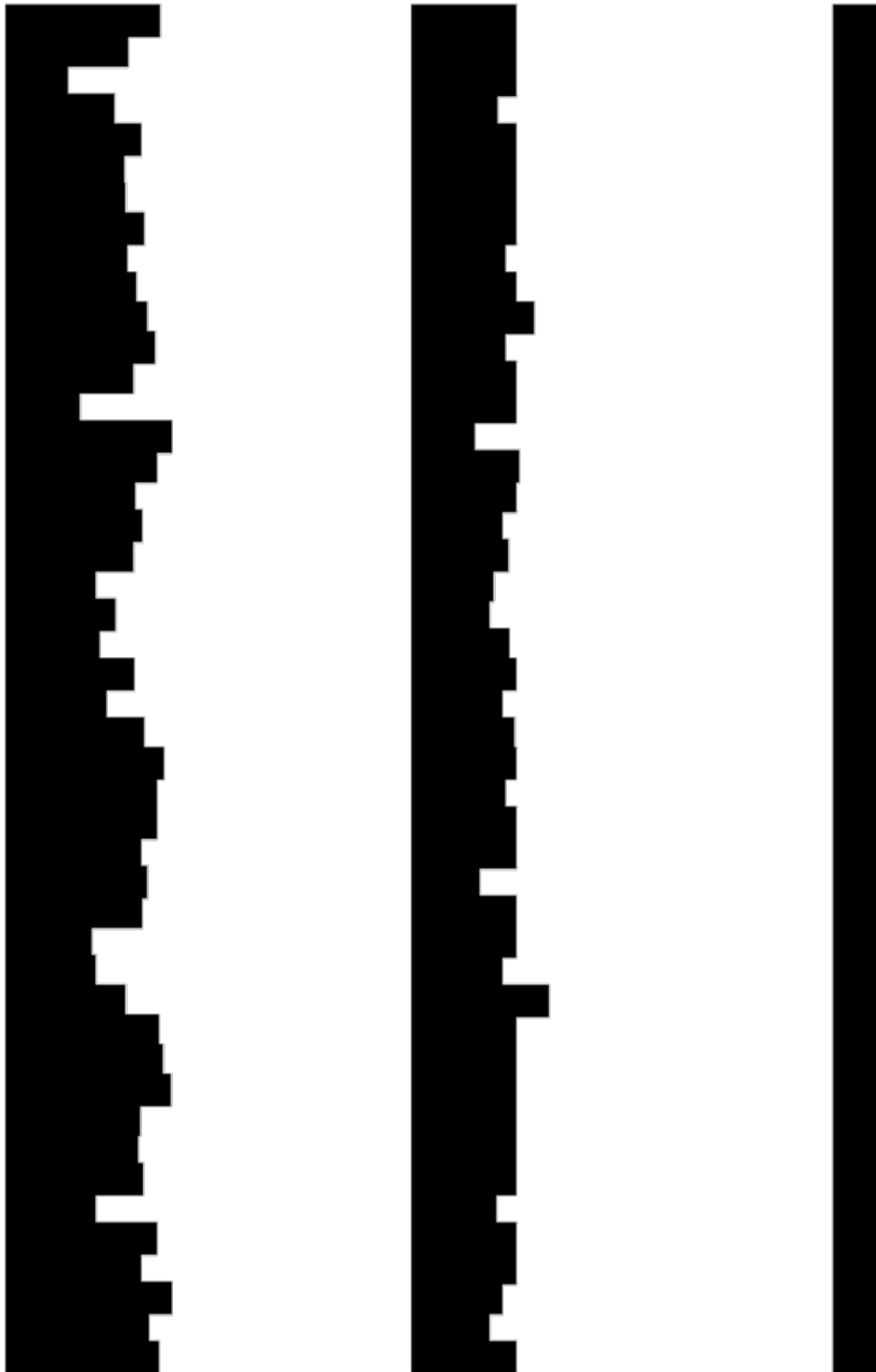
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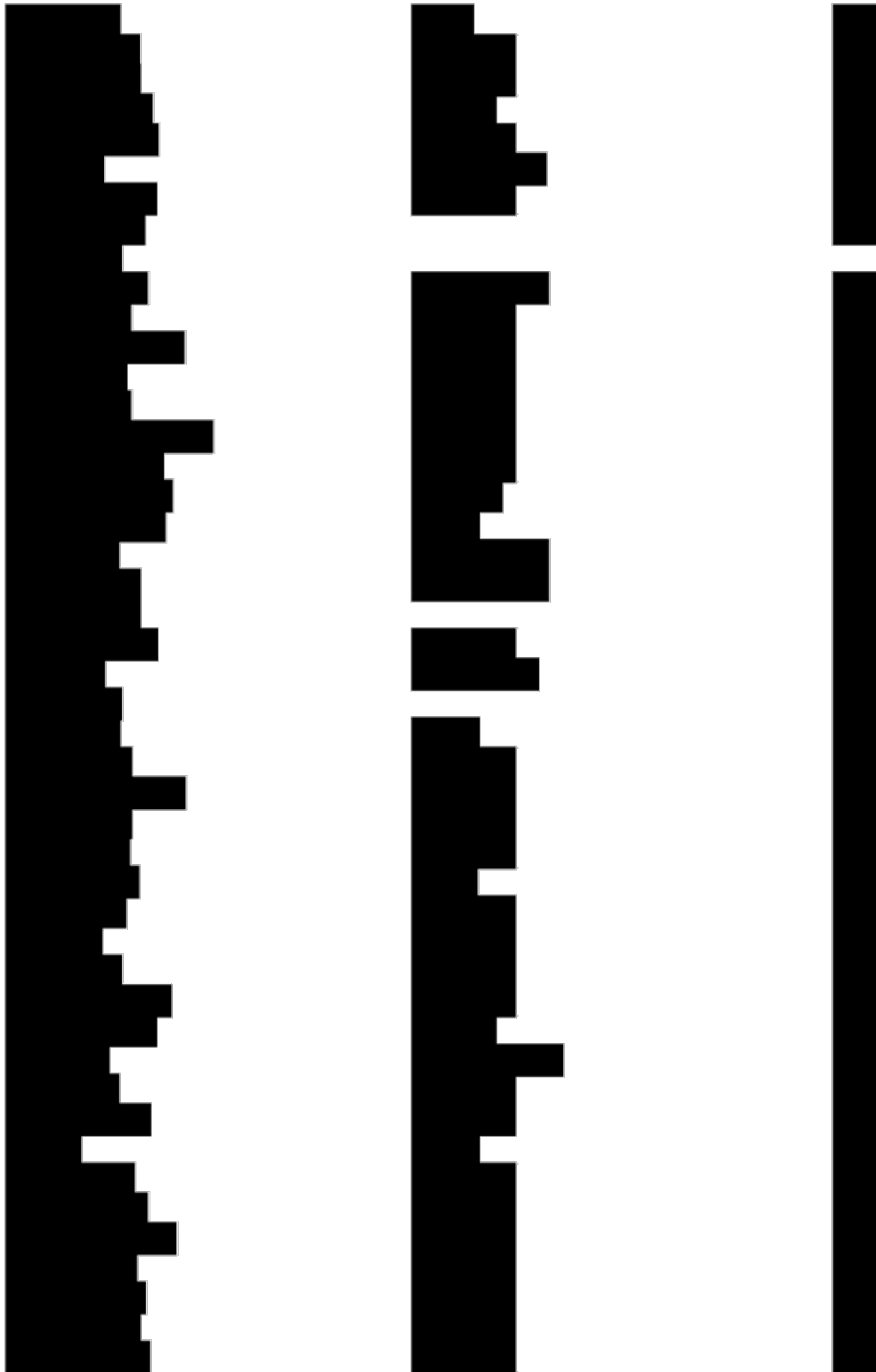
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1. The first step in the process of identifying a problem is to recognize that a problem exists. This is often done by comparing current performance with a desired state or goal. If there is a significant difference, a problem is identified. For example, if a company's sales are declining while its expenses are increasing, this would indicate a problem with profitability.

2. Once a problem is identified, the next step is to define the problem more precisely. This involves determining the scope of the problem, its causes, and its effects. For example, if the problem is declining sales, the scope might be limited to a specific product line or geographic region. The causes might be related to changes in the market, competition, or the company's marketing strategy. The effects might be a loss of revenue and a decrease in market share.

3. The third step is to analyze the problem. This involves gathering data and information about the problem and its causes. This can be done through a variety of methods, including interviews, surveys, and data analysis. The goal is to identify the root causes of the problem and to determine the best way to address them.

4. The fourth step is to develop a solution. This involves brainstorming ideas and evaluating them based on their feasibility, effectiveness, and cost. For example, if the problem is declining sales, a possible solution might be to develop a new marketing campaign or to improve the quality of the product.

5. The fifth step is to implement the solution. This involves putting the solution into action and monitoring its progress. It is important to have a plan for how to implement the solution and to have a way to measure its effectiveness. For example, if the solution is a new marketing campaign, it might be implemented by hiring a marketing agency or by launching a new advertising campaign.

6. The final step is to evaluate the results. This involves comparing the results of the solution to the original problem and to the desired state. If the solution was effective, the problem should be resolved and the company's performance should improve. If the solution was not effective, the problem should be re-evaluated and a new solution should be developed.

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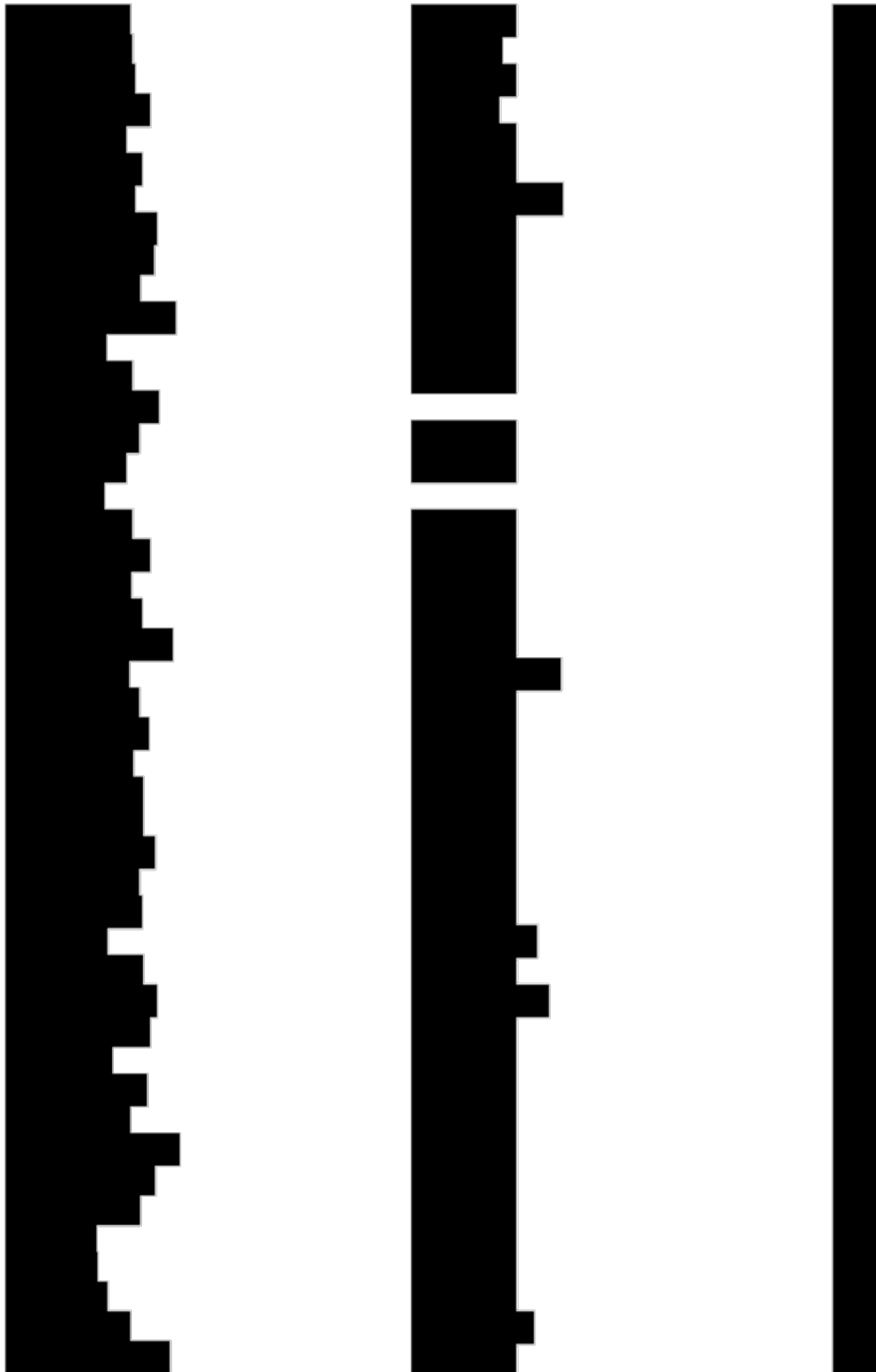
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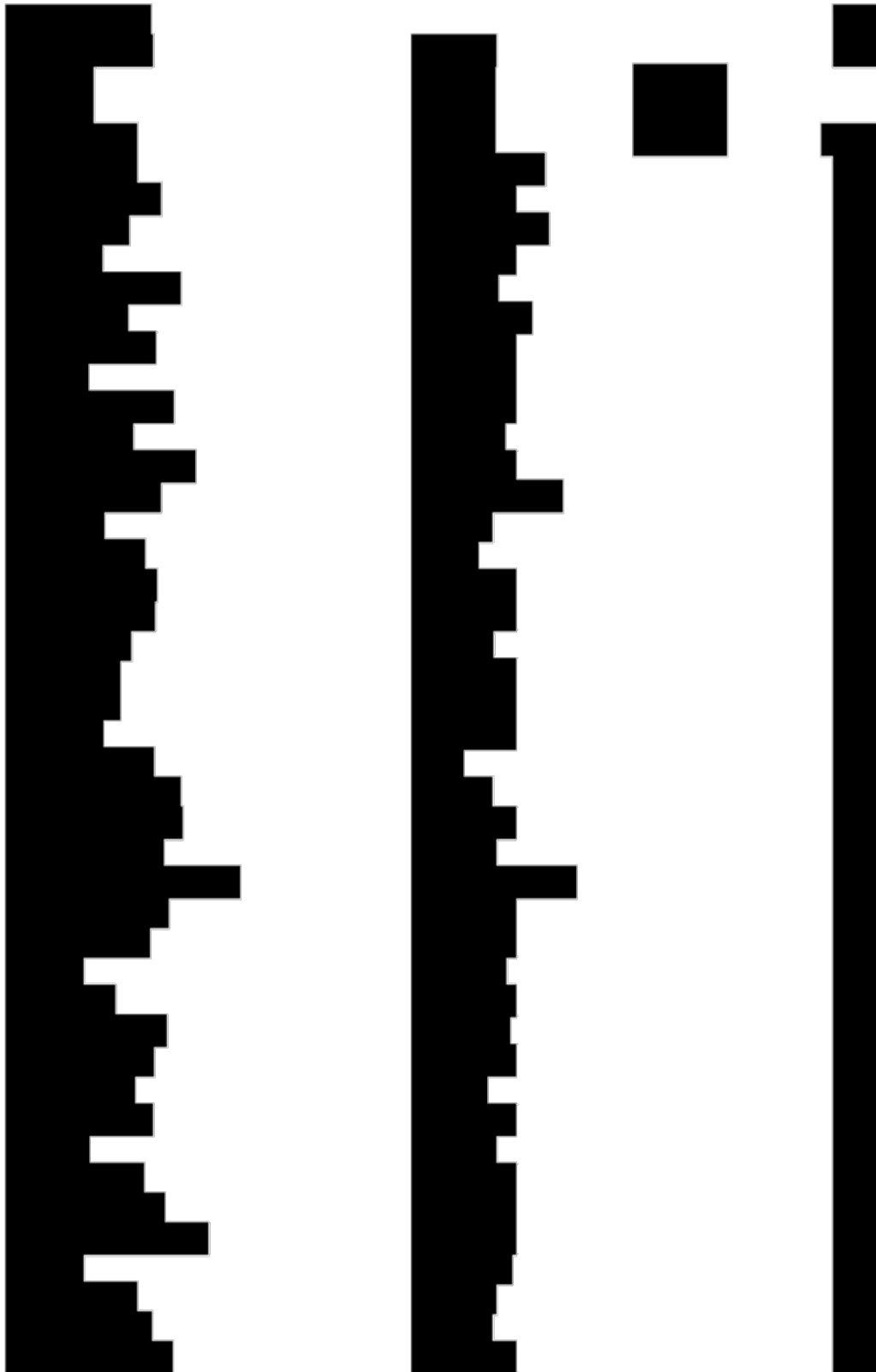
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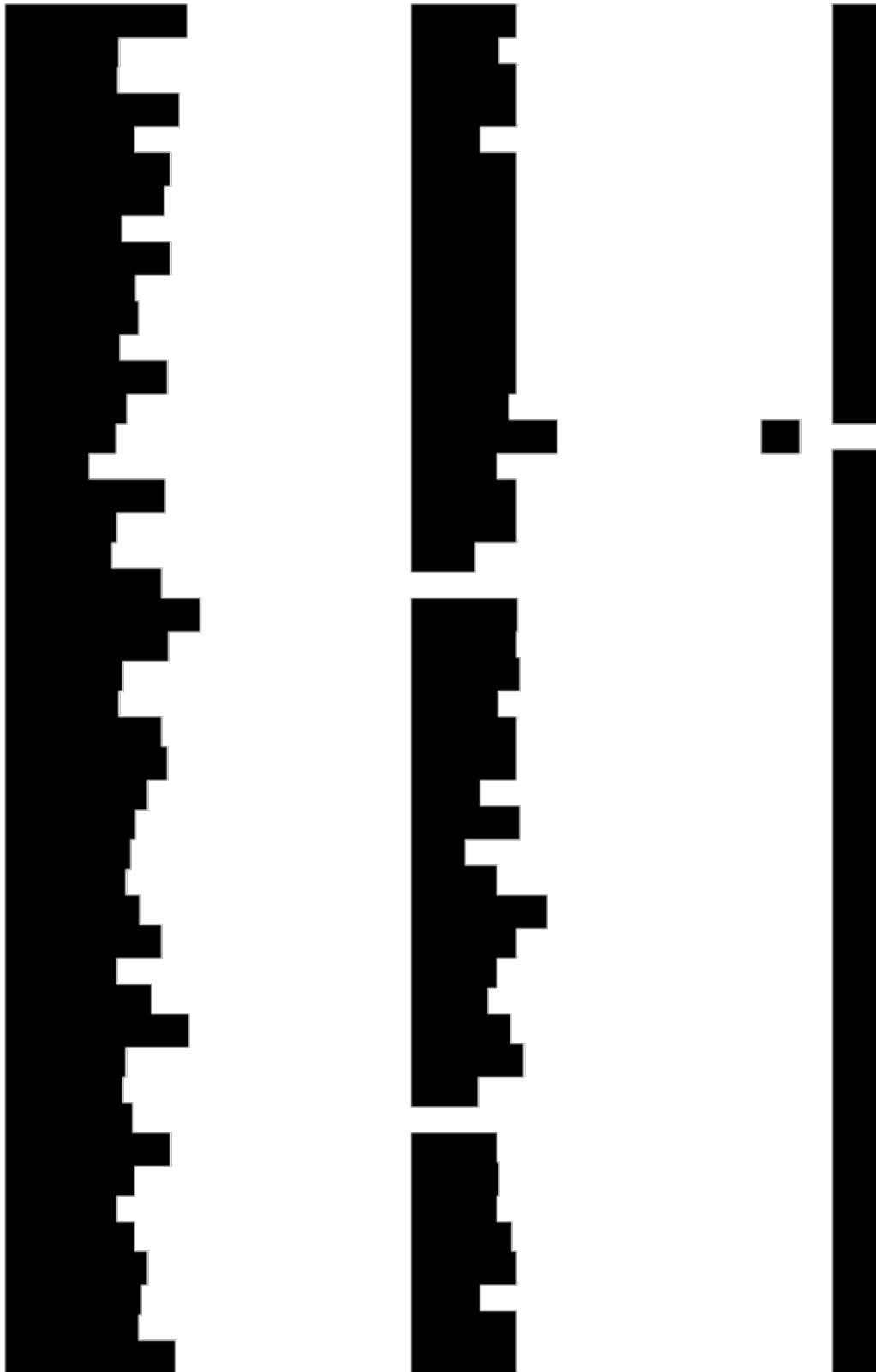
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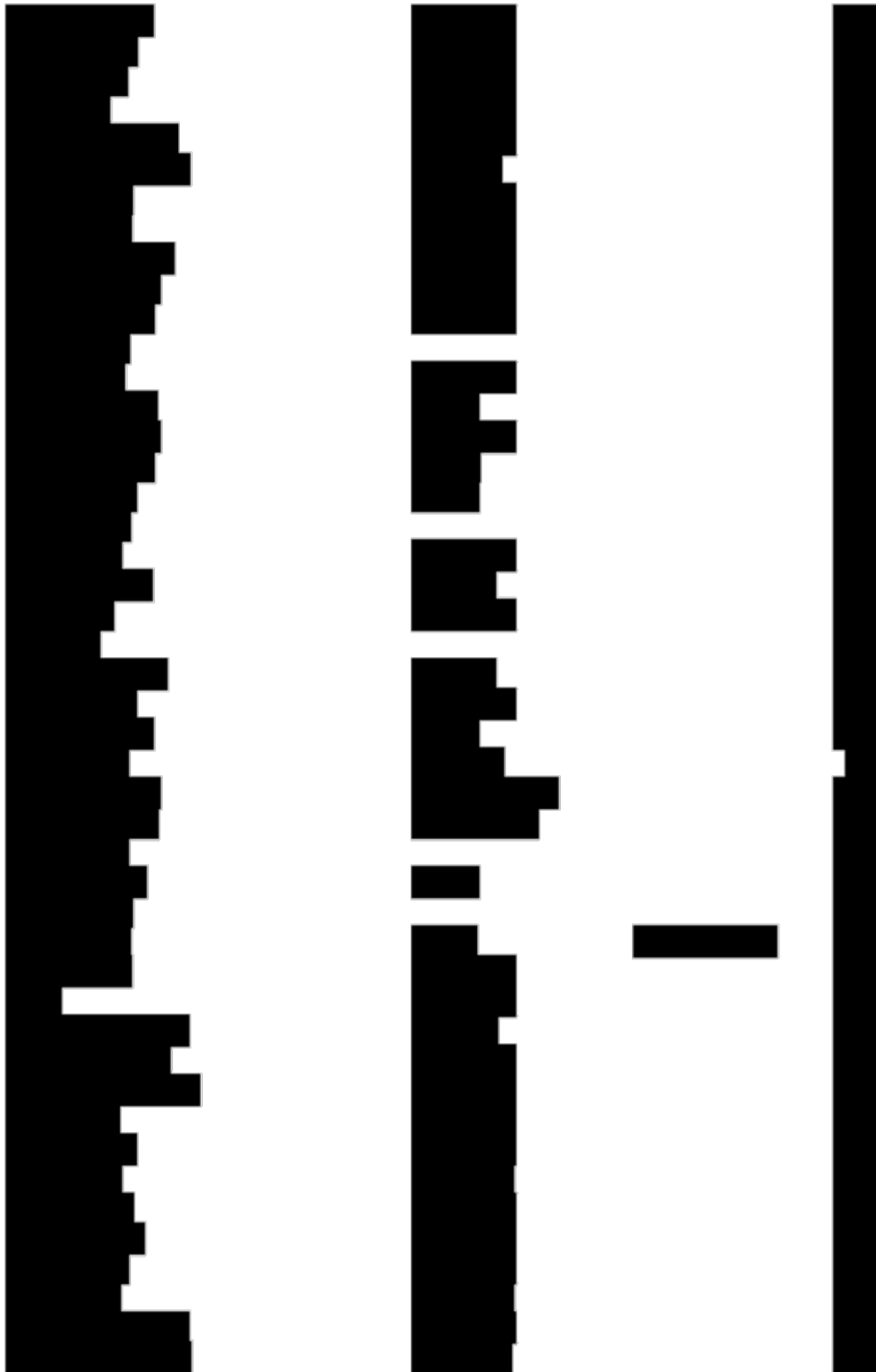
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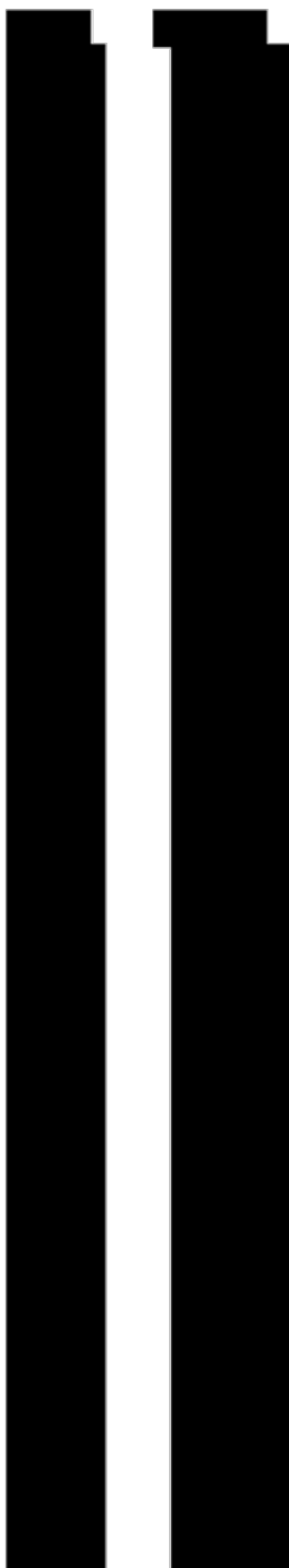
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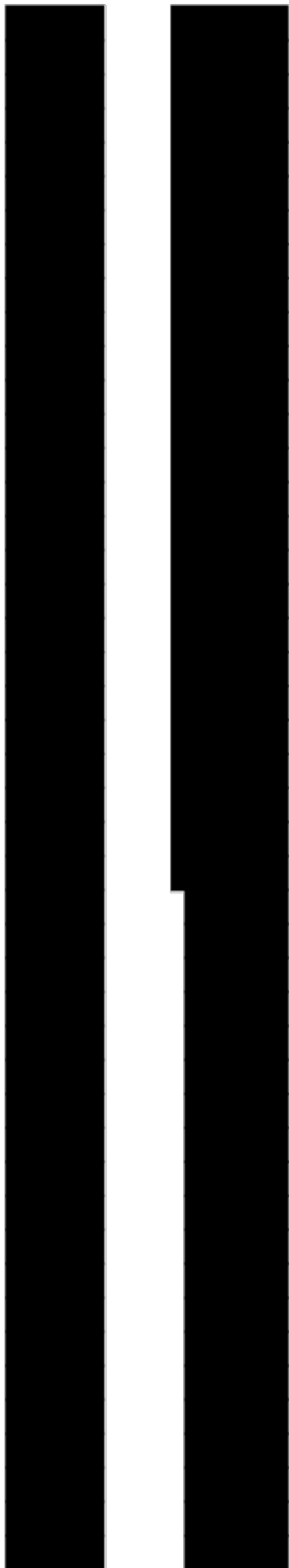
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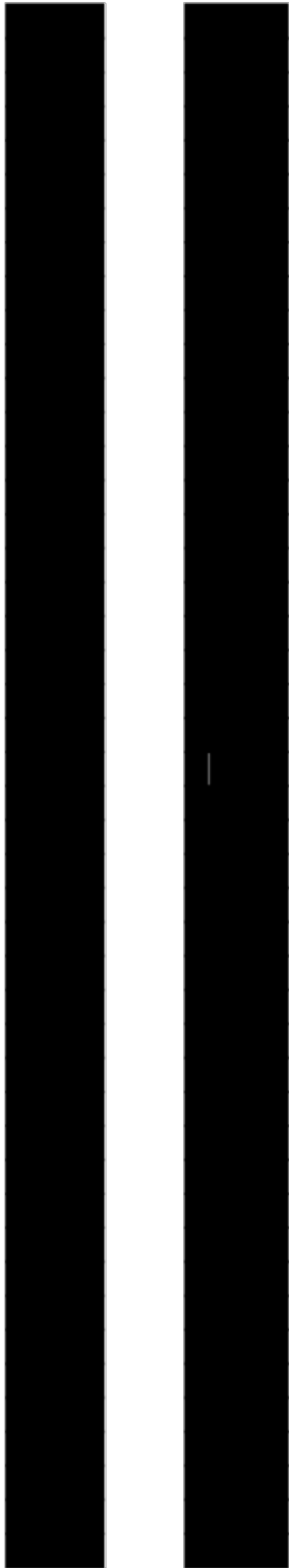
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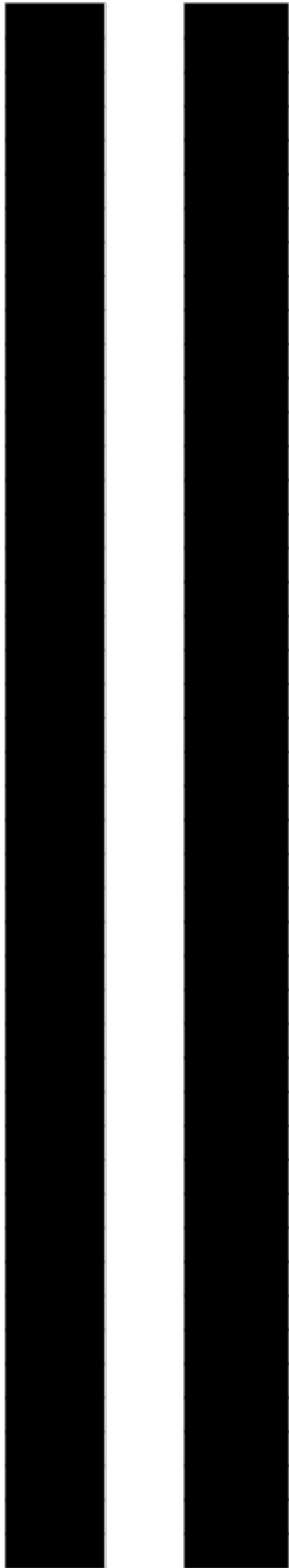
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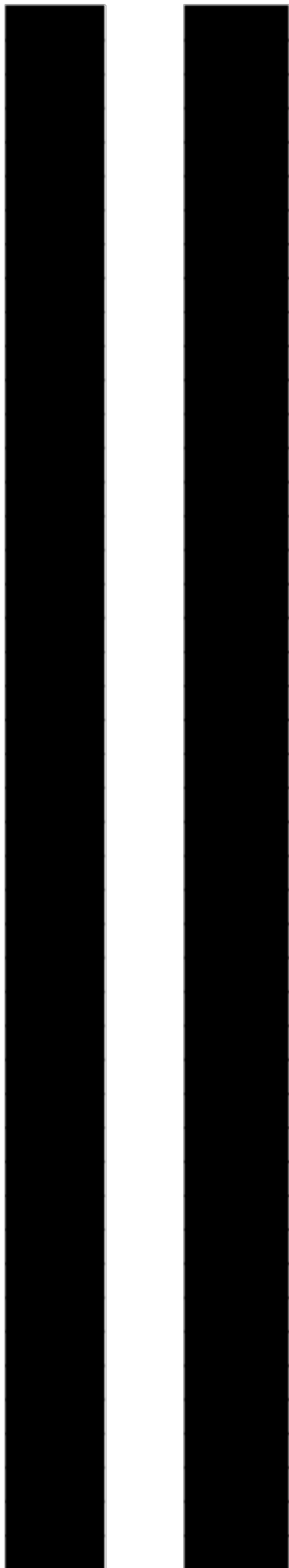
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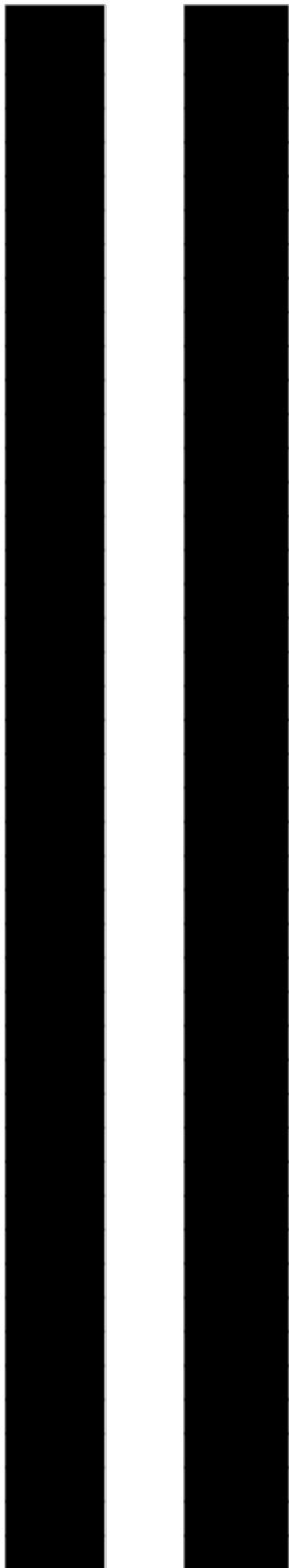
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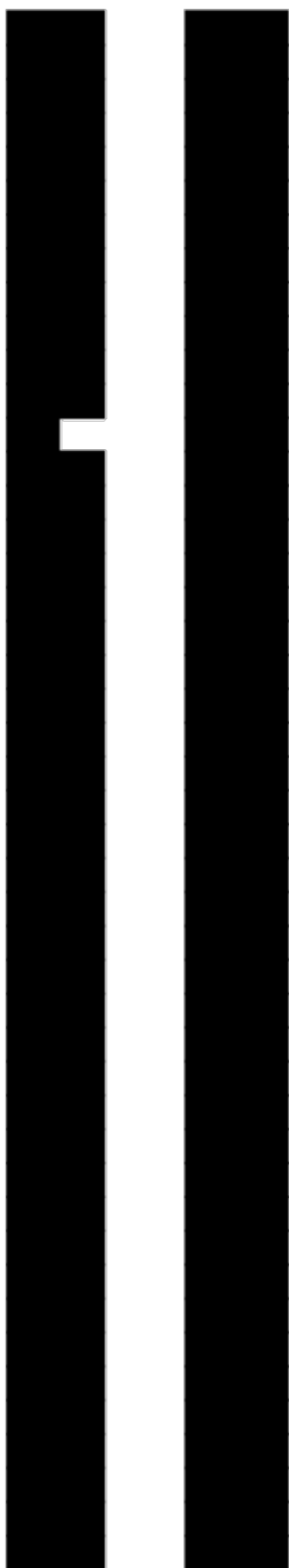
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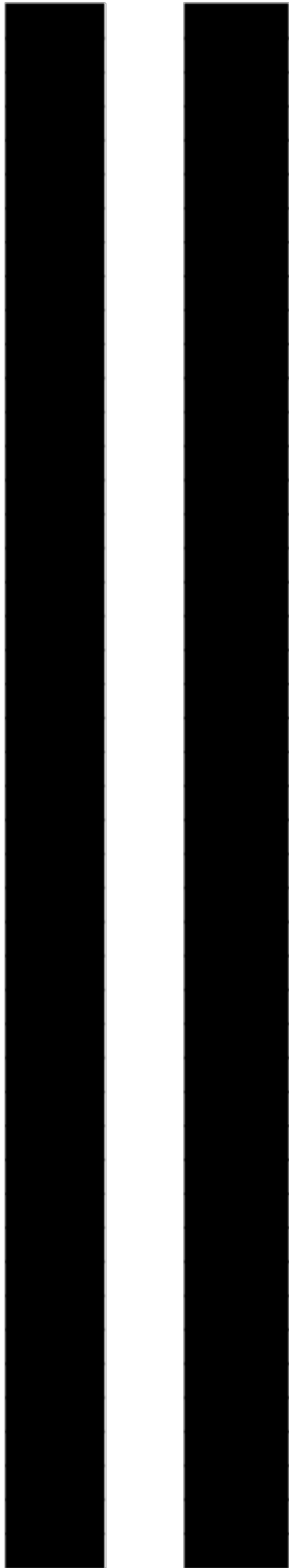
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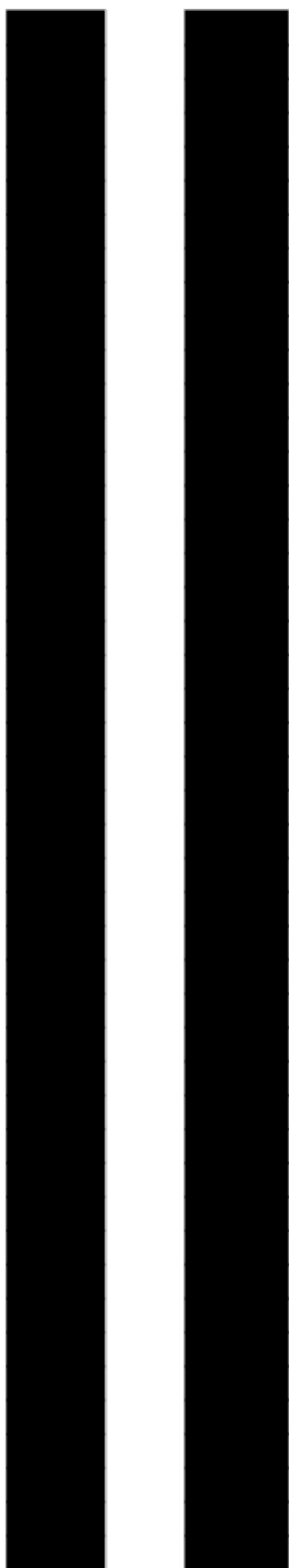
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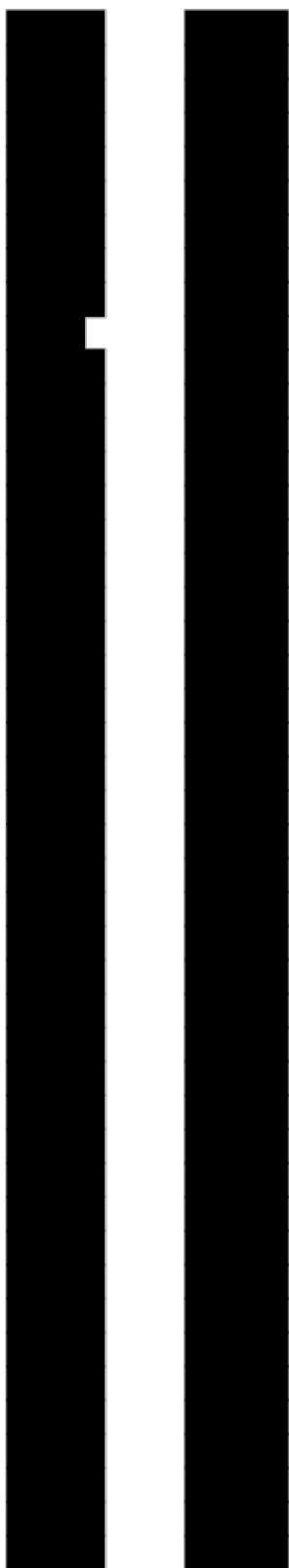
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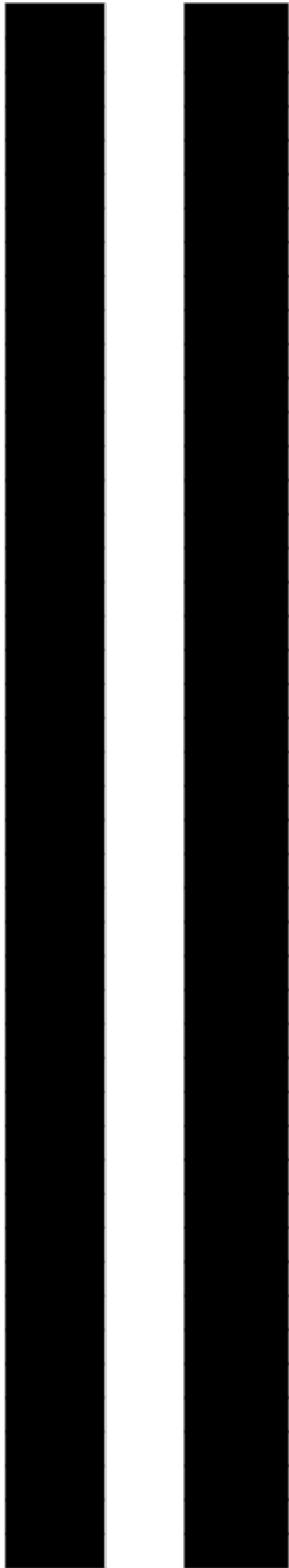
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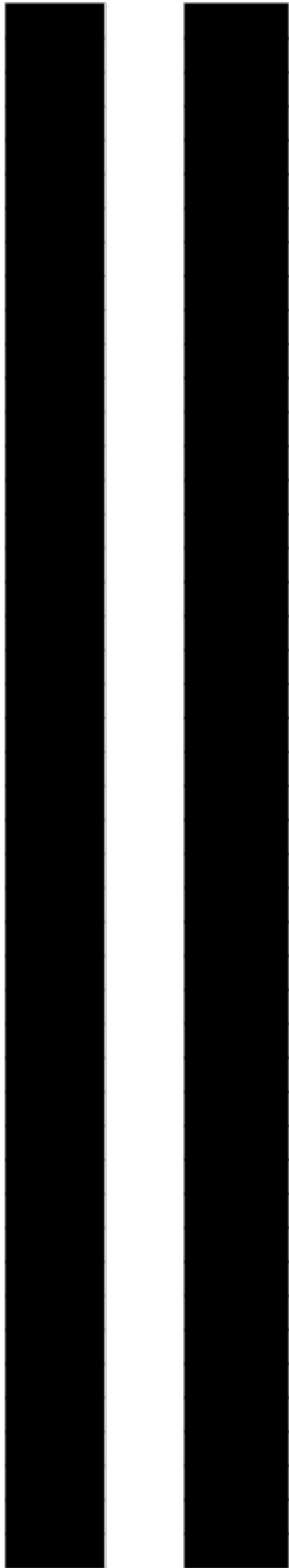
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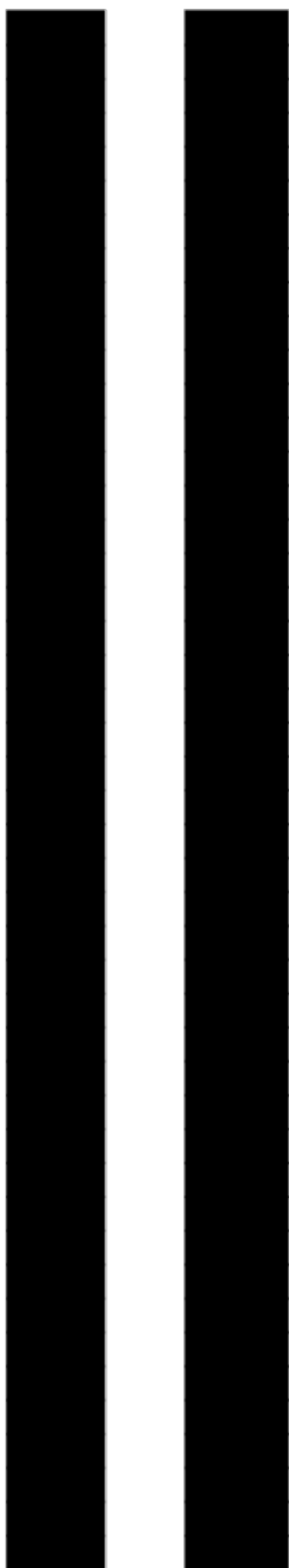
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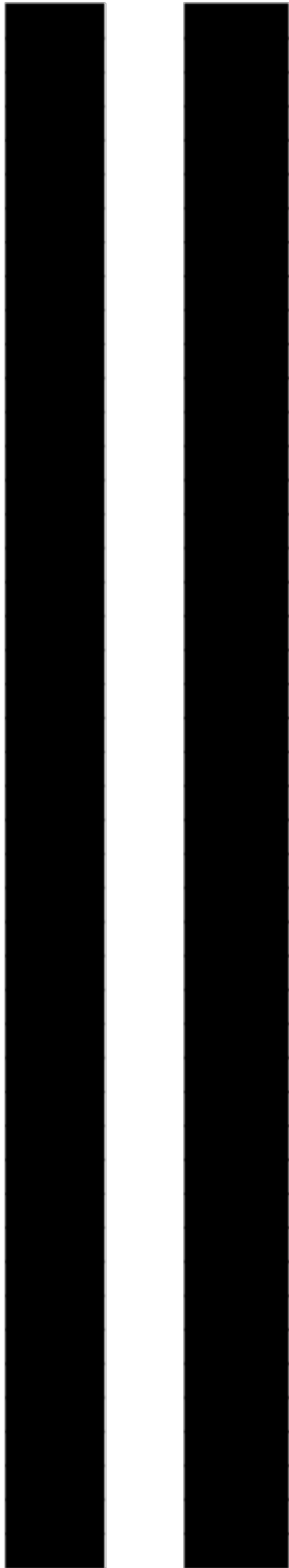
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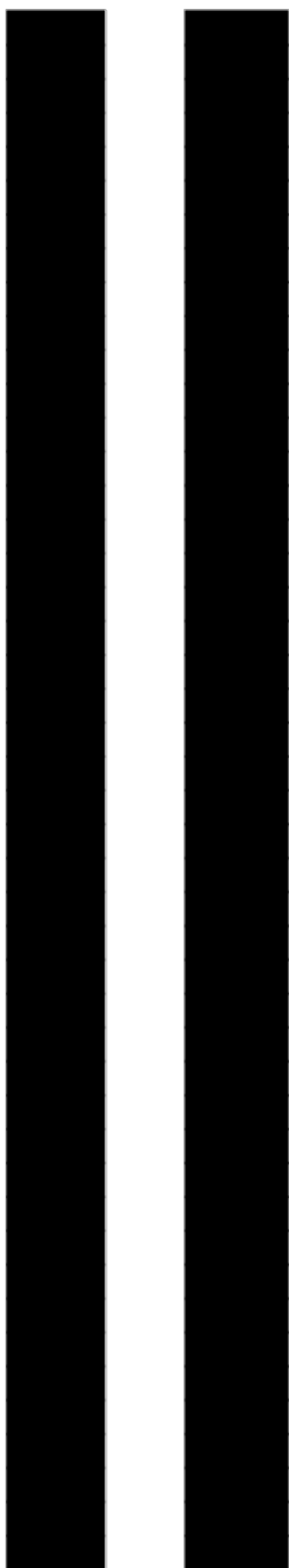
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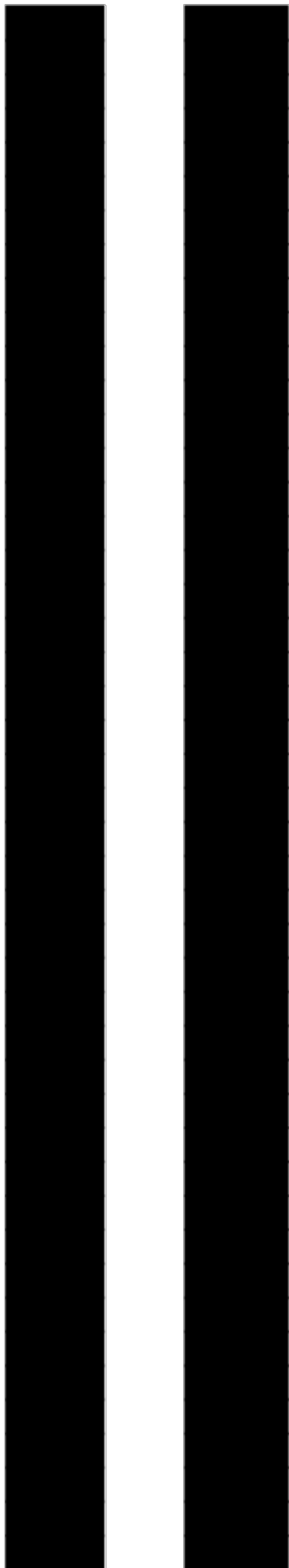
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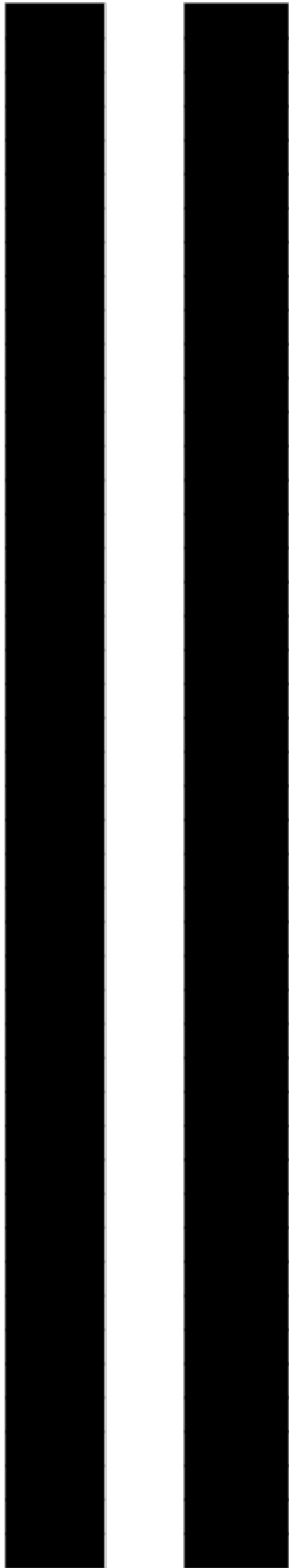
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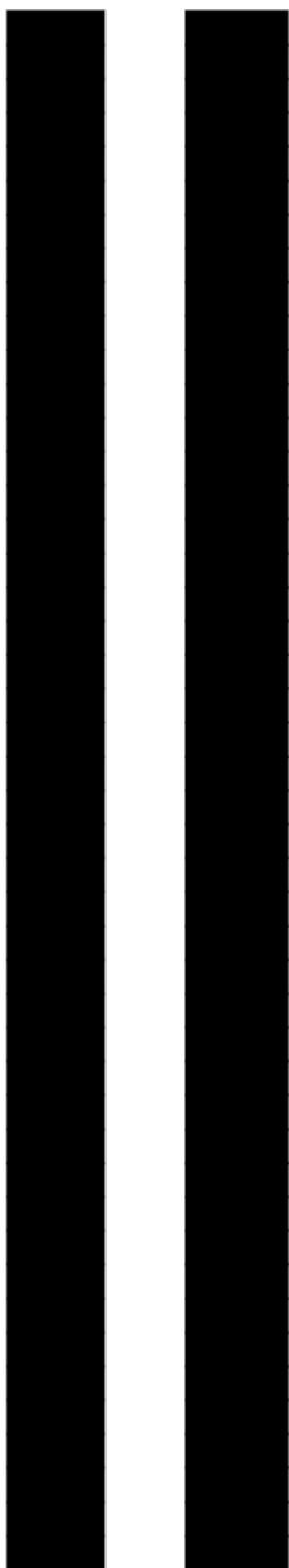
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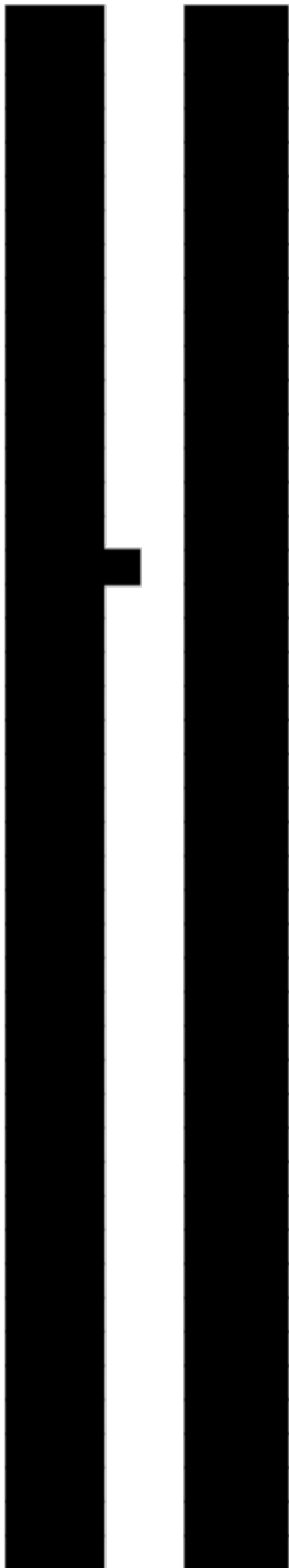
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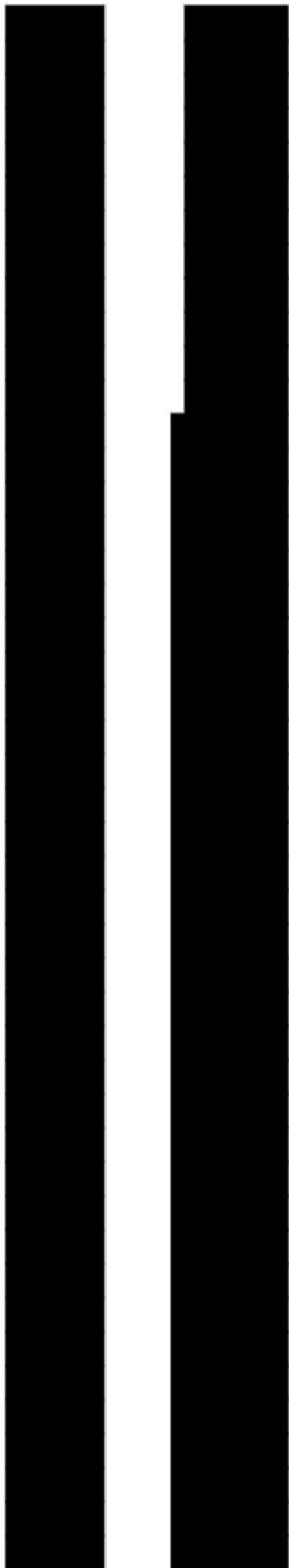
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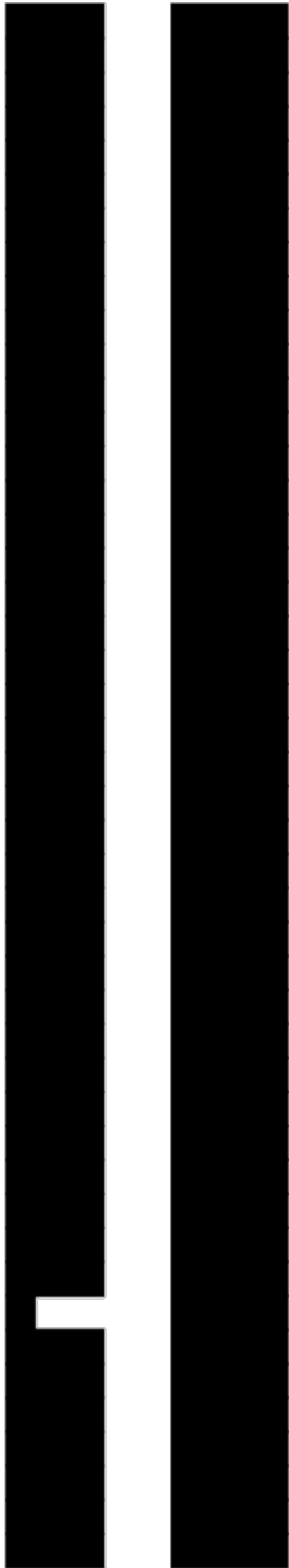
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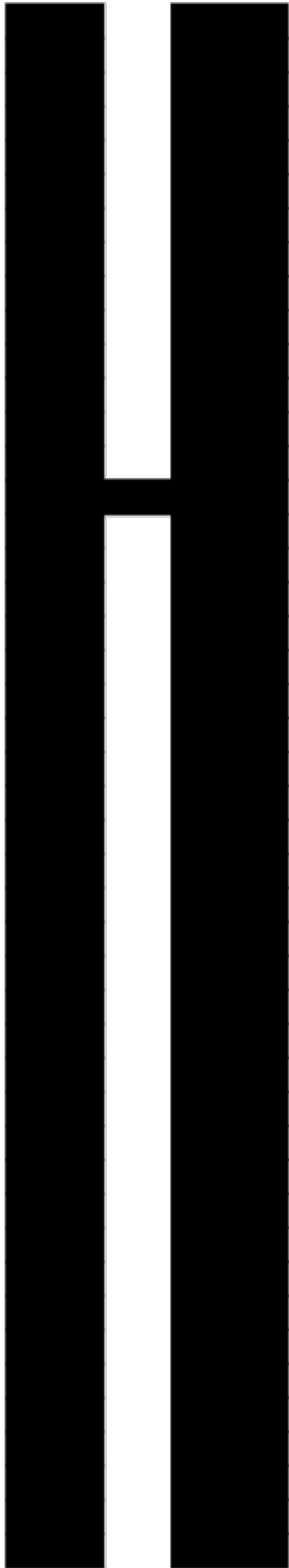
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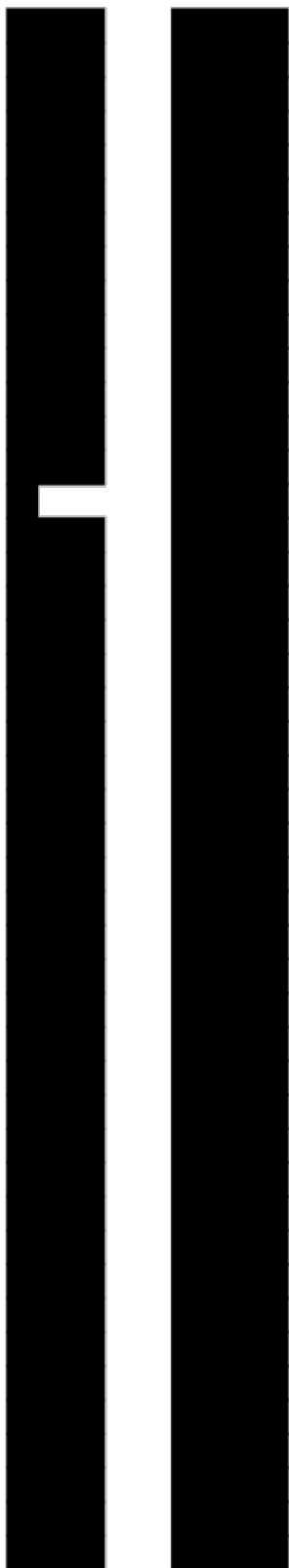
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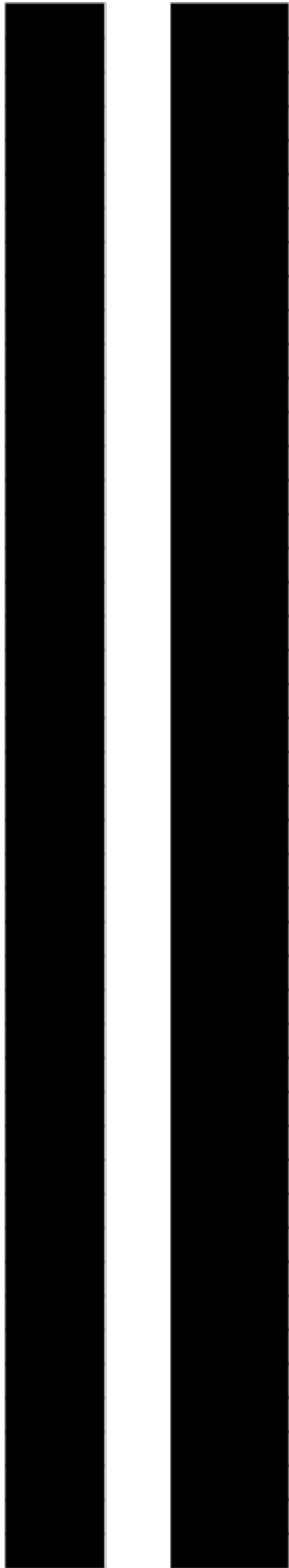
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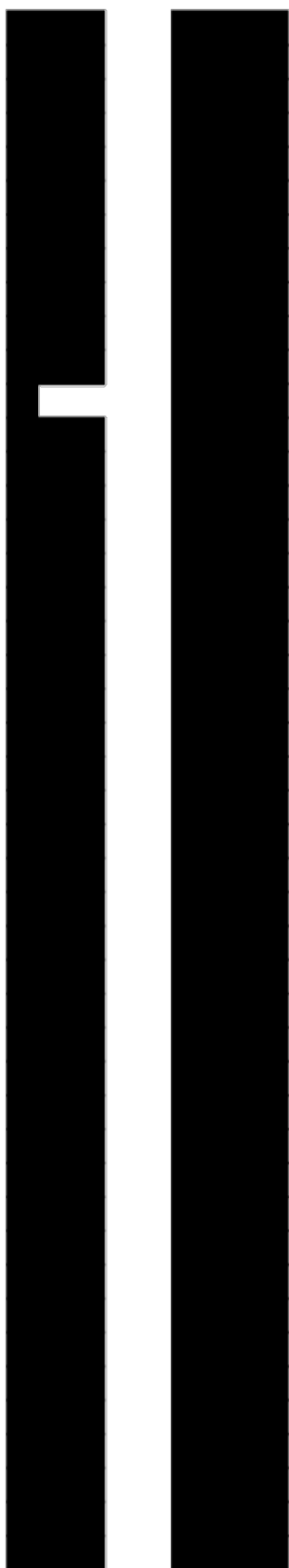
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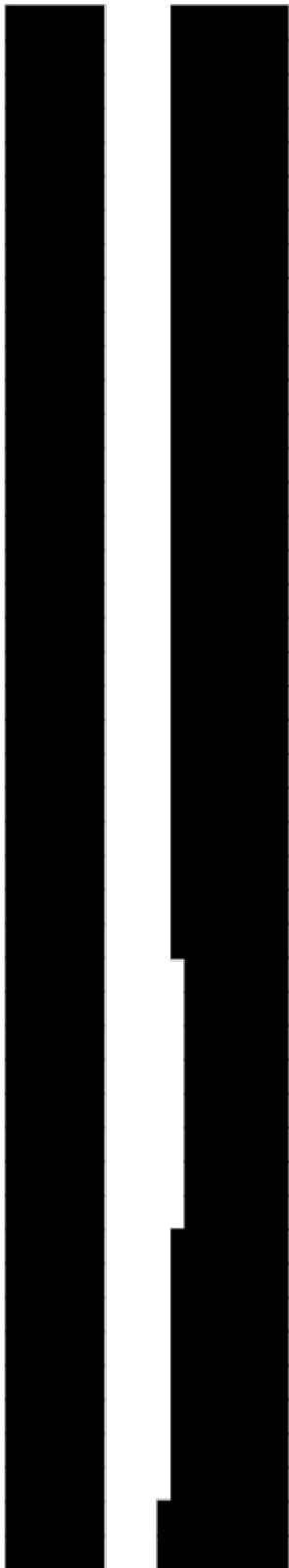
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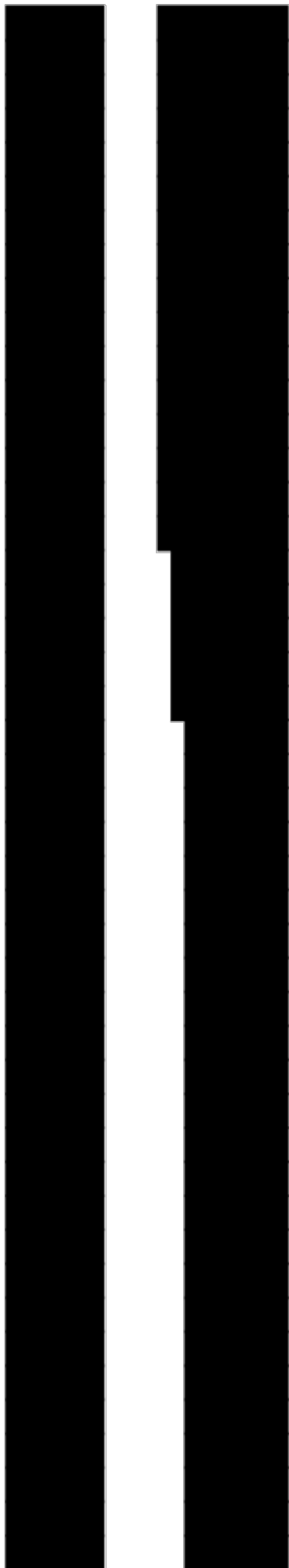
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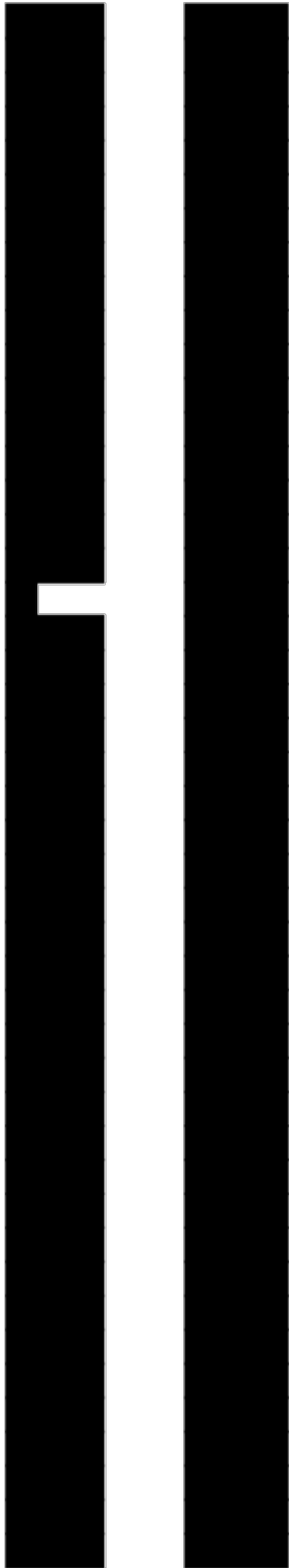
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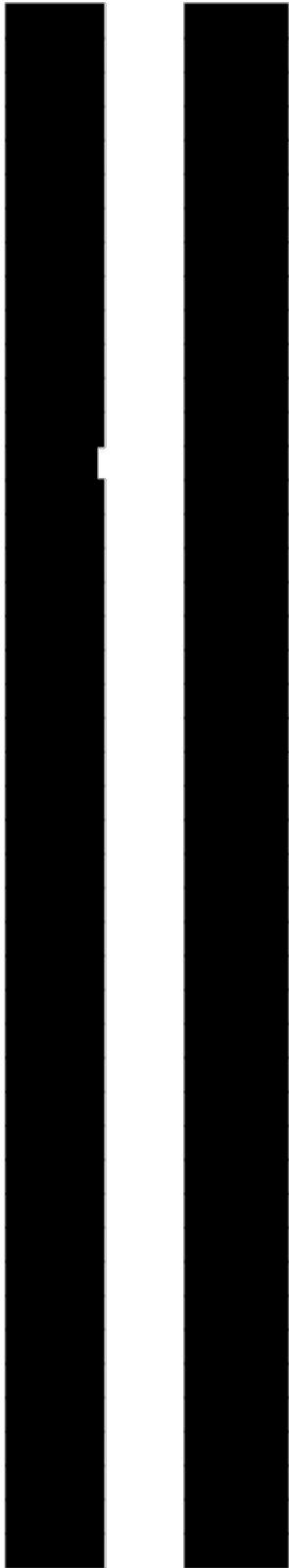
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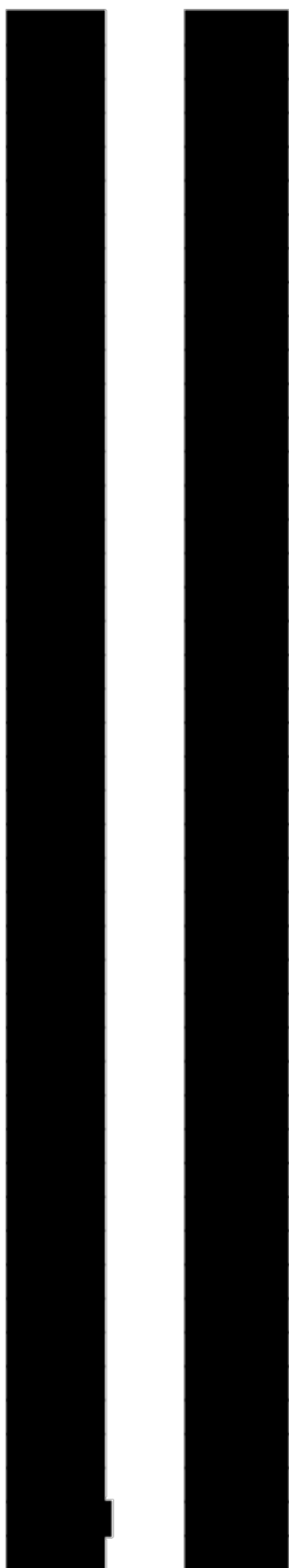
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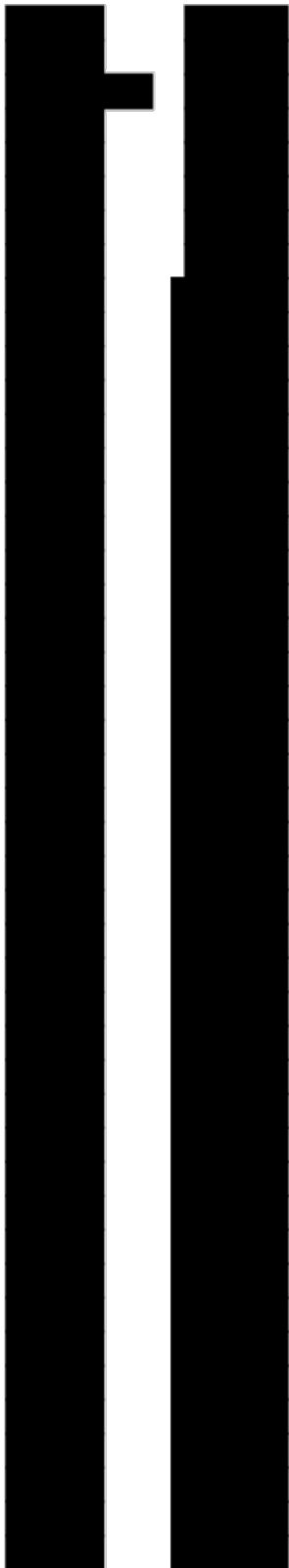
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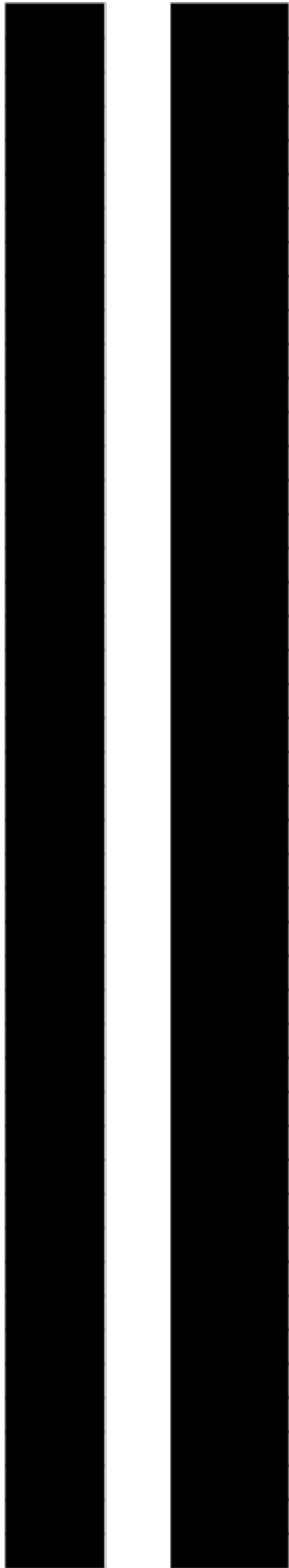
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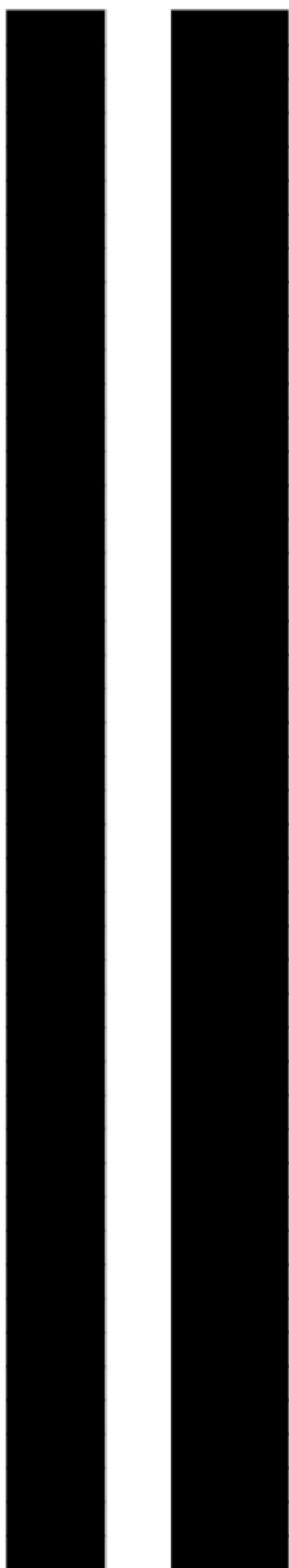
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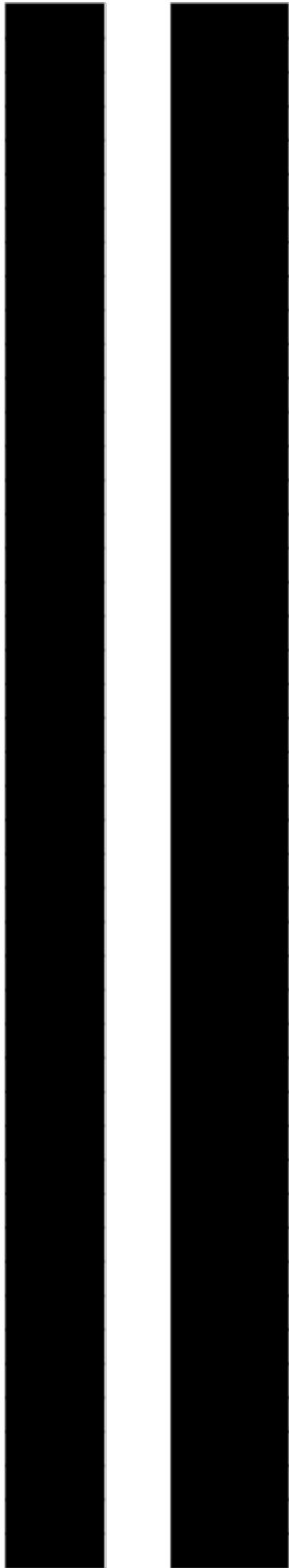
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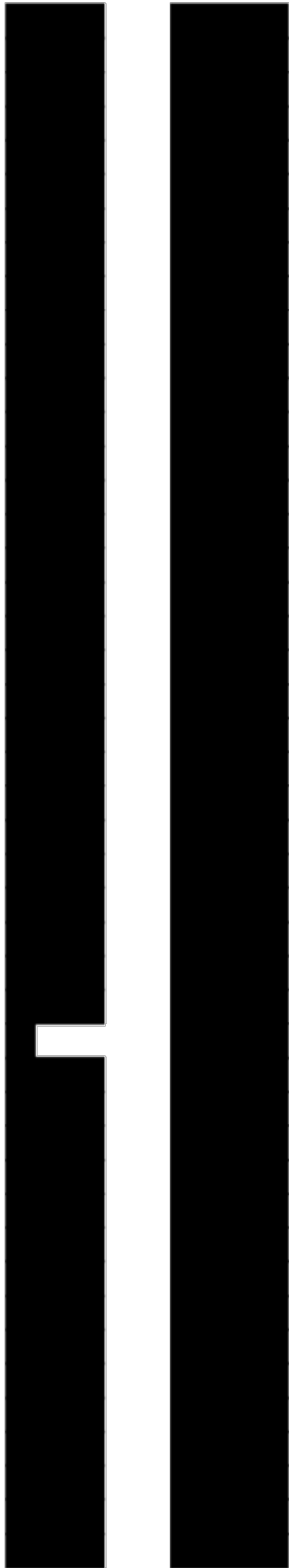
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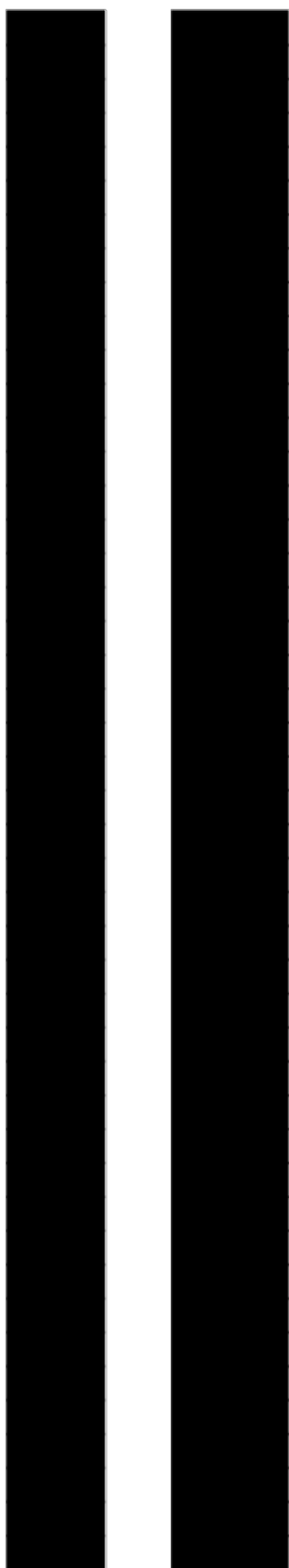
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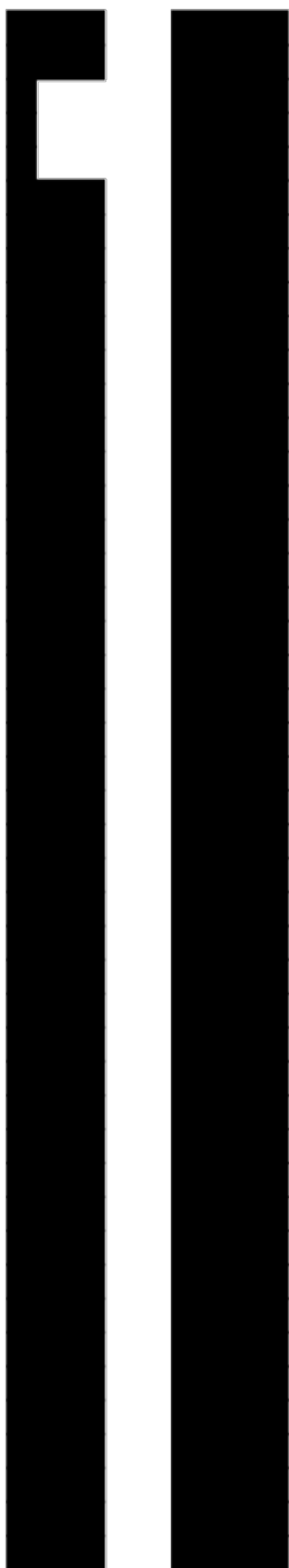
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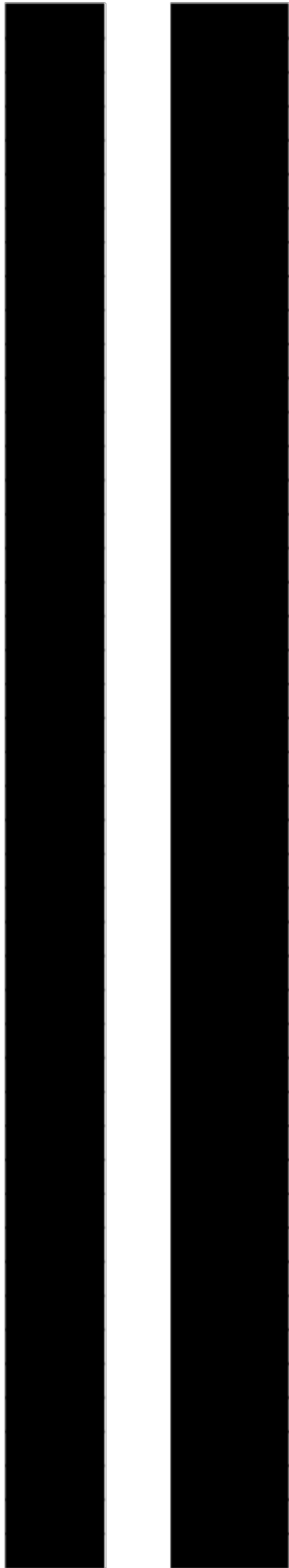
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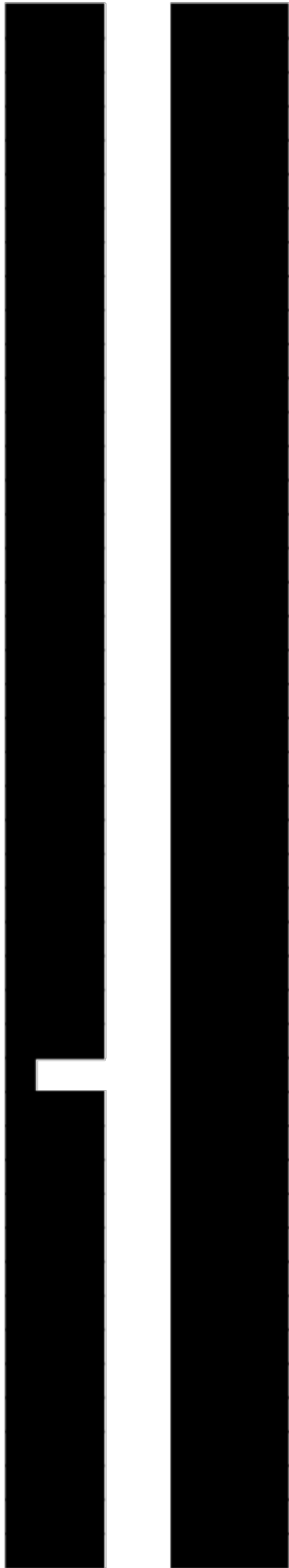
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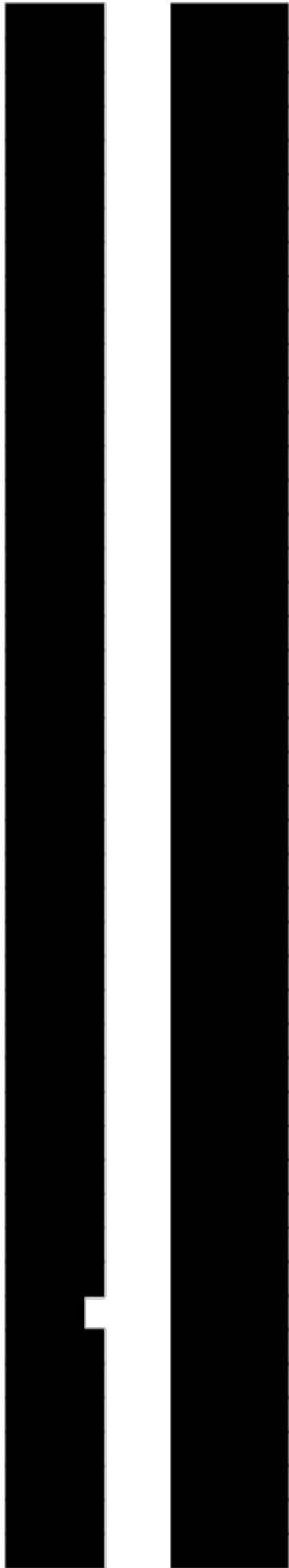
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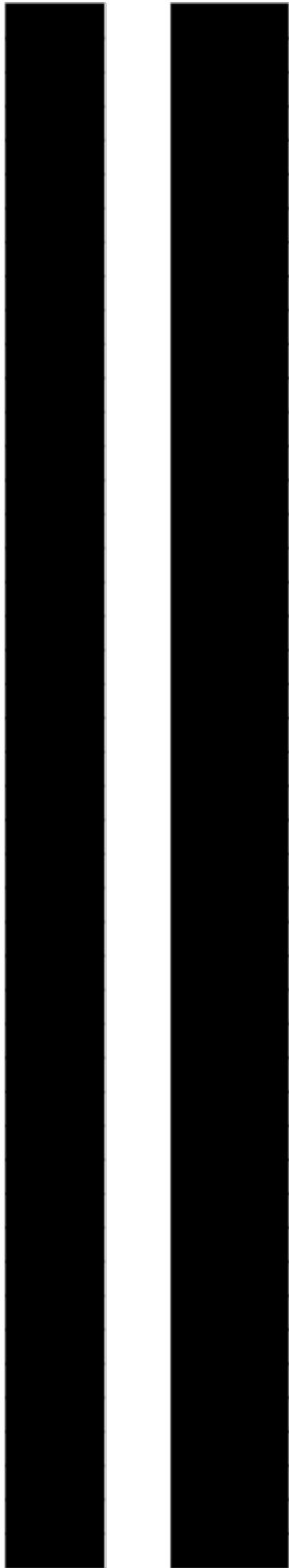
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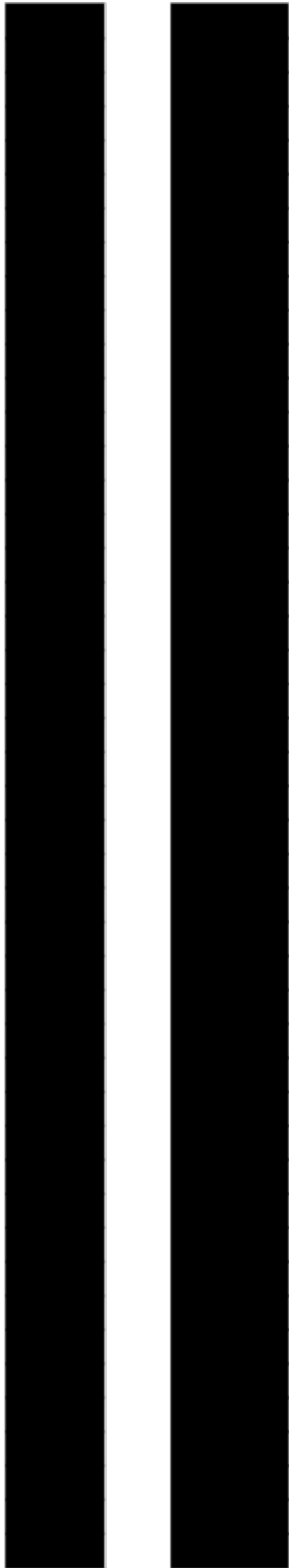
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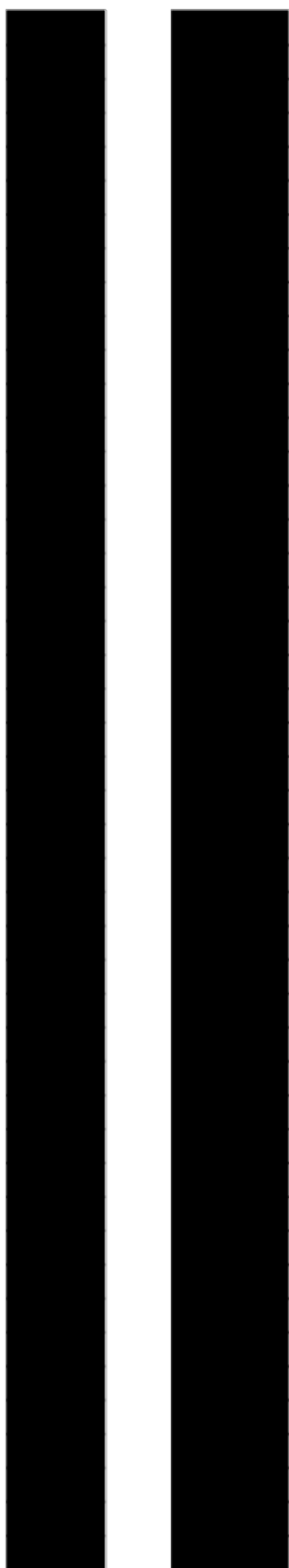
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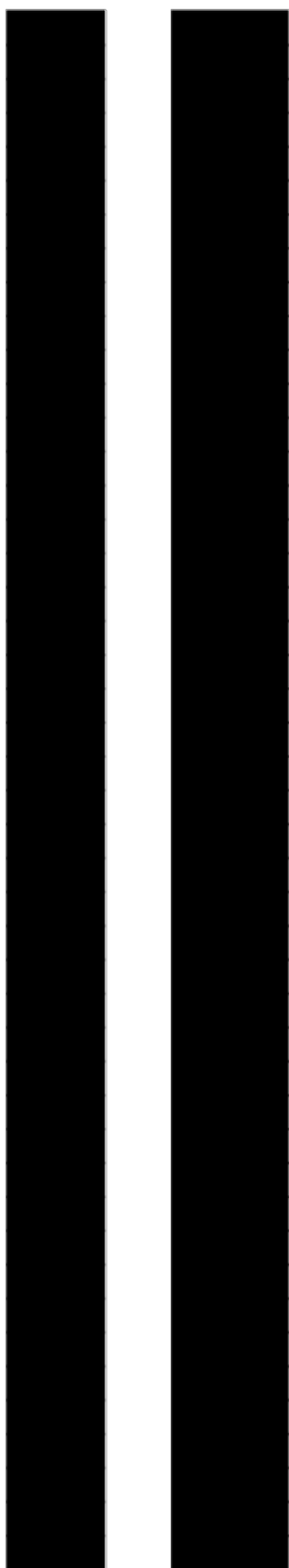
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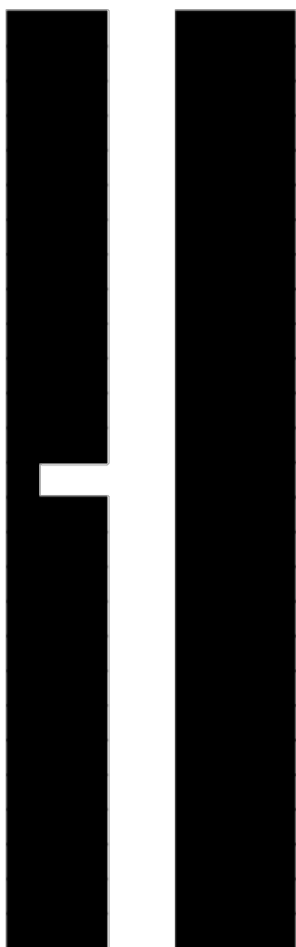
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Agenda Item 7.1**MCIVOR RESERVE DRAFT MASTER PLAN**

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PURPOSE

Council to consider adoption of the Mclvor Reserve Master Plan following community feedback on the draft Master Plan.

ISSUES SUMMARY

- In 2021 Council commenced a process to develop a Master Plan for Mclvor Reserve that reflects both the current and future needs and demands of both the tenant sporting clubs and broader community users of the Reserve.
- At its Meeting on 15 November 2022 Council endorsed a report recommendation to publicly advertise the Mclvor Reserve Draft Master Plan and seek feedback on the plan.
- Engagement on the Draft Master Plan occurred over eight weeks from November 2022 to January 2023, during which time there was a high level of community interest.
- The most recent engagement followed the initial engagement phase that occurred from April 2021 to August 2022.
- Feedback was gathered from a range of sources including an online comments tool, survey (both online and hard copy), in-person sessions, and written correspondence.
- Respondents were asked to provide feedback to a range of proposed developments across the four key categories of sports, open space, amenities, and parking and traffic.
- The feedback from all sources has resulted in additional Master Plan actions and revisions to the draft master plan outlined in the body of this report.
- The Mclvor Reserve Master Plan is now ready for Council consideration.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Mclvor Reserve Master Plan - Final
2. Mclvor Reserve Draft Master Plan - Feedback and Response

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OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Note the feedback received from a range of sources on the Draft Mclvor Reserve Master Plan.**
 - 2. Adopts the Mclvor Reserve Master Plan 2023 and authorises the commencement of;**
 - a. Schematic design and necessary site planning and due diligence to enable upgrades to the Reserve including the provision of an Indoor Sports Facility**
 - b. Advocate for State and Federal funding to support implementation of the Master Plan**
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Agenda Item 7.1**BACKGROUND**

Mclvor Reserve is a Municipal open space that covers an area of approximately 18.5 hectares in Yarraville. It is bordered by Francis St to the north, Fogarty Avenue to the south, the former Bradmill site to the west and residential properties in Hawkhurst St, Wembley Avenue, Benbow St and Mill Avenue to the east.

As a large recreation reserve it caters for structured club based sport and informal recreation use within Maribyrnong's existing open space network. It accommodates a number of sporting facilities that service a regional catchment such as hockey and baseball whilst also providing facilities for cricket, Australian Rules football, lawn bowls and soccer.

In addition to the facilities for sporting club use, the reserve supports a range of informal activities and includes infrastructure such as a playground, a fully fenced dog off-lead area, and a circuit path around the sports fields. The sports fields also provide a significant area of open space for passive recreation outside of sports bookings and are well utilised by the community for a variety of pursuits from dog walking to fitness training.

In 2021 Council commenced the process of developing a new Master Plan for Mclvor Reserve. The objectives of the project were:

1. To develop a master plan that reflects both the current and future needs and demands of both the sporting clubs and other users at the Reserve based on research and consultation undertaken.
2. To develop a long term strategic direction for the future development of Mclvor Reserve, ensuring the Reserve is a welcoming and inclusive place which brings people together and strengthens community connections.

The principles underpinning the development of the draft Master Plan included:

- Meeting and responding to changing participation trends, community needs and demands
- Consolidating assets for more efficient and cost-effective management and utilisation
- Creating facilities which are fit for purpose and meet contemporary compliance guidelines
- Providing public spaces are that safe and accessible for all ages
- Improving facilities while maintaining local amenity
- Provide for a variety of open space uses
- Improving community wellbeing and encourage healthy active lifestyles
- Encouraging active and sustainable transport modes
- Ensuring net green space is maximised and impact of trees is minimised

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On 15 November 2022 Council considered a report on the Mclvor Reserve Draft Master Plan and resolved to:

1. Note the significant community interest in the Mclvor Reserve Master Plan.
2. Approve the release of the draft Mclvor Reserve Master Plan for community comment that includes the provision of an indoor sports centre with up to six courts located at the northern end of the reserve.
3. Requests a further report on the final Mclvor Reserve Master Plan in March 2023.

The outcomes of the recent engagement are outlined in the body of this report with a list of responses and recommendations.

DISCUSSION/KEY ISSUES**1. Key Issues****Community Engagement****a) Engagement Approach**

The draft Master Plan was publically advertised over a period of eight weeks from November 2022 to January 2023 whereby the community was invited to provide feedback. This included a four week engagement period prior to Christmas and extended engagement over the holiday period to support those who may not have been able to provide feedback beforehand, to also share their comments.

Engagement was premised on seeking community feedback on the more than two dozen proposed upgrades to Mclvor Reserve that were broadly categorised into four key areas.

Engagement was designed to understand community sentiment around the proposed actions in the master plan but was not a vote on each of these actions.

Engagement did not seek to gather support or opposition towards an indoor sports facility at Mclvor Reserve specifically. However it has tended to dominate the conversation and negatively influence the feedback on the Master Plan generally.

Table 1 provides a summary of the community reach during this phase of engagement.

Agenda Item 7.1**Table 1: Community reach during the phase 2 engagement period**

Type	Platform	Dates	Target	Reach (number of people)
Print	Letter to neighbours and residents within 400 metres of the Reserve	From 11 Nov	Immediate neighbours	2,100
Native post	Facebook	17 Nov	Global	3,418 Engagement rate 12%
	Facebook	29 Nov	Global	4,532 Engagement rate 8%
EDM News	Mail Chimp electronic direct mail	17 Nov	Media	Sent to database of 818 46% (378) open rate and 4.4% (36) click through
Print news	Maribyrnong Messenger	Mid-Nov	Global	38,000 households
	Star Weekly (online)	16 Nov	Global	76,000
	Star Weekly	23 Nov	Global	52,700
Blog	Council website	17 Nov	Global	377 page views
Flyer (digital)	Email	Nov 2022	Tenant Sporting clubs, and clubs who use the Reserve	Unknown
Flyer (print)	In-person distribution	17 Nov	Global	Unknown
Signs	10 corflute signs erected at Reserve	17 Nov 2022	Uses of reserve	>100
Face to face	Five information sessions at the Reserve	1 & 3 Dec 2022	Neighbours, residents, interested parties	85 registered Approximately 65 attendees

A petition was also received by Council on 14 February 2023 requesting the Council not build an indoor sports stadium or associated car park on Mclvor Reserve or any other green open space in the city. This petition has been considered.

Of the 3102 signatures to the petition, 933 could be identified as being residents of the City of Maribyrnong.

Agenda Item 7.1**b) Responses and Findings**

During this engagement phase respondents were asked to provide feedback on the more than two dozen proposed upgrades generally, and separately across the four key categories:

- Sports upgrades
- Open Space
- Amenities
- Parking and Traffic

Across all engagement activities a total of 4,017 comments were received from 753 respondents made up of:

- 394 surveys (from 351 contributors)
- 1,657 comments on the virtual post-it boards (noting that more than one third came from 10 individual posters largely in opposition to the draft Master Plan)
- Eight hard copy surveys
- 275 comments from 65 attendees at in-person sessions
- 22 pieces of written correspondence (*from a mix of individuals and representatives of sporting groups and organisations on behalf of their several thousand members*)

Many aspects of the draft Master Plan were well received, particularly on the need for public toilets, more activation spaces (such as the outdoor gym and linear path), more lighting, shade, seating, and improved drainage for the dog park and sports fields.

There were general themes to minimise impact on green space and protection of trees, and a desire to better understand any impacts to parking and traffic potentially generated by the proposed additional use.

Overall much of the feedback centred around the support or otherwise for the inclusion of an Indoor Sports Facility on the Reserve.

There was general acknowledgement of the need for a new Indoor Sports Facility within the municipality - but there are ongoing concerns around impacts on the local environment if one was to be built at Mclvor Reserve.

Green space and tree loss along with the impact on the existing dog park were the main issues raised, with traffic and other concerns associated with an increased use of the Reserve specifically flagged by close neighbours during face-to face sessions.

The majority of the concerns and opposition came from respondents who identified largely as neighbours, Yarraville residents and dog walkers, who were most critical of the draft Master Plan generally and continued to oppose any departure from the status quo.

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Conversely there were also comments expressing gratitude, relief and excitement at the release of the draft Master Plan and the prospect of including a six-court indoor sports facility, given the existing shortfall and growing pressure this is placing on clubs.

Those in support generally interpreted the inclusion of an indoor sports facility at Mclvor Reserve as an upgrade that would benefit the whole community - by improving social connection and cohesion, increasing health and wellbeing, and providing a critical outlet for young people.

Proposed Revisions to the Master Plans

Where through this process the community has identified specific concerns, officers have looked to address those with the changes that have been made to the draft Master Plan.

The changes and revisions have been made with consideration to the feedback received, technical investigations and specialist advice, and aligning with the planning principles outlined above.

Alignment with the planning principles combined with;

- A severe shortage of indoor courts within the Municipality
- Mclvor Reserve being zoned for the type of recreation use proposed and;
- The location of Mclvor Reserve to meet an identified gap in our City,

suggests the Master Plan including a new indoor sports facility is a balanced outcome responding to a variety of community needs.

The revised Master Plan is provided in Attachment 1.

The suggested amendments are responded to in Attachment 2 and are also summarised as follows in line with the four key categories.

a) Sports Upgrades

This category was designed to understand community views around a number of proposed upgrades. However feedback was largely focused on the potential for the development of an indoor sports facility at the Reserve.

Whilst there is a portion of the community that opposes the inclusion of an Indoor Sports Facility at Mclvor Reserve, there is also a portion of the community that supports the inclusion of the facility.

Whilst acknowledging the opposition, there is enough support to suggest that on balance and with consideration for Council's strategic objectives, the proposal for an Indoor Sports Facility being developed at Mclvor Reserve should proceed.

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The engagement identified the main concerns regarding the inclusion of an Indoor Facility at Mclvor Reserve were:

- i. Loss of green space
- ii. Loss of mature trees
- iii. Impact of traffic in local streets
- iv. Impact on the dog park

The revised Masterplan responds to this in the following ways:

- i. Loss of green space – the building footprint of the Facility will be positioned partially on the existing Hawkhurst St car park to minimise impact on green space. The remainder of the building including the vehicle drop-off zone will occupy approximately 0.6HA of open space which represents 3.3% of the entire 18.5 hectares that makes up Mclvor Reserve.
- ii. Loss of mature trees – the footprint of the Indoor Sports Facility is estimated to impact 81 trees including 31 trees that have been assessed as having a low arboricultural rating and only one that has a high rating. It is estimated that a further 33 trees will be impacted by other changes within the reserve including 10 trees of Low or Very Low value and only one with a High value rating. The Arboricultural Assessment will inform the design process during the implementation of each stage of the master plan and opportunities to further reduce the impact on existing trees will be explored. The draft Master Plan proposes a minimum net increase of 114 trees to the current number of trees at the Reserve.
- iii. Impact of traffic on local streets – a qualitative first-principles assessment of parking and traffic impacts associated with the proposed Master Plan suggests that the overall car parking supply within the reserve is likely to be more than adequate to serve the likely peak parking needs of the new indoor sports facility and open sports fields, and any increased traffic in surrounding streets is likely to be absorbed without any major operational and safety implications.

A large proportion of traffic generated by the indoor sports facility, open sports fields and soccer field would access the reserve via the new Mclvor Road and its intersection with Francis Street, which is to be signalised as part of the Bradmill development.

- iv. Impact on the dog park – with the inclusion of an Indoor Sports Facility in the proposed location it is unavoidable to impact the existing fenced dog off-lead area to some degree. While the enclosed area will be reduced by 17.6% to an approximate area of 7500sqm, the remaining area will be reconstructed and upgraded with new features including but not limited to new grass, drainage and irrigation, dog agility elements, water fountains, shade, and located in close proximity to public toilets. Input will be sought from the current users through the design development.

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To offset the loss of approximately 1600sqm from the existing enclosed dog off-lead area an additional 6,000sqm of open space outside the new outfield fence on the baseball field will be designated as an off-lead dog area. While not being designated as an enclosed dog park, this newly developed linear bushland area will provide an alternative experience as a dog off lead space.

When considering development of the new dog park, combined with the current sports fields being designated as off-lead areas when not in use for sport, and significant off-lead space at nearby Cruikshank Park, residents with dogs are considered to be well catered for in this part of the City.

Other Sports Upgrades

Outside of expressing support or opposition for an Indoor Sports Facility, comments on the proposed sports facility upgrades generally originated predominantly from tenant clubs and users.

The key revisions to the draft plan in response to feedback include:

- A reduction of the Indoor Sports Facility building footprint to remain outside the area leased to the Yarraville Footscray Bowls Club, as the Club did not support merging its facility as part of the proposed new building. The redevelopment of the bowls clubroom and the conversion of one green to a synthetic surface under a canopy have been removed from the master plan.
- The baseball diamond will not be moved 5-10 metres north and will be able to remain in its current location as the addition of 90-degree parking on the northern side of Benbow St has been removed. Upgrades to the playing field, dugouts and scorers box have been included.
- The upgrade of floodlights at the hockey centre to senior competition standard has been added.
- New soccer goal storage compound opening to the main pitch and the open sports field area has been relocated.
- The open sports field area shows the most common layout of the sportsgrounds in winter and includes two junior football ovals, two full size soccer pitches and one small soccer pitch. An alternative layout makes provision for a single full size oval without reducing the number of soccer pitches that would be available.

b) Open Space Provision

The Open Space category asked respondents for their thoughts on the proposed changes and enhancements to the fenced dog off-lead area, sports fields and general open space at Mclvor Reserve.

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The key revisions to the draft plan in response to that feedback include:

- Removing the fence at the rear of the baseball batting cage and at the Benbow St end of the new linear bushland trail so that this area remains a through-way, responding to adjacent resident concerns of a fully fenced dog park. Improvement to the space will include a new path, turf, landscaping, irrigation and drainage making it a more useable and accessible piece of open space.
- A reduction in the estimated number of trees to be impacted by the implementation of the master plan from 163 to 114 and a commitment to plant a minimum of two trees for every tree that is removed.
- Reduction in the size of the Indoor Sports Facility building footprint by creating a second story for off-court facilities that do not need to be at court level, and by doing so preventing further impact on open space.

c) Improved Amenities

The Amenities category asked respondents what they thought of the proposed upgrades to general amenities at Mclvor Reserve including public toilets, seating, lighting, shelter and the playspace.

The key revisions to the draft plan in response include:

- Retaining the playground in its existing location so that it is not separated from the open sports field area by a car park.
- Committing to further consultation with the community on the design and inclusions for an upgraded enclosed dog off-lead area.
- Repositioning the entry point to the indoor sports facility to reduce the impact on the existing dog park.
- Provision for more trees, park benches and shade shelters within the reserve.

d) Parking and Traffic Management

Key revisions to the draft plan in response to feedback on specific parking and traffic issues includes:

- Confirmation of the addition of a signalised intersection and pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Francis St, Roberts St and the new Mclvor Rd.
- Connecting the shared path network from the signalised intersection in the north western corner of the reserve to Fogarty Avenue and the Federation Trail in the south-eastern corner of the reserve.
- Removing the proposal to create carparking on the northern side of Benbow St.
- The parking adjacent to the existing pavilion will remain unchanged until such time as the design for a new pavilion determines any need for that space.

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- Removing the extension of the Hawkhurst St carpark to avoid encroaching further into the reserve and triggering further impact on existing trees.
- Formalising the connection between the soccer club carpark and the hockey club carpark.
- Acknowledgement of the availability of overflow event parking along the western side of Gent St if it is ever required.
- Consideration for water sensitive urban design features in all carparks to improve the quality of stormwater entering Stony Creek.

2. Council Policy/Legislation**Council Plan 2021-2025**

This report contributes to Council's strategic objectives contained in the Council Plan 2021-2025 by considering:

- Strategic Objective:
 - Liveable neighbourhoods - Council will partner with community to provide & advocate for integrated built and natural environments with access to open spaces that are well maintained, engaging, accessible and respectful.

Legislation

Nil.

Conflicts of Interest

No officer responsible for, or contributing to, this report has declared a direct or indirect interest in relation to this report.

Human Rights Consideration

This report complies with the rights listed in the Victorian *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

3. Engagement

Two phases of engagement have been undertaken over a ten month period between May 2022 and February 2023.

Table 2 shows the total reach into the community from a variety of communications tools across both phases to support information sharing and encourage participation.

Agenda Item 7.1**Table 2: Total reach of community engagement across both phases**

Type	Platform	Dates	Target	Reach
Print	Letter to neighbours and residents within 400 metres of the Reserve	Phase 1 (from May) Phase 2 (from Nov)	Immediate neighbours	2,400 x 3 letters 2,100 (removing properties outside municipality)
Native post	Facebook	8 May 13-28 May 17 Nov 29 Nov	Global Geo-targeted to Yarraville only	3,108 19,080 3,418 4,532
EDM News	Mail Chimp electronic direct mail	17 Nov	Project subscriber database	Sent to 818 46% (378) open rate 4.4% (36) click through
Print news	Maribyrnong Messenger	Mid-May Mid-Nov	Global	38,000 households each time
	Star Weekly (online)	16 Nov	Global	76,000
	Star Weekly	23 Nov	Global	52,700
Blog	Council website	3 June 17 Nov	Global	Unknown 377 page views
Flyer (digital)	Email	Nov	Tenant Sporting clubs, clubs who use the Reserve and identified stakeholders	Unknown
Flyer (print)	In-person distribution	17 Nov	Global	Unknown
Signs	10 corflute signs erected at Reserve	20 May 17 Nov	Reserve users	Unknown >100
Face to face	Two information sessions at the Reserve	26 and 30 May 2022	Neighbours, residents, users, interested parties	60 - 100
	Five information sessions at the Reserve	1 and 3 Dec 2022	Neighbours, residents, users, interested parties.	85 registered Approximately 65 attendees

A variety of tools and methods have been deployed to support community participation in the engagement across both phases including: online surveys and virtual post-it boards, digital question and answer tool, in-person information sessions, a webinar, and written correspondence.

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The majority of feedback across both phases has been captured using Council's digital engagement portal, Your City Your Voice, which, during the two phases of engagement has attracted more than 20,000 views of the project from just under 7,000 unique visitors (3,183 in Phase 1 and 3,057 in Phase 2).

While the numbers of unique visitors are on a par across both phases, the number of respondents actively engaging and providing feedback during Phase 2 was significantly reduced (by a third) comparative to Phase 1.

This appears to reflect a shift in interest from the broader community generally to those with a more direct link to the Reserve i.e. residents, neighbours, dog walkers, sports users and potential future users.

During phase one, a total of 1,143 surveys were completed and 135 questions answered online, 130 residents attended an online community forum, and there were in person conversations with around 100 attendees at the Reserve, over 70 days of engagement. In addition there were three letterbox deliveries to 2,400 near neighbours. 74% of online respondents identified as living in Yarraville.

A total of 4,017 comments were received during phase 2 from 753 respondents across all engagement activities. Demographics were only captured for the survey where 66% of the survey respondents identified as an immediate neighbour, Yarraville resident or dog walker.

The addition of the Visioner Post-It Tool for feedback during the second phase provided opportunity for respondents to return multiple times to view and respond to new comments. More than 30% of the 1,657 posts and associated comments were made by 10 posters, who were also responsible for 30 of the 394 survey responses.

Recognising Phase 2 engagement was premised on 'sentiment' as opposed to 'votes' an independent Analysis Assistant (AA) tool was used to analyse the qualitative responses. This tool automatically processes large volumes of unstructured data, identifying the sentiment and key phrases of responses. Further, 'bulk tagging' was utilised to assign themes and topics as a means of extracting key messages.

4. Resources

A conservative preliminary Quantity Survey estimates a budget of approximately \$58M to implement the Mclvor Reserve Master Plan in its entirety.

This includes the Indoor Sports Facility which is estimated to cost approximately \$36M to develop inclusive of public toilets to service the dog park, sports grounds and general park users, vehicle drop off zone, and universal change rooms and amenities to service the sports grounds.

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It is anticipated significant external State and Federal Government funding is required along with Council contribution to enable delivery of the plan.

5. Environment

The Mclvor Reserve Master Plan seeks to minimise environmental impact.

A detailed Arboricultural Assessment has been completed and an arboricultural value has been assigned to all 625 trees within the reserve as part of that assessment. The detailed design process will aim to minimise the impact on all trees and particularly those with a high or moderate rating. During construction trees will be protected and any tree that is removed will be replaced with a minimum of two trees elsewhere within the reserve. Where appropriate, like for like species replacement will be the preference along with selecting species to enhance habitat, climate suitability and canopy resilience.

An Ecological Biodiversity Assessment is taking place to confirm flora, fauna and habitat within the site. Evidence of bird nesting (physical nests and nesting behaviour) have been identified in twelve trees within the reserve to date. Any assessment findings will be followed with a detailed Fauna Management Plan to protect fauna species and minimise disturbance during construction and after project completion. Revegetation will support fauna species identified in the assessment through flora species selection and habitat recreation.

The design, construction and future operation of the indoor sports centre, soccer pavilion and in time the new shared-use pavilion will be guided by Council's Environmental Sustainable Design Policy for Council Buildings. Water sensitive urban design features will be considered in the detailed design process for all buildings and carparks, and opportunities to reuse water on-site and improve the quality of stormwater entering Stony Creek will be explored.

CONCLUSION

The overarching purpose of the Mclvor Reserve Master Plan was to develop a long term plan that reflects the current and future recreational needs of a growing population.

It provides a clear strategic direction and enables Council to advocate for funding support to implement the multiple actions required to service the community and provide for a variety of recreation pursuits.

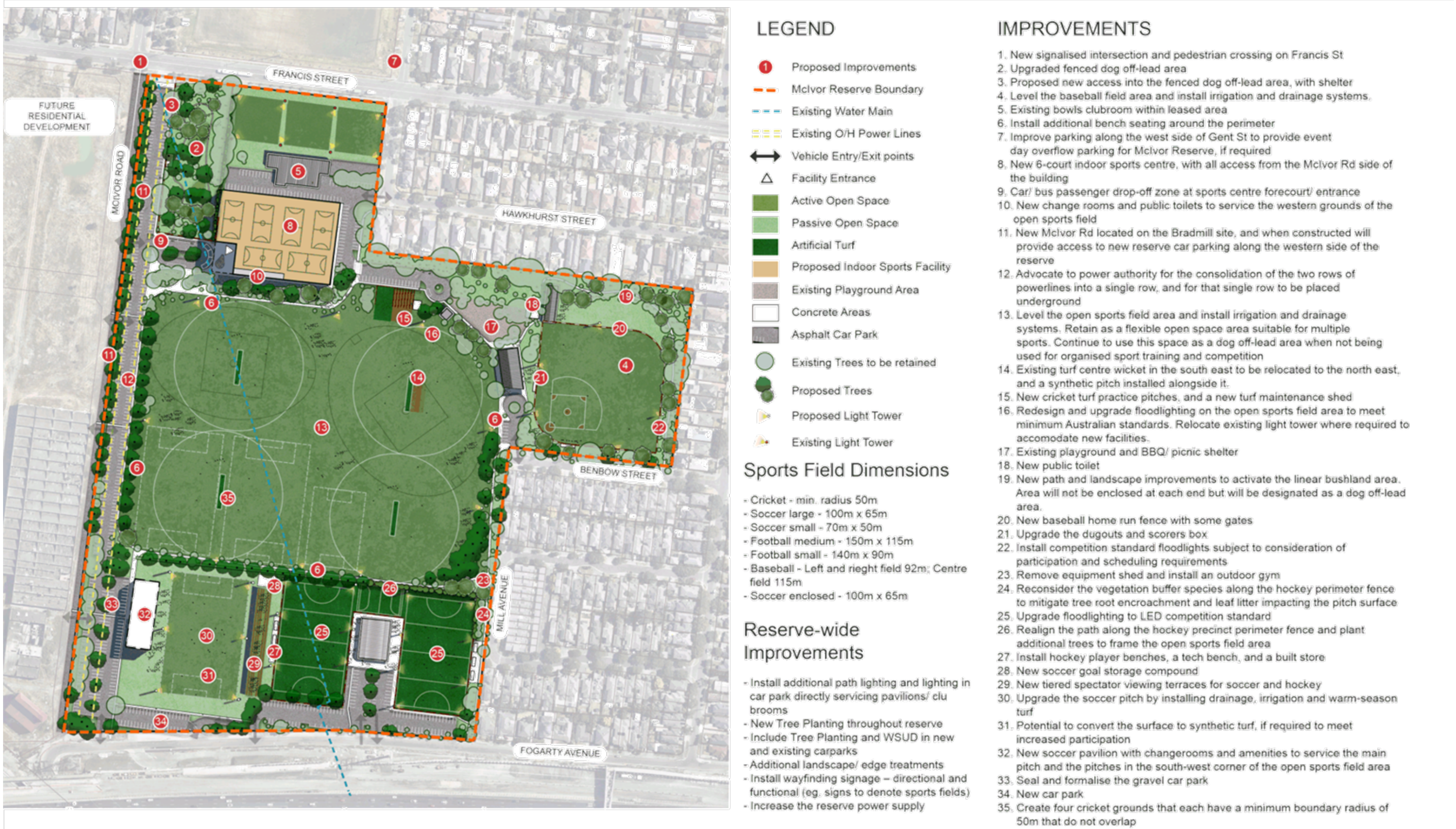
An extensive and thorough engagement process was undertaken over a ten month period collecting a wealth of feedback used to inform the development of the plan.

Mclvor Reserve is a significantly sized regional space that currently supports a variety of uses, and, with effective planning has the potential to meet the range of recreation needs for a growing population expected to reach 155,000 residents by 2051.

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Where specific concerns were raised, officers have responded in a fair and equitable manner, providing a balanced Master Plan that meets the variety of needs expressed throughout the engagement process.

The plans are now ready for Councils consideration.



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Attachment 2 - Mclvor Reserve Draft Masterplan – Feedback and Response

Sports Facilities	
Feedback	Response
If an indoor sports facility is included, ensure that it is built with sustainable design elements, and green walls and roof.	Sustainable design features will be considered for all new facilities within the reserve. The minimum standards will be determined by Council's Environmental Sustainable Design Policy for Council Buildings.
Paint a mural on the walls to celebrate cultural and natural heritage of the area	Can be considered in the design of any new facilities.
Include a gym and outdoor swimming pool	The draft Aquatics Strategy does not recommend the need for an additional swimming pool within the municipality. A gymnasium is not being considered as part of the scope for this Masterplan.
Make the same improvements to the baseball field as the other sports fields shown on the masterplan	Whilst the baseball diamond will not need to be moved to accommodate parking on Benbow St, the same improvements will be made to the baseball field as the other open sports fields.
Improve the dugouts and scorers box on the baseball diamond	Upgrades to the dugouts and scorers box have been included in the masterplan and will be designed in consultation with the Club.
Improve the pavilion that currently services the baseball field and some of the open sports fields used for cricket and Australian football.	A new pavilion to service baseball year round, Yarraville Cricket Club in summer and Yarraville Seddon Football Club in winter will be constructed when the existing pavilion is at the end of its life. All user groups will be involved in the detailed design process to ensure their needs are met at that time. In addition, change rooms and toilet facilities to service the sports fields will be incorporated into the new Indoor Sports Facility should it proceed.
Add a second baseball diamond in the south-eastern corner of the open sports field area	The creation of a space for baseball in that area would conflict with the current summer season use. Council will continue to work with the Club to accommodate its participation and scheduling requirements.

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Sports Facilities	
Feedback	Response
Request for additional cricket practice nets somewhere separate to the current structure so that different teams can safely use them concurrently.	<p>The master plan makes provision for the addition of turf cricket practice facilities alongside the existing practice nets but does not include any more synthetic cricket practice nets than are currently supplied.</p> <p>Council will continue to work with the Club to accommodate their needs by exploring alternative training schedules before consideration is given to the provision of more synthetic practice facilities within Mclvor Reserve.</p>
What plan does Council have to offset the loss of one of the synthetic pitch cricket grounds?	<p>The master plan seeks to create four cricket grounds that each have a minimum boundary length of 50m that do not overlap with other grounds. There will be four grounds available at all times.</p> <p>To offset the loss of one synthetic pitch ground, a new cricket ground was established at Quarry Park in 2021-22 and another new cricket ground will be available in Footscray Park in 2023-24.</p>
Include LED lighting upgrade on the hockey pitches	Action added to masterplan as work on new floodlights is currently in progress.
In any indoor sports facility provide facilities for a number of sports including Indoor Hockey	Facilities to cater for a range of sports will be confirmed during the scoping and detailed design process
Ensure tiered spectator seating is designed to meet sport specific requirements for hockey and soccer	Council will consult with the soccer and hockey clubs during the detailed design process for any viewing area for spectators
Relocate the portable goals storage area to the area at the northern end of the space between the soccer and hockey pitch	This storage area has been moved
Change the option for a "synthetic" surface on the main soccer pitch to the latest hybrid technology.	Future consideration for a synthetic surface on the main pitch will be determined by participation demands, capital cost and ongoing maintenance costs.
Provide even lighting across the open sports fields	Every effort will be made through the floodlight design process to provide floodlighting that is appropriate and compliant for the level of use of the fields.

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Sports Facilities	
Feedback	Response
Concerned that the master plan looks like a soccer precinct without adequate provision for Australian football	Masterplan shows the most common layout of the sportsgrounds in winter which will include two junior football ovals and two full size soccer pitches. Alternative layouts make provision for a single full size oval without reducing the number of soccer pitches that would be available.
Yarraville Footscray Bowls Club rejected the master plan and is opposed to the indoor sports centre development	The Master Plan has been updated to separate the bowling club's existing facilities from any development in any other area of the reserve

Open Space	
Feedback	Response
Preserve and protect all green space, with any loss of open space considered inappropriate in the context of a climate emergency. Ensure existing green space is enhanced and maximised rather than taken away by looking for an alternative site for the indoor sports facility.	The Master Plan seeks to balance the need for more indoor courts within Maribyrnong with the provision of public open space and other recreational pursuits. Changes have been made to reduce the impact on existing trees, open space, and the dog park. The building footprint of the indoor sports facility will be positioned partially on the existing Hawkhurst St car park to minimise impact on green space. The remainder of the building including the vehicle drop-off zone will occupy approximately 0.6HA of land which represents 3.3% of the entire 18.5 hectares that makes up Mclvor Reserve.
Plant additional trees and vegetation	Additional trees will be planted within the reserve to ensure that two to three trees are planted to offset any tree that is lost during the implementation of the Master Plan. The Master Plan proposes a minimum net increase of 114 trees to the current number of trees at the Reserve.

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Open Space	
Establish a wetland/nature reserve/urban forest as an alternative to the proposed indoor sports facility.	Other areas of open space within Yarraville that are not primarily reserves for active recreation are more suited to future considerations for a wetland, nature reserve and urban forest including Cruickshank Park and Stony Creek Reserve.
Leave the existing dog park unchanged	A fenced area where dogs will be permitted to be off-lead is included in the Master Plan. The draft master plan showed a 50% decrease in the size of the existing dog park. This has been adjusted so that the new area would be 17.6% less than that existing area, and facilities will be upgraded. The new fenced dog park would be approximately 7,500sqm in size.
Concerned about the impact of a dog off-lead area backing onto residential housing.	The sections of fence behind the baseball batting cage and at the Benbow St end of the new path have been removed so that this is not an enclosed area. This space will be upgraded with new turf, drainage and irrigation making it a more useable part of the Reserve. The area will not be an enclosed dog park, however dogs will be permitted off lead.
Incorporate sustainable practices such as water sensitive design, incorporation of rain gardens, and passive irrigation and solar panels on any new building or facilities.	Sustainable design features will be considered for all new facilities within the reserve.
Ensure the path around the baseball diamond is made of gravel or sand – not concrete	The path will be constructed with consideration for its integration with the surrounding landscape, accessibility, and ongoing maintenance requirements.

Amenities	
Feedback	Response
Question the need to relocate the play space and BBQ area given the existing facilities are relatively new, and the suggested location for the new play space might be unsafe for children given the proximity to car parks and traffic.	The playground will be retained in its existing location

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Amenities	
Feedback	Response
Create a dog park for small dogs separate to one for big dogs.	The configuration of the fenced area where dogs can be off lead will be explored during the detailed design process.
Install tippable bowls in the dog park	Will be considered as part of the detailed design process for the fenced dog off-lead area.
Ensure all toilets are accessible at all times	New public toilets will be included in the reserve. The hours of operation will be consistent with other public toilets within Maribyrnong.
Include a rain garden	Water sensitive urban design features will be considered in the detailed design process and opportunities to improve the quality of stormwater entering Stony Creek will be explored.
More trees and tables	The masterplan makes provision for more trees, park benches and shade shelters within the reserve.
A water feature	A water feature was not considered for this reserve
A community garden	A community garden is not included in the draft Master Plan. A short distance from Mclvor Reserve is McNish Reserve and it is the home of the Yarraville Community Garden.
Build a full court (not half court) outdoors.	The provision of indoor courts has been prioritised over the inclusion of outdoor courts in the limited space not already used for active recreation within the reserve.

Parking and Traffic	
Feedback	Response
Concerned about additional parking and traffic problems, particularly for residents of Benbow Street, Hawkhurst Street, Wembley Avenue, Fogarty Avenue and Francis Street.	<p>The construction of Mclvor Rd provides an opportunity to reorientate access to Mclvor Reserve.</p> <p>Whilst parking for existing users will be retained via the Hawkhurst St carpark, the entrance to the indoor sports centre will face Mclvor Rd. There will not be an entrance to the indoor sports centre on the Hawkhurst St side of the facility so as not to encourage any more carparking on the eastern side of the reserve.</p>

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Parking and Traffic	
Feedback	Response
	Carparking to service the indoor courts will be provided on the western side of the reserve and complimented by improvements to the existing unsealed carparks in the north western and south western corner of the reserve. It will be a more direct route for traffic accessing the soccer facility to use Mclvor Rd rather than Wembley Avenue and Fogarty Avenue as they currently do. Traffic to the hockey centre will also have this option.
Do not add parking spaces to Benbow Street	The creation of additional carparking on the reserve side of Benbow St has been removed from the draft Master Plan
There are poor public transport connections mean young people could only travel there with parental support	Increased activity in Mclvor Reserve, new residents moving into the Bradmill Site and the construction of Mclvor Rd presents an opportunity to advocate to Public Transport Victoria for improved public transport services in this area. This is in addition to the existing bus service.
Preserve access to the Bowls Club for older residents	Primary access to the bowls club will continue to be from the Hawkhurst St carpark
Maintain a connection between the existing soccer club and hockey club carparks	A connection between the soccer club carpark and the hockey club carpark has been added
Increased bike paths and parking options	The shared path network will extend all the way from the new signalised intersection on Francis St in the north western corner of the reserve to Fogarty Avenue and the Federation Trail in the south-eastern corner of the reserve via the path around the open sports field area in the centre of the reserve.
Add an underground car park	The proposed car parking capacity within the reserve is considered to be adequate to accommodate the peak demand from participants. An underground car park is not considered feasible due to additional cost, design implications and likely soil contamination issues.
Add a pedestrian crossing over Francis Street	There will be a new pedestrian crossing point at the signalised intersection of Mclvor Rd, Francis St and Roberts St.
Reduce the number of car parks	Total number of proposed car parks has been reduced from 785 to 695 including existing provision