

Lawrence Spencer

From: Ron Rordam
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2017 7:58 AM
To: Lawrence Spencer
Subject: Fw: Paris Accord

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From: Ron Rordam
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2017 9:35 AM
To: Lawrence Spencer; Donna Boone-Caldwell; Chris Lawrence
Subject: Paris Accord

There was a deadline on the Mayor's letter so I signed on, having no negative remarks from Council.

However, Council may want to adopt a resolution to add their names to this. I have copied, almost word for word, New York's executive order.

Would you look over briefly and please print this so we can present to Council at work session.

Thank You.

WHEREAS, we all have a moral, economic, public health, and security imperative to act to protect our planet, fellow human beings, and future generations; and

WHEREAS, we must act, and act together at every level, as individuals, as cities and towns, and as a global community; and

WHEREAS, climate action taken by cities in the United States and around the world can result in 40% of the pollution reduction needed globally to limit warming to only 1.5 degrees Celsius; and

WHEREAS, the many benefits of climate action by cities also address issues of inequality including the expanding wealth gap, the lack of housing, the accessibility of public transit, aging infrastructure, and other major urban challenges; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump's decision to pull out of the Paris Agreement puts millions of Americans at risk and cities like New York City must step up to stop climate change.

NOW, THEREFORE, we the members of the Town Council of Blacksburg hereby declare that we will work to achieve the goals in our Climate Action Plan and continue to support the overall goals of the Paris accord.

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From: April N. DeMotts <demottsan@montgomerycountyva.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 4:51 PM
To: Ron Rordam
Subject: Climate Change Resolution

Hi Ron,

Carol Davis shared some research and information with me that aided me in drafting a resolution on climate change that the BOS will be considering this Monday at our meeting. She forwarded me some emails from professional associations she works with that had draft language suggestions and resolutions from New York, Denver, and Charlottesville.

I would like to publicly thank her for her assistance when I present the resolution, but I certainly don't want to get anyone riled up on TC if you think they might be upset by her sharing information with me. Do you think it's okay?

Thanks,
April

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April N. DeMotts
Montgomery County Board of Supervisors, District G
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From: Ron Rordam
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2017 5:29 PM
To: Susan Anderson
Cc: Brian Templeton; Susan Anderson
Subject: Re: March for Truth and Blacksburg Paris response

The time was ticking, so I have signed on. From feed back, there was a majority in approval. We can look at a simple resolution to pass next Tuesday so all Council's voices can be heard if that is the desire.

Thanks.

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On Jun 5, 2017, at 4:50 PM, Susan Anderson <anderson@math.vt.edu> wrote:

Hi, Brian,

Our mayor suggested that we discuss a resolution in support of the Paris Accord at our Town Council Work Session tomorrow (11 am, Blacksburg Motor Company). We don't vote at work sessions, and there is no opportunity for the public to speak at that time. I believe that the majority of Town Council (if not every one of us) will support a resolution concerning the Paris Accord.

If this is the case, then the resolution will most likely be voted on at our next night meeting (Tuesday, June 13) at 7:30 pm at the municipal building (300 South Main, Blacksburg). It will

probably be on the consent agenda, which we vote on before residents have an opportunity to speak. If you would like to speak in support of the resolution (and hopefully on our approval of it!) or on any other matter, that would be great! Folks have up to 3 minutes to speak during Citizen Comment, as well as up to three minutes during any public hearings.

Thanks for your note, and thanks for coming out to the rally and march!
Susan

On 6/4/17 11:45 AM, Brian Templeton wrote:

Dear Susan,

Thanks for talking briefly at the march for truth yesterday. You mentioned that the Town council will likely be discussing and potentially making a pledge regarding Blacksburg and the Paris Accord. Is this at the next upcoming town council meeting (a bit over a week from now) or some other meeting?

I am personally interested in attending as well as support making symbolic and particularly material efforts to reduce contributions to climate change.

Many thanks,
-Brian and family

Brian Templeton, PhD, DVM

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From: Ron Rordam
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2017 8:00 AM
To: Lawrence Spencer
Subject: Fw: [SPAM] It's on us to lead now

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From: Michael Mann, Climate Scientist <info@TomForVirginia.com>
Sent: Friday, June 2, 2017 12:36 PM
To: Ron Rordam
Subject: [SPAM] It's on us to lead now

**Tom
Perriello**

Ron,

Donald Trump has made it clear by leaving the Paris Climate Agreement it's on leaders at the state and local level to lead the fight against climate change.

That's why I'm so proud to stand with Tom Perriello. He immediately called for Virginia to join the new United States Climate Alliance, a coalition of 61 cities and 3 states promising to fulfill our original obligations in the Paris agreement.

If you're with him and agree Virginia must be a leader in the fight against climate change -- add your name here.

Earlier this week, Tom signed a firm pledge to not take contributions from the oil, gas, and coal industry and instead prioritize the health of our families, climate and democracy over fossil fuel industry profits.

He did not know at the time that President Trump would take such a dramatic step to push us backward, but he knew that this moment -- more than any other -- was a tipping point.

When Ken Cuccinelli engaged in what the *Washington Post* called a "witch hunt," attempting to intimidate me and discredit my research on climate change, I fought back (I've recounted these and other experiences in the crosshairs of industry-funded climate change deniers in

my book "The Hockey Stick and the Climate Wars"). I fought back because it's wrong for our leaders to target, suppress and deny science. And the stakes are simply too great. Our grandchildren will one day ask us what we did to stop climate change. I want them to know that each of us, in Virginia and across the country, stepped up when so many others ducked responsibility. That's why I'm with Tom.

Will you stand with Tom and I and call for Virginia to join the United States Climate Alliance? When you add your name you're making a statement that you're ready to take on this fight.

Thank you,

Michael Mann

Distinguished Professor and Director of the Earth System Science Center, Penn State University

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From: Ron Rordam
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Subject: Fw: Mayors Climate

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From: Chris Lawrence
Sent: Friday, June 2, 2017 10:24 AM
To: Ron Rordam; Steve Ross
Subject: RE: Mayors Climate

Mayor,
Steve and I reviewed your email and link to the initiative of Mayors. We have no issues or advice to the contrary. Please proceed with Council as you best see fit.

Chris

From: Ron Rordam
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2017 9:15 AM
To: Chris Lawrence; Steve Ross
Subject: Mayors Climate

Here is a link to a group I would like to sign up and support. There are no hard and fast commitments and I think it follows what we have already committed to in our climate action plan.

Let me know if you see a problem. If not, I'll email council and then bring it up at the work session. Normally, I would just sign on, but since I'll be leaving this to future councils, I would like council nods.

<https://medium.com/@ClimateMayors/climate-mayors-commit-to-adopt-honor-and-uphold-paris-climate-agreement-goals-ba566e260097>

Thanks.

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From: ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability <media=iclei.org@mail168.atl21.rsgsv.net> on behalf of ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability <media@iclei.org>
Sent: Friday, June 2, 2017 11:37 AM
To: Ron Rordam
Subject: US withdraws from the Paris Agreement: ICLEI reacts

The U.S. withdraws from the Paris Agreement

ICLEI reacts

Statement by Gino Van Begin, ICLEI Secretary General

“President Trump’s decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement is out of step with reality and the current drive towards a global low-carbon transition. Making abundant use of ‘alternative facts’, he has painted the US

and its citizens as victims of this groundbreaking accord. On the contrary, the Paris Agreement and its fulfillment are the best chance for the US and the world to create green jobs and save millions of lives and billions of dollars, avoiding the worst case scenarios of climate inaction. Climate action is not going to stop.

Local governments, in the U.S. and globally, will keep moving forward on clean energy, sustainable transport and resilience, as most countries have again pledged to do, from the most vulnerable to major emitters. A heavy burden falls now on the shoulders of local governments in the U.S. and all climate stakeholders worldwide, as the Trump administration fails to recognize the stark reality of climate change and the urgency of acting on it. **It's now imperative for all levels of government and non-state actors to build even stronger and wider coalitions for rapid implementation, to keep the world on the right track."**

Despite Trump withdrawal, cities and states will ensure climate action moves forward



Cities, counties and states in the U.S. know the only path forward is through rapid uptake of clean energy and a drastic decline in greenhouse gas emissions.

They are not going to sit idle. This is the immediate response put out by Angie Fyfe, Executive Director of ICLEI USA, and Yunus Arikan, Head of Global Policy and Advocacy in Citiscope.

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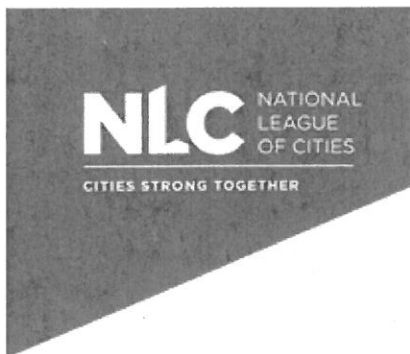
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Sent: Monday, July 03, 2017 8:04 AM
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To: Ron Rordam
Subject: Resources for Cities: Savings and Solutions Through NLC!



NLC Savings and Solutions for Cities

Learn more about how your community can save with the National League of Cities' Savings and Solutions Programs! This webinar will explore all seven programs--from municipal financing to community health, NLC offers ways to save your city and your residents money and time.

Date: Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Time: 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (EST)

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From: Tom Cochran <tcochran@usmayors.org>
Sent: Friday, June 2, 2017 2:37 PM
To: Ron Rordam
Subject: To The Mayor: June 2, 2017

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TO THE MAYOR FROM THE CEO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



TOM COCHRAN CEO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

June 2, 2017
Washington, D.C.

82 Mayors Will Adopt Paris Agreement, Reject Trump Withdrawal

By the end of the day yesterday, 82 mayors representing 39 million people announced that they

will adopt, honor, and uphold the Paris Climate Accord. The list of mayors standing up on this issue is growing.

They write, "We will continue to lead. We are increasing investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency. We will buy and create more demand for electric cars and trucks. We will increase our efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions, create a clean energy economy, and stand for environmental justice. And if the President wants to break the promises made to our allies enshrined in the historic Paris Agreement, we'll build and strengthen relationships around the world to protect the planet from devastating climate risks. The world cannot wait—and neither will we."

Governors Announce Formation of U.S. Climate Alliance, Trump Quitting Called "Reckless"

The Governors of New York, Washington, and California have taken a stand against President Trump's quitting the Paris Climate Agreement. New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said yesterday that President Trump walking away "leaves the full responsibility of climate action on states and cities across the nation." Cuomo also said that President Trump's quitting is "reckless" and is an "abdication" of leadership.

California Governor Jerry Brown said, "The President has said climate change is a hoax - I don't believe fighting reality is a good strategy." He says all scientific and world opinion is exact opposite of the hoax terminology used by President Trump. Brown says, "If the President is going to be AWOL in this profoundly human endeavor, then California and other states will step up.

Washington Governor Jay Inslee said, "While the President's actions are a shameful rebuke of the work needed to protect our planet for our children and grandchildren, states have and will continue to step up.

President Trump Says He Will Renegotiate; France, Italy, and Germany Say No.

One of the confusing aspects of President Trump's position on climate is his continuing to call it a hoax, but he said yesterday he would renegotiate on an issue he's termed as a hoax.

Less than an hour after President Trump quit the Paris Agreement, Italy, France, and Germany issued a joint statement saying the agreement cannot be renegotiated.

"We deem the momentum generated in Paris in December 2015 irreversible and we firmly believe that the Paris Agreement cannot be renegotiated since it is a vital instrument for our planet, societies, and economies."

Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo said America is making a "dramatic mistake" just two years after playing a key role in securing the deal.

It's important to point out that President Trump calling it quits doesn't necessarily kill the agreement since participation is voluntary, but without America's involvement, the global effort to cut emissions makes it less likely for the nations, except Nicaragua and Syria, to reach its target. The question is whether mayors and governors will ignore President Trump and continue to go forward and keep doing what they have been doing what they have been doing to meet the climate challenges. Yesterday's reaction to President Trump quitting seemed to reinvigorate more action and energy. Mayors, governors, and big business are not quitters on this issue. Even before Paris in 2015, mayors were "doing" climate, walking the walk, while national leaders were just talking. Mayors around the world joined together to pressure presidents, prime ministers, kings, and queens to get up and stand up and with thousands of mayors agree to something. The mayors of the world stood on the steps of Paris City Hall with Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo - proud of the national leaders who agreed on the voluntary goals of the Paris Agreement. Based on the reactions to our President's decision yesterday, the efforts to confront climate change will not be diminished because President Trump said we should call it quits.

Congratulations Mayor Duggan and City of Detroit - Red to Black with \$63 million Surplus.

Not too long ago, Detroit was on the brink of bankruptcy, despair, and even some questioned if one of the greatest cities of America would survive. The figures released from Detroit's comprehensive financial report are great news for Mayor Mike Duggan, the city of Detroit, and the people of Detroit for the auditor's report is letting the world know that Detroit's budget has gone from red to black with a \$63 million surplus.

Detroit has given our nation so much and they will continue as they have in the past with the budget report this week and continued mayoral leadership in Detroit. Congratulations again to Mayor Duggan.

Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett Announces He's Running for Governor

Our President of The United States Conference of Mayors, Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett announced Wednesday through social media that he will be entering the race to become Oklahoma's next governor.

Mayor Cornett intends to file the necessary paperwork next week and is planning a formal, public launch of his campaign for Governor in July.

Mayor Cornett will, of course, serving as our President, will preside over our 85th Annual Meeting of the Conference of Mayors as we gather this month in Miami Beach at the Fontainebleau Hotel.

Mayor Cornett will finish his fourth and final term as Mayor of Oklahoma City in April of 2018. He is the only mayor of his city who has served a record four terms.

His leadership and contributions to his city have resulted in Oklahoma City being a recognized

and viable place to live and to do business that ranks high worldwide. All agree that Mick Cornett's leadership, vision, and action have made Oklahoma City the thriving place that it is today.

His contribution to our organization has been tremendous. He will be missed as he leaves our organization in April 2018 as he moves toward his next level of public service to his city, his state, and our nation, we all wish him and his wife Terri the best and of course, success and victory. Meantime, we are fortunate to have him as he works to make our meeting in Miami Beach this month the best Annual Meeting yet. If you have not yet registered, please do so now. Contact Carol Edwards on my staff if you have any questions.

Here's a Fact.

The first provisional mayor of Oklahoma City, William L. Couch in 1889 was shot dead over a land claim after the big land run to establish the city.

James Norick, elected in 1959 was the father of a future mayor, Ron Norick, who was elected in 1967.

Patience Latting was the first woman to be elected to a city over 350,000 in 1971.

Mick Cornett became Oklahoma City's 35th Mayor in 2004. He is the first mayor in the city's history to be elected for a fourth term and is currently the longest-serving mayor among the 50 largest cities of the United States.

Tom

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From: Ron Rordam
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From: Mike Signer <mike@mikesigner.com@mail24.atl71.mcdlv.net> on behalf of Mike Signer <mike@mikesigner.com>
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2017 2:12 PM
To: Ron Rordam
Subject: re.: Spring update from C'ville

Dear Ron:

Welcome to another installation of my occasional newsletter as Mayor of Charlottesville. (As always, you can unsubscribe at the bottom of this email).

It's been an exciting and busy last few months here. Our most important accomplishment, both in terms of dollars and political will, was to pass a \$171.6 million budget that includes some major new investments.

I frequently say that I believe budgets are moral documents. Our new budget works hard to increase equity and opportunity in C'ville while making investments in a city already frequently rated among the country's best places to live.

Charlottesville is booming. Our population has gone up 12% in 6 years, and commercial assessments went up an average of 30% this year. This created a bounty of tax revenue but a

lot of anxiety for property owners, and risks further increasing housing prices and our cost of living.

For those reasons, I was very proud that my colleagues supported my call in my State of the City address to double our contribution to our Affordable Housing Fund. Less successful was my proposal to lessen the impact of our taxes by reduce our real property tax rate from 95 cents to 93 cents, which was not supported by Council.

Our budget also invested an additional \$2 million in our public schools, increased our public safety salaries by over \$500,000, established a living wage for all City employees, invested millions of capital dollars in major infrastructure projects such as the West Main streetscape corridor connecting the Corner and the Downtown Mall, our new strategic parking plan, and a new Belmont Bridge, and puts \$2.5 million toward the redevelopment of public housing.

We also added over \$100,000 to our overall support for nonprofit partners like the Community Investment Collaborative, African-American Teaching Fellows, the Charlottesville Free Clinic, the Thomas Jefferson Coalition for the Homeless, the Boys and Girls Club, and the Sexual Assault Resource Agency.

There have been other major accomplishments in recent weeks. I was very proud to lead a successful effort to cut taxes for small businesses earning between \$50,000 and \$100,000 in the City, by changing the license charge from a rate charged against gross income to a simple \$50 fee, saving 450 businesses hundreds of dollars a year.

Following on my promise at the Capital of Resistance press conference in January to drive action on immigration in our City, we unanimously passed a new policy setting forth the principles that will guide us on immigration issues.

We explained that our limited resources should be dedicated to local and state law enforcement, and made clear that we stand with our law enforcement professionals who all believe our limited and welcoming approach builds the bridges within our community necessary to maintaining public safety.

We also created and funded two important new programs -- a \$10,000 allocation to the Legal Aid Justice Center to provide Know Your Rights trainings, education programs for immigrants and their families, and litigation support for detainees, and a resource brochure to be widely distributed through the community.

Another major step forward was our passage of a multi-faceted agreement to develop the blighted Landmark Hotel that has loomed for several years on our Downtown Mall--a major promise of my campaign for City Council. The agreement includes tax abatements and parking incentives and will bring a 5-star hotel and several related businesses to our key commercial sector, with an estimated \$8-9 of tax revenue earned for each \$1 invested by the City,

On the controversial issue of our Confederate statues, we also unanimously moved forward a \$1 million plan to add new monuments to recontextualize both our Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson parks in a "precinct" concept Downtown.

There was also a divided 3-2 vote to remove the Robert E. Lee statue, which I voted against, explaining, "I worry about the impulse to remove, delete, and expunge that which offends us... That we must see and defy these monuments to overcome what they mean." You can read my full speech here.

Finally, in a continuing effort to make our governance as efficient, engaged, and effective as possible, we affirmed our support for the new governing procedures we passed a little over a year ago, while adding 25% more public comment slots than in decades past.

Along the way, C-SPAN's American Cities tour visited our fair city and was kind enough to interview me both in a BookTV segment about my book Becoming Madison and a piece about the Capital of the Resistance.

Meanwhile, we supported the Tom-Tom Founders Festival with a \$25,000 donation, which in turn brought tens of thousands of visitors to Charlottesville for an extended celebration of innovation, art, creativity, music. I was pleased to appear in the festival's opening event, where I

presented a mayoral proclamation celebrating Tom-Tom's branding of Charlottesville as "America's Founding City,"

Finally, I was honored to appear at UVA's Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy with famed chef Alice Waters and Rosa Atkins, our Superintendent of Schools, to announce a week-long Farm to Schools and Healthy Schools Week this October, where we'll serve healthy and locally-sourced school lunches -- an initiative I developed after first meeting Alice here last summer.

That's it from here. I hope all is well with you and yours, and please don't ever hesitate to reach out with ideas, thoughts, suggestions, and questions.

Thanks,

Mike



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From: Susan Anderson <anderson@math.vt.edu>
Sent: Saturday, June 3, 2017 10:25 AM
To: Ron Rordam
Subject: Re: Paris Accord

I'm a yes!
S

On 6/2/17 11:19 AM, Ron Rordam wrote:

I am sure you share my concern with the actions of the White House withdrawing from the Paris Climate Accord. I am submitting a link many Mayor's are using to commit their communities to action. We have already made this commitment with our climate action plan. I would like to sign on for Blacksburg.

Usually, I would pursue it myself but this is a commitment that will be part of our community after I am no longer Mayor. With this in mind, I will bring it up on Tuesday and seek your consent to participate.

Thanks and have a great weekend.

<https://medium.com/@ClimateMayors/climate-mayors-commit-to-adopt-honor-and-uphold-paris-climate-agreement-goals-ba566e260097>

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From: Ingrid Mans <ijmans55@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2017 5:16 PM
To: John Bush; Michael Sutphin; Ron Rordam
Cc: Alaina Coppa
Subject: Re: Carbon Fee and Dividend Endorsement

And right after I sent the above message I just saw the news that Ron was one of the 211 Climate Mayors committed to upholding the Paris Climate Agreement goals; that is fantastic! An endorsement calling for a price on carbon or climate action on a national level is still helpful, but this in itself also speaks volumes to our locality's values and forward-thinking approach. Thank you Ron!

Ingrid

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 5:08 PM, Ingrid Mans <ijmans55@gmail.com> wrote:
Greetings Mr. Bush and Mr. Sutphin,

A month or so ago a couple members of our Citizens Climate Lobby chapter gave a brief presentation on Carbon Fee and Dividend policy at the Town Council meeting and asked for a CF&D endorsement. I would just like to follow up and ask if there is any status on the Town Council's ability to give such an endorsement? Two local chapter members and I will be attending the CCL International Conference and Lobby day next Tuesday to lobby on Capitol Hill for a comprehensive and transparent carbon pricing policy, and an endorsement from local leaders would be a great asset when we meet with Morgan Griffith's office. Since you two are on committees related to environmental affairs (Sustainable Blacksburg, VA Municipal League Environmental Quality Policy, respectively), I thought you might be good members to reach out to individually to ask about this.

You can sign a leader's letter electronically at this link here: <http://citizensclimatelobby.org/leaders/> or if you so choose you can print and sign either of these paper copies:

Support for Carbon Fee and Dividend: <https://community.citizensclimatelobby.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Leaders-Letter-Carbon-Fee-and-Dividend.pdf>

Call for Climate Action: <https://community.citizensclimatelobby.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Leaders-Letter-Support-Climate-Action.pdf>

Please let me know if you think this is something the Town Council would like to assist with or if you have any questions. My co-leader is CC'd.

Thanks so much,

Ingrid Mans
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