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Disadvantaged Community Impacts

Section 8.4 Table of Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
████	████████████████████
ACP	Agency Communications Plan
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BOEM	Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
CBO	Community Based Organizations
CDFI	Community Development Financial Institutions
CES	Clean Energy Standard
CESA	Clean Energy States Alliance
CLCPA	Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act
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DAC	Disadvantaged Communities
DEIJ	Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice
EBP	Economic Benefits Plan
EDC	Economic Development Corporation
EJ	Environmental Justice
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
HVDC	High-Voltage Direct Current
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IPF	International Offshore Wind Partnering Forum
LEED	Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
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MUSCI	Minimum Unallocated Supply Chain Investment
MWBE	Minority and Women-owned Business
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NYCHA	New York City Housing Authority
NYCCAS	New York City Community Air Survey
NYLCV	New York League of Conservation Voters
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NYSERDA	New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
OSW	Offshore Wind
PM	Particulate Matter

Acronym	Definition
Rise	Refers to Rise Light & Power, LLC. In certain instances, "Rise" may also refer to one or more of Rise's affiliate entities, Queensboro OSW01 Holdings, LLC, Queensboro Development, LLC, or Ravenswood Operations, LLC, all of which are under common ownership and control.
RPA	Regional Plan Association
SC	Supply Chain
SDVOB	Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Business
SEP	Stakeholder Engagement Plan
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STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math
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8. Responsible Development

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8.4 Disadvantaged Community Impacts

8.4.1 Disadvantaged Community Benefits

Attentive Energy is dedicated to delivering real benefits to Disadvantaged Communities, and to ensuring that at least 35% of the overall Project benefits accrue to them, per the CLCPA goal. The Project will deliver a precedent-setting economic benefits package, that when coupled with the reduction of environmental burdens, will directly support New York’s Climate Act goals. A summary of these estimated benefits can be found below.

The Climate Action Council’s Scoping Plan and 2020 CES Modification Order call for the energy sector to prioritize the safety, health, and economic growth of Disadvantaged Communities and adopt practices that enable and empower these communities to thrive in the clean energy future. Attentive Energy believes Disadvantaged Communities, which have historically borne the burdens of the fossil fuel economy, should be first in line to reap the benefits of the renewable energy transition, including economic opportunities and quality of life improvements stemming from offshore wind development. Furthermore, Attentive Energy brings historical knowledge and local expertise to inform the Project’s proposed workforce training, development opportunities, and community investments. This section outlines Attentive Energy’s commitments to working in partnership with Disadvantaged Communities to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Attentive Energy’s goals and methodologies for engaging Disadvantaged Communities are further described in this document as well as in the Stakeholder Engagement Plan Attachment 8.3-A.

8.4.1.1 Burdens

The effects of climate change are observable across New York State with rising temperatures and sea levels, increased coastal and inland flooding, biodiversity loss, and extreme weather impacting health, local economies, agriculture, and quality of life. However, the negative impacts of climate change do not impact all communities equally. The New York State Disadvantaged Communities Barriers and Opportunities Report (2021) links climate change vulnerability to disparities in economic opportunity, housing, health status, education, mobility, access to quality health care, and socio-demographic factors. Communities where these disparities are more concentrated are identified as Disadvantaged Communities. Fortunately, the Climate Act requires that these communities receive at least 35% of the economic benefits of Project spending. Attentive Energy applauds NYSEDA's ORECRFP24-1 requirement to detail the benefits and burdens associated with the Project's impact on hosting and proximate Disadvantaged Communities, as this is core to Attentive Energy's efforts in the region which are further discussed below.

8.4.1.2 Benefits

A cornerstone of the Project's benefits package is

§ 87(2)(b)

(b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Responsibility	Percentage
Current government	85%
Previous government	10%
No government	5%

[REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

8.4.1.3 Delivering Contractual Commitments and Economic Benefits

All of New York State will benefit from the transition to renewable energy sources, but the Project's hosting and proximate Disadvantaged Communities will receive concentrated economic and quality of life benefits. Based on guidance in ORECRFP24-1, Attentive Energy designed the following commitments to ensure that members of Disadvantaged Communities share in the economic and quality of life benefits that will result from the Project.

In alignment with ORECRFP24-1 Appendix C.3, Attentive Energy distinguished between the following benefits for Disadvantaged Communities:

- ### Project-Specific Expenditures (Category A)

[REDACTED]

- 3

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

A full list of these initiatives can be found in Table 10-5 within the EBP.

[REDACTED] in Economic Development Investments

Attentive Energy will create a [REDACTED] community partnership fund to ensure a sustained, long-term succession of initiatives to bolster economic growth locally, create employment opportunities, and support Disadvantaged Communities.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Attentive Energy will collaborate with the investment partners described below in Table 10-5 within the EBP to open new career pathways in this burgeoning sector.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] to Access Clean Energy Solutions

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

to Address Environmental Justice Issues

Disadvantaged communities have historically borne the burden of the fossil fuel economy and Attentive Energy seeks to make investments in these communities to help overcome historical impediments and improve the lives of vulnerable New Yorkers. The areas of focus in this investment category include Clean Air and Health investments along with investments in Open Space.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

8.4.1.4 Climate, Public Health and Other Intrinsic Benefits (Category C)

The Climate Act calls for the energy sector to prioritize the safety, health, and economic growth of Disadvantaged Communities and adopt practices that enable and empower these communities to thrive in the clean energy future.

Attentive Energy identified local communities to invest in that are eager to be part of the clean energy transition. Through the Project, these local communities will be the heart of a first-of-its-kind model for repurposing fossil infrastructure to decarbonize the electric grid.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

8.4.2 Disadvantaged Community Barriers and Burdens

The Project is comprised of an Offshore Wind Generation Facility, located in the Lease Area approximately [REDACTED] that will originate in the Lease Area and terminate at Ravenswood Generating Station in Long Island City, Queens.

Attentive Energy understands that each Disadvantaged Community intersecting with the Project has a unique history and distinct set of environmental and economic development challenges. The following Subsections highlight the historic socio-economic, health and air quality, and environmental barriers and burdens that Disadvantaged Communities currently endure and how the Project will mitigate them.

8.4.2.1 Impacted Disadvantaged Communities in New York City

Attentive Energy is committed to prioritizing Disadvantaged Communities in New York City, which are in close proximity to fossil fuel power plants or face historic environmental justice challenges. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

The communities identified by Attentive Energy have high socioeconomic, health and air quality, and environmental risk burdens that negatively impact the lives of residents. Project investments in these Disadvantaged Communities will address some of the injustices these communities face.

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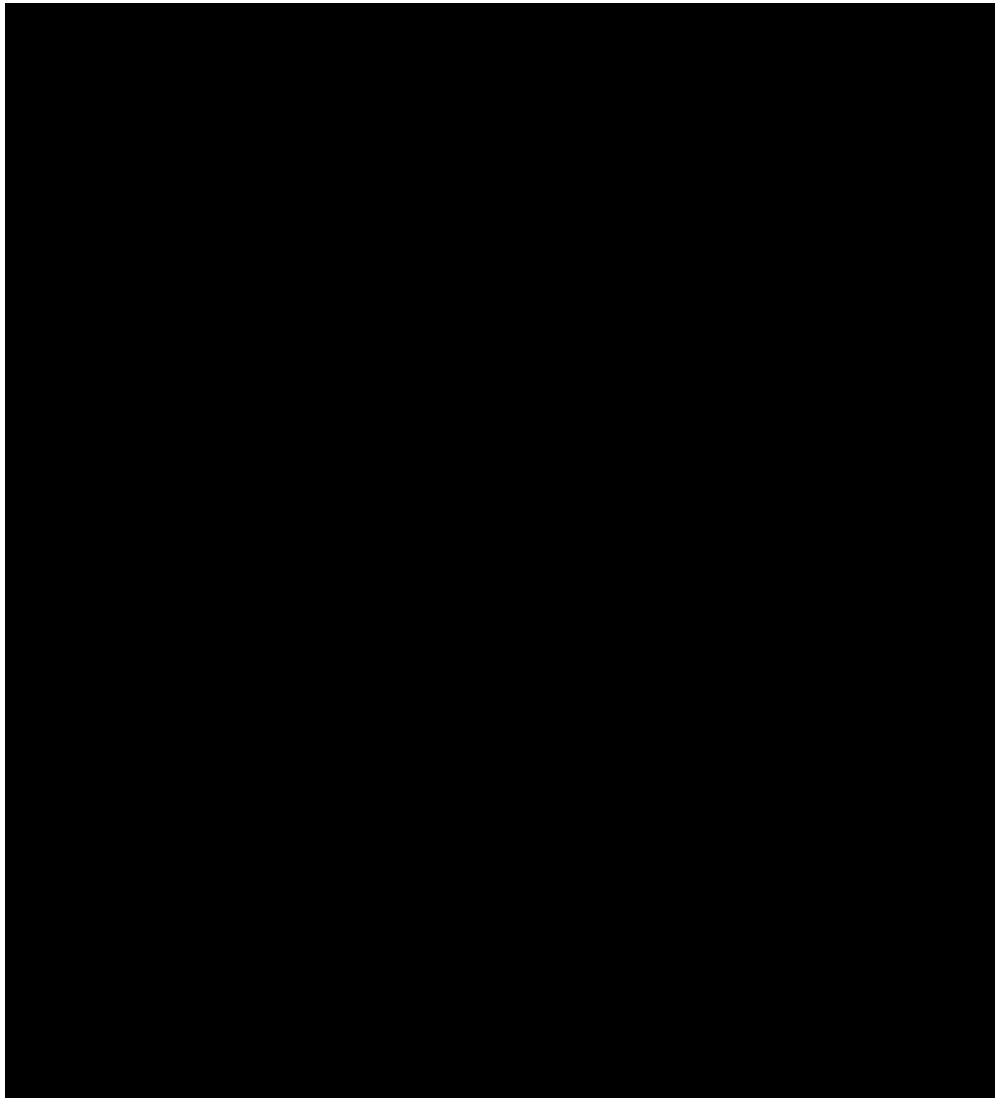
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Additional Disadvantaged Communities in NYC

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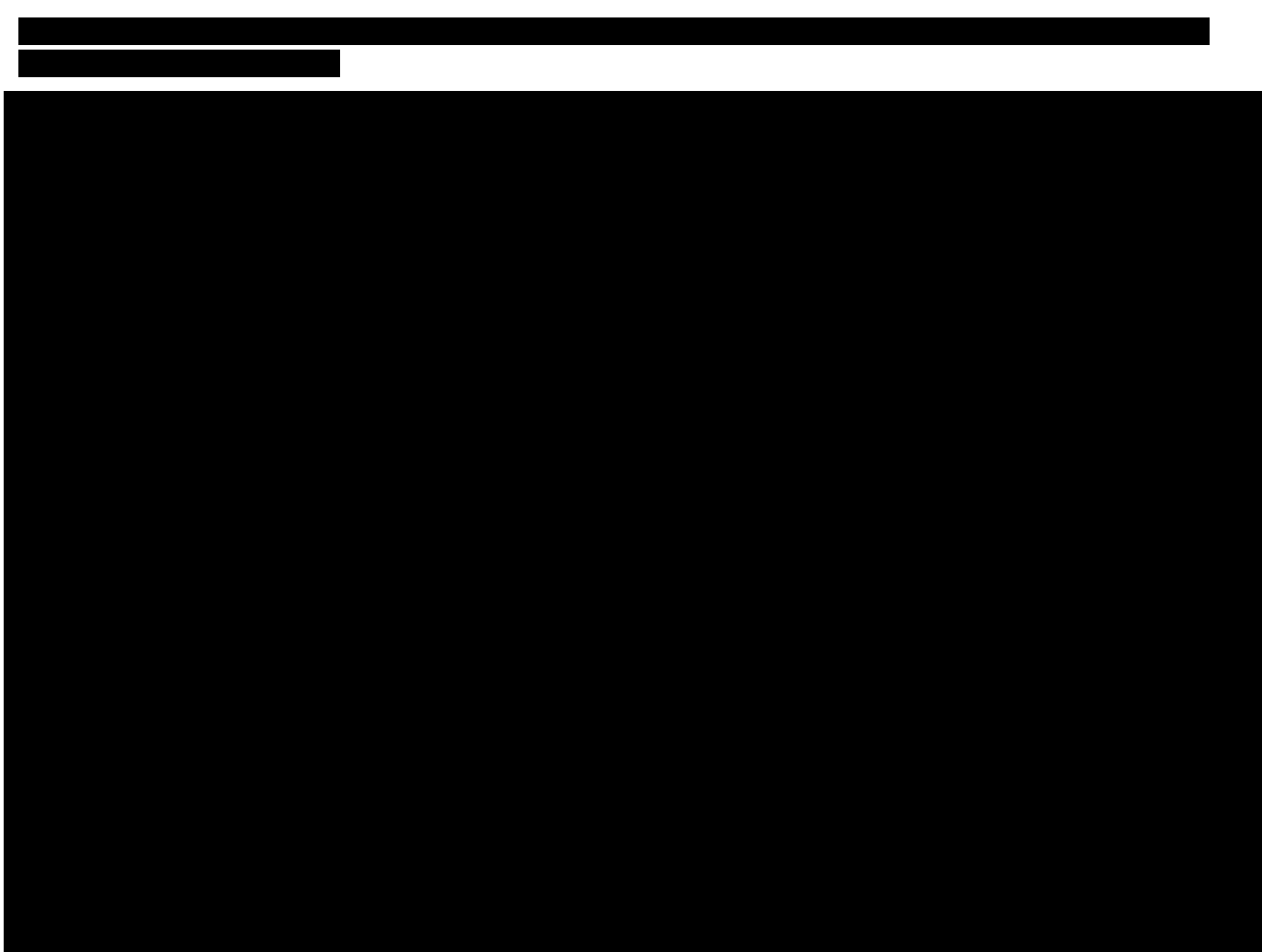


Impacted Indigenous Nations

There are eight Federal recognized sovereign Indigenous Nations in the land area that is now New York State, as well as State recognized Tribes and many more Indigenous peoples who have lived in the area for centuries. New York City also has one of the largest and most diverse populations of Indigenous peoples in the U.S., and other cities throughout New York State have urban Indigenous populations. For the purpose of the Disadvantaged Communities criteria, the Climate Justice Working Group identified specific communities as Indigenous Communities based on census tracts where greater than or equal to 5% of land is owned by an Indigenous Nation or recognized as Reservation Territory.

Indigenous Nations near offshore wind projects have unique interests and concerns and play a vital role in offshore wind development, separate from other Disadvantaged Communities. Indigenous Nations established communities in the Project Area millennia before European contact and have a history of reliance on and interaction with coastal and marine environments. It is therefore important that all Native American peoples with historical and cultural ties to the Project Area have an opportunity to share their perspectives, opinions, concerns, and recommendations during Project development.

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8.4.3 Investing in Long Term Relationships

Attentive Energy is committed to advancing the interests of Disadvantaged Communities during the State’s historic transition to carbon-free sources of energy. Intensive stakeholder engagement is essential to the Project’s success, as community needs, priorities, and aspirations help direct goals and overall outcomes. To ensure that Disadvantaged Communities’ interests inform the Project’s overall strategic development plan, Attentive Energy has and will continue to proactively engage stakeholders. Stakeholder engagement is guided by the following goals as outlined in the Stakeholder Engagement Plan:

- Knowledge Sharing;
- Accountability and Value Alignment;
- Inclusive Decision-Making; and
- Deliver Workforce Training and Jobs in Offshore Wind.

Information on how these goals will be operationalized is provided in Section 8.3.

- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]

- Attentive Energy will undertake additional outreach efforts to encourage active participation by residents of Disadvantaged Communities throughout all stages of the Project. A list of stakeholder engagements to date by Attentive Energy is provided in Attachment 8.3-D.



Figure 8.4-2. Attentive Energy engaged with more than 200 attendees at Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement at Queensbridge Houses in 2023.

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8.4.3.1 Partnerships

Disadvantaged Communities Partnerships

Through Rise, Attentive Energy maintains close relationships with the four NYCHA campuses close to Ravenswood, recognizing the historic burden that fossil fuel energy infrastructure placed on this community. These four NYCHA developments - Queensbridge, Ravenswood, Astoria, and Woodside

Houses – together house over 15,000 residents. Ongoing corporate social responsibility initiatives directed by Rise include nearly two dozen community sponsorship programs, including scholarships and college savings accounts, youth mentorship and senior services, and environmental justice-focused workforce development, primarily designed for the nearby NYCHA public housing developments. As a result of these programs and initiatives, Attentive Energy has frequent dialogue with local community leaders and members.

Furthermore, Attentive Energy recognizes that consistent engagement with NYCHA communities is critical to ensuring that the benefits of the Project and of Ravenswood’s transformation accrue to DACs. Through Rise, Attentive Energy collaborates with NYCHA tenants in a number of forums:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]



Figure 8.4-3. NYCHA Queensbridge Family Day & Presentation of Scholarship Donation to NYC Kids Rise, August 24, 2024

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Indigenous Nations Partnerships

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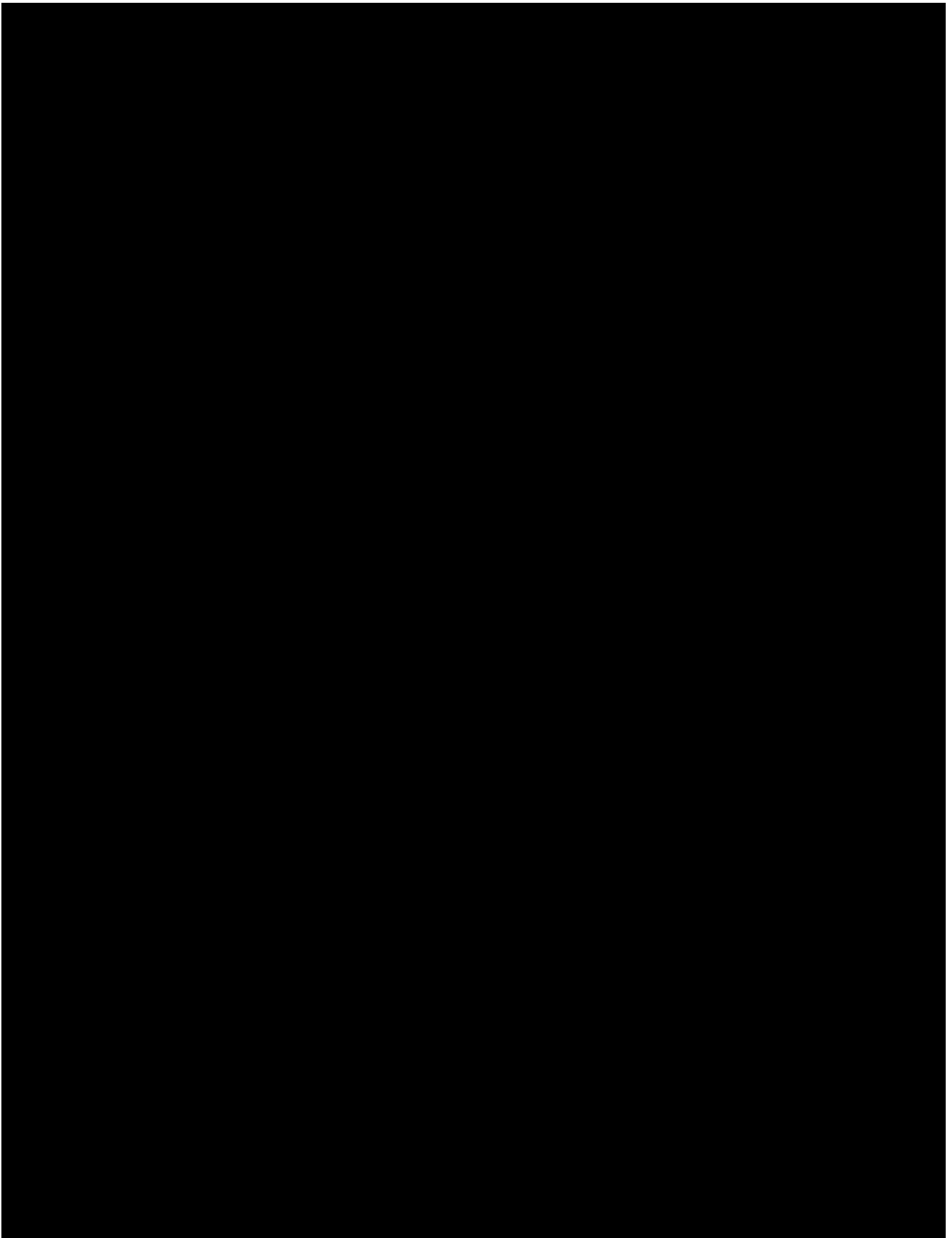
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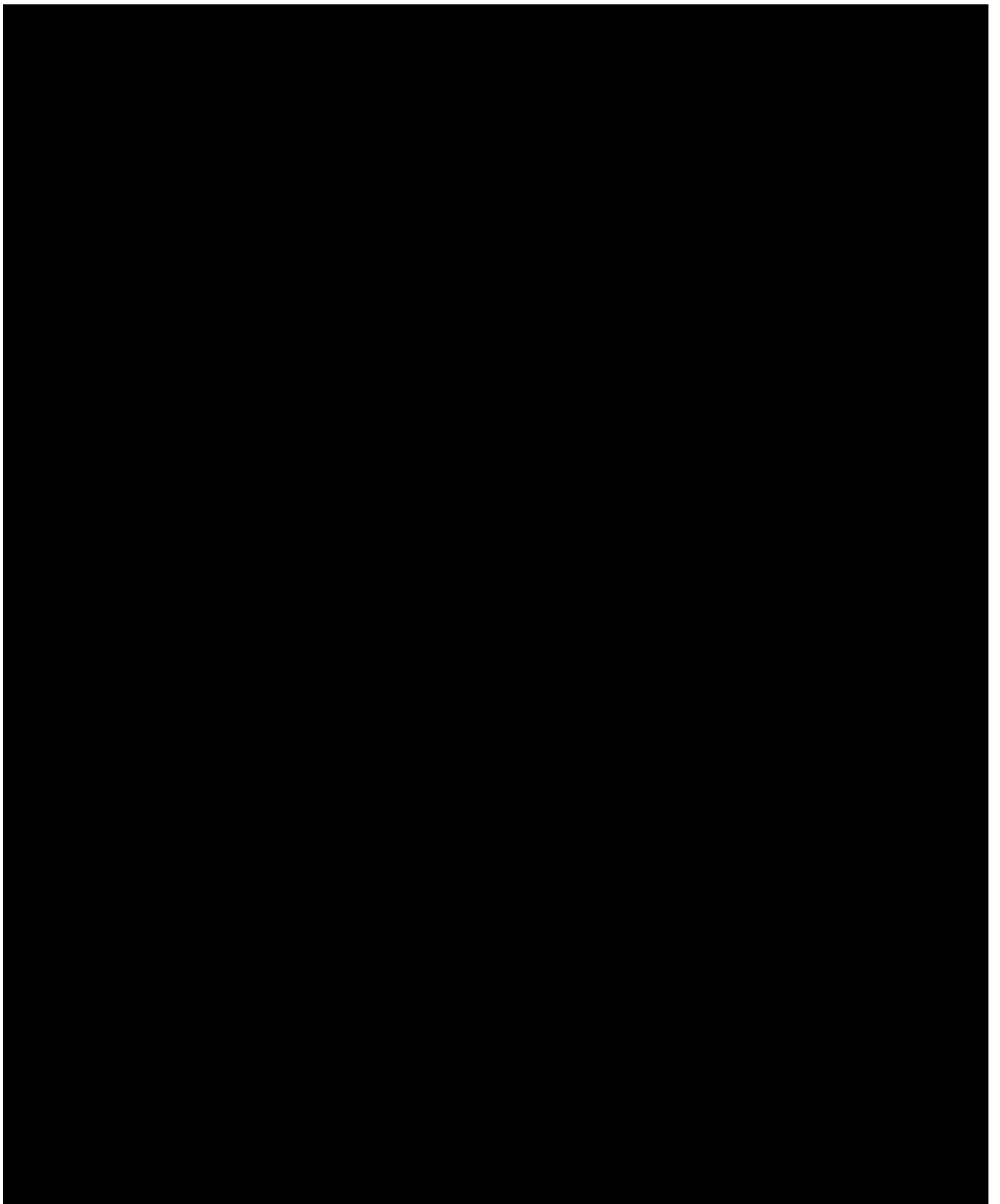
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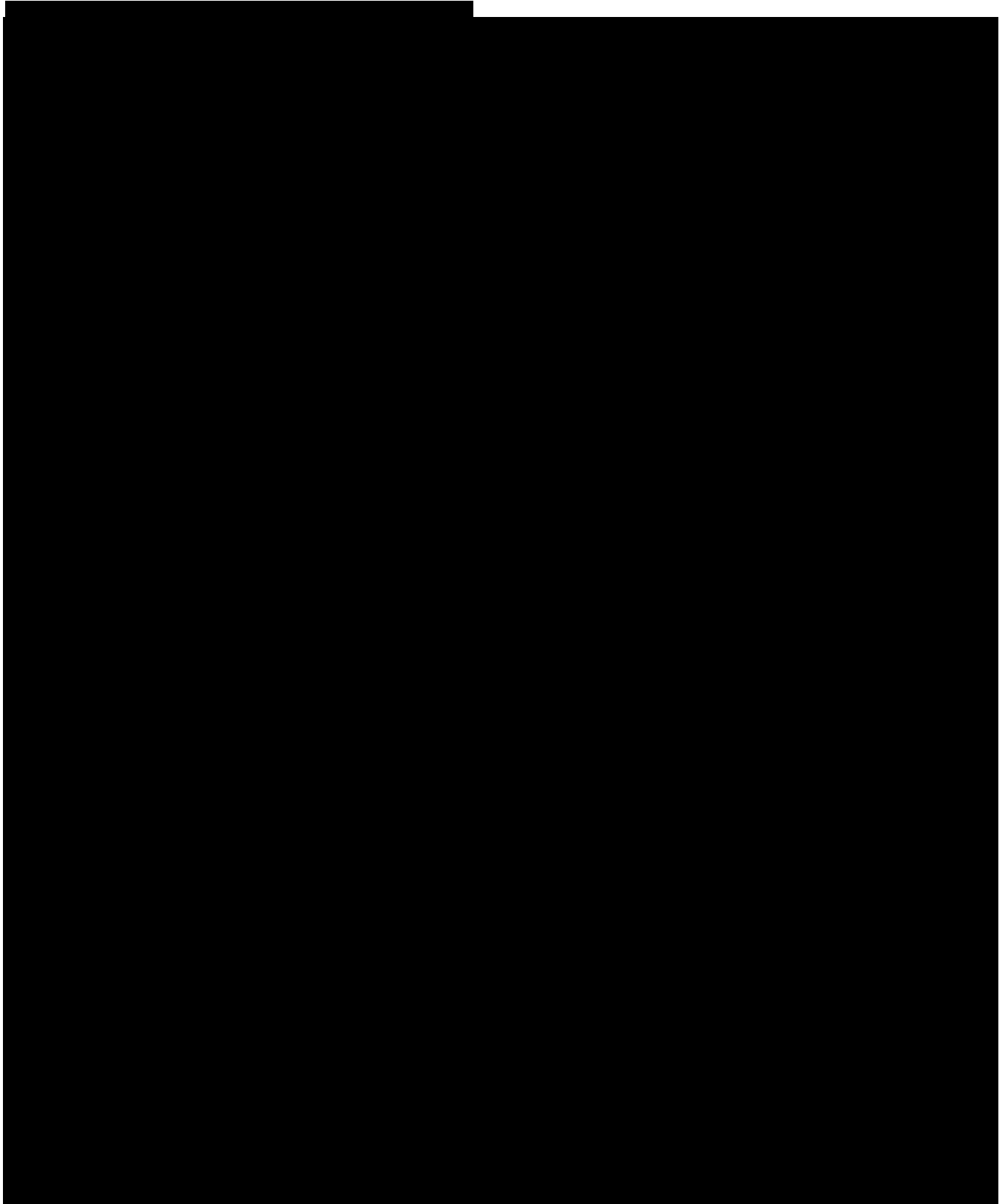
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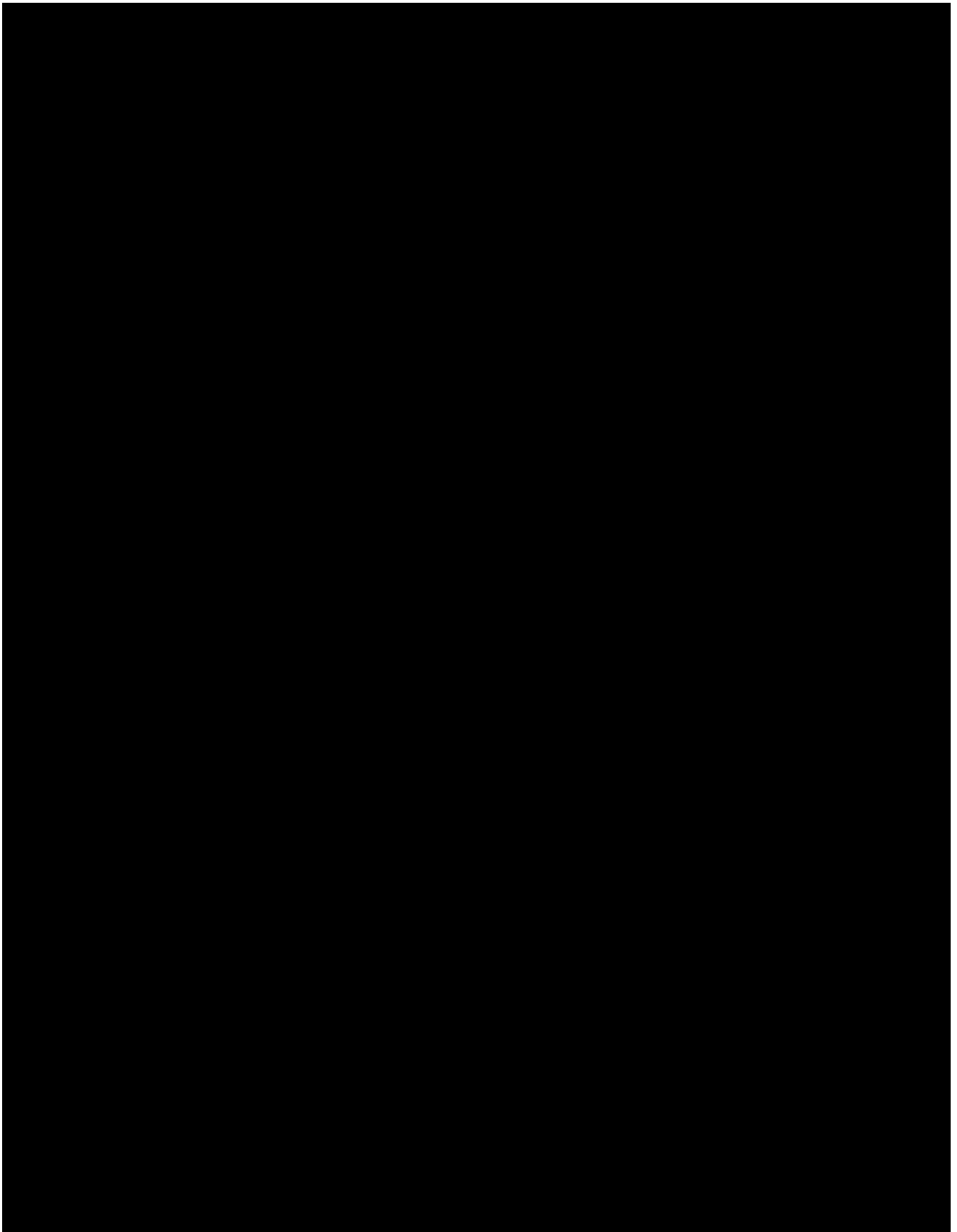
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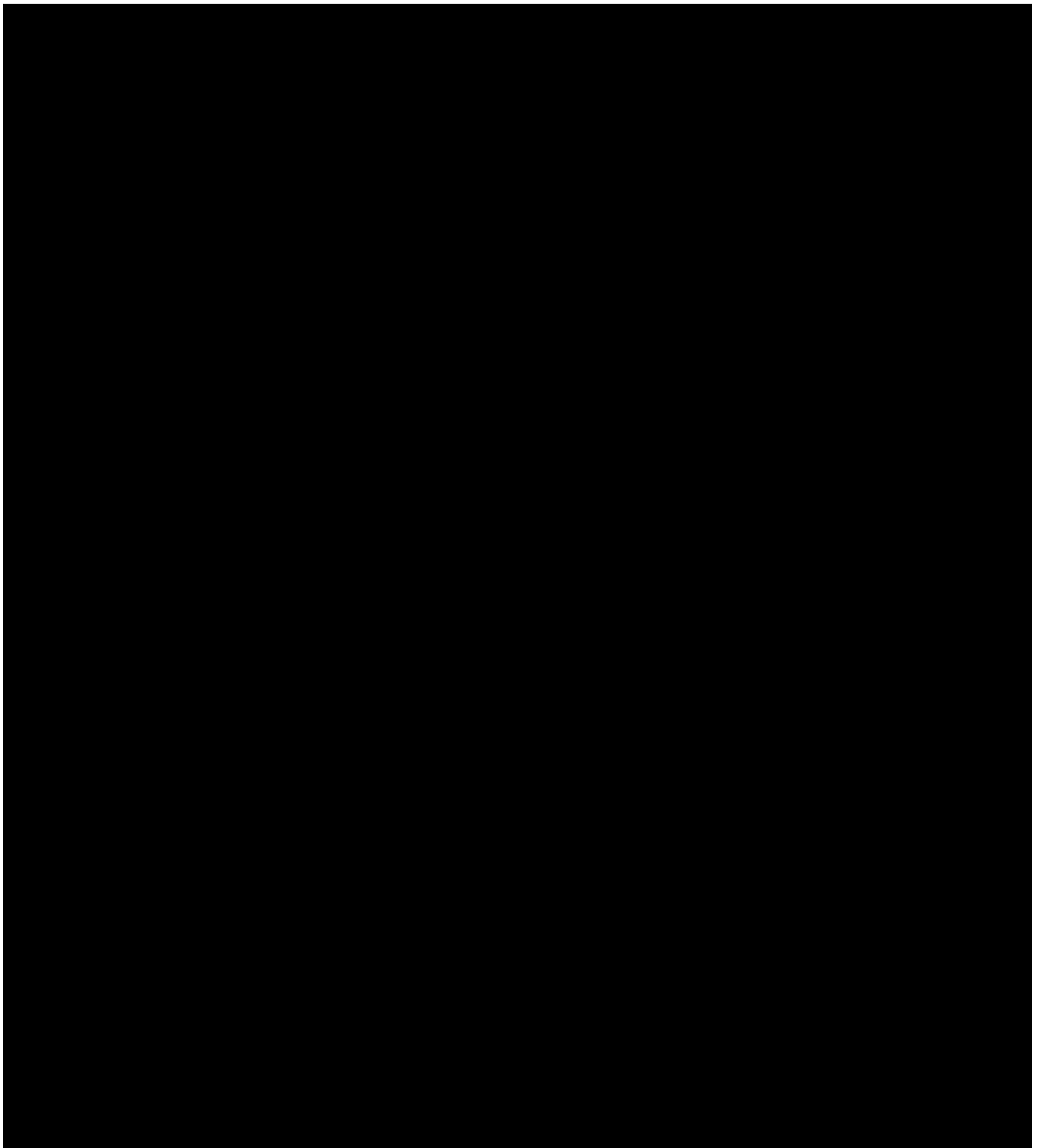




8.4.5 Stakeholder Engagement Events and Sponsorship









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