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Meeting Minutes

| Project | Culver City Vets/Botts Parks Feasibility Study | Project No. | 2327 |
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| Subject | 1 st Community Meeting | Date | Oct. 23, 2023 |
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| Meeting Lo | cation Veterans Memorial Center Auditorium | Meeting Date / Time | 10/19/23, 6-8:30 pm |

Meeting Purpose: To receive input from community-at-large their knowledge about and thoughts on Veterans Memorial Park and Bill Botts Fields

Introduction / Presentation

The purpose of the feasibility study is to provide a long term plan to establish parameters and identify ambitious goals for Veterans and Bill Botts parks. (Powerpoint presented by Jim Favaro)

Items Presented:

- Review of project stakeholders and interest groups that have provided insights to-date
- Existing information on the two parks
- What other peer Citys provide / examples
- Site usage analysis for both parks
- Building usage analysis for buildings at Vets Memorial Complex

At the conclusion of the presentation, small group discussions were held, followed by a report back for ideas discussed at each of the tables from community members.

Questions Posed for Small Group Discussion

- 1. How would you describe / differentiate the two parks, what are their roles in the city's overall park system?
- 2. What works and does not work, what would you change, add, remove?
- 3. What other community needs are unmet that could be met in one or both parks?

This report constitutes our understanding of matters discussed and conclusions reached. Other participants are requested to review these items and advise the originator in writing of any errors or omissions. If discrepancies are not brought to our attention within seven days, the report will be assumed as accurate and complete.



Small Group Discussion Feedback

Note: any italic or [bracketed] text is added by the architect, not written by the community.

TABLE 1

How would you describe / differentiate the two parks, what are their roles in the city's overall park system?

- Both used recreation
- Botts is for playing, Vets for families
- Lower Botts has family areas
- More overall use @ Vets. Botts mostly sporting events
- Botts has walking tails. Landscape different.
- Botts hills. Vets flat.
- Botts more athletic than family park.
- Pool @ Vets. Bigger events @ Vets.
- Vets manicured. Botts more wildland.
- Botts has team bldg.
- Relationship to Kenny Hahn & Baldwin Hills

What works and does not work, what would you change, add, remove?

- Plunge add to it $\rightarrow 2^{nd}$ pool
- Ficus tree area works
- Conflict between soccer, Bball, softball
- Arts Fndn 33 uses for Vets Bldg
- Passionate historical pres but not much working
- Vets bad acoustics theater not used
 - Lighting hard to go from one side to other
- Change w/ care & kindness
- Incorporate the Tower. It is a beacon.
- Reshape Rotunda
- Concerts in auditorium w/ chairs all way to front
- Multi-story bldg.
- More meeting room spaces
- We need to keep parking
 - o structure maybe cheaper. Courts on top.
- Meeting rooms unfriendly. Dancing rooms ok.
 - Botts more walkways w/ native plants
 - o Community garden
- Trees give shade / cooler. Don't
- Small amphitheater
- Utilize hillside

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What other community needs are unmet that could be met in one or both parks?

- Another Pool (V)
- Better parking, structure or underground
- Community garden (B)



- More art & performance spaces (V&B)
- CCUSD use of our parks & vice versa (V&B)
- Everything Culver Arts in in recs
- Black box recital hall (V)
- Bigger archival space & exhibit space (V)
- Better space / activities for teens (V)
- Kitchen area (V)

TABLE 2

How would you describe / differentiate the two parks, what are their roles in the city's overall park system?

- <u>Recreational sites</u> (both). No dedicated pickleball (either).
- <u>Vets:</u> indoor sites.
 - More of a neighborhood park accessible to neighborhood
 - Primarily adult sports
- <u>Bill Botts</u> "pretty much just fields"
 - More baseball & soccer (primarily youth)
 - More remote, more of a destination
 - Dog park area

What works and does not work, what would you change, add, remove?

- Debate as to instake [illegible] more "park vs. more programmed rec. skepticism
 - One participant did not believe there was need for unprogrammed space with grass for example. Referring to Jim's presentation, she did not believe there needs to be space to sit down with a book and read
- <u>Vets</u>
 - Pickleball courts lacking possibly on roof?
 - Corner ballfield intrudes on big center field
 - -one field instead of two?
 - Dual-purpose tennis courts \rightarrow pickleball
 - o General orientation seems inefficient
 - Bigger / taller parking area double triple
 - Disapproval of teen center: "bad building"
 - More / updated playground space
 - Parking can be an issue during big events; people park in the neighboring streets
 - One participant says she likes the senior center, she takes various fitness classes there
- Bill Botts
 - More walking trails? Mountain biking? *To take advantage of existing terrain*
 - Baseball and soccer mostly up here
 - Build at all into hillside?
 - remove / repurpose supply yards?
 - Berm takes up potentially usable space
 - Parking adequate but splintered

What other community needs are unmet that could be met in one or both parks?

- <u>Pickleball Courts</u>. Botts &/or Vets (and other sites)
- Separation of baseball / softball from soccer



- Modern / updated changing facilities @ plunge
- Additional swimming pool
- Modern, imaginative, save picnic table
- What to do about <u>the Fifsta</u>? [illegible]
- Bill Botts picnic tables are well used, lots of parties and gatherings on the weekends. Perhaps need more/upgraded space

TABLE 3

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- Baseball fields
- Dog park "<u>only</u>"
- Soccer
- Bill Botts park "other than city"
- <u>Vets</u> "facility"
- Overland side needs 2B redone
- Large public/school events

What works and does not work, what would you change, add, remove?

- <u>Vets</u>
 - Conflicting events
 - Adult sports (both parks)
 - Less sports at Vets
 - More open space
 - More aquatics
- <u>Botts</u> potential for hiking etc.
 - o "mini forests"
 - "quiet space"

What other community needs are unmet that could be met in one or both parks?

- Relief from urban environment
- Activities for youth
- Performing arts space
- Olympic venues
- Dedicated soccer fields, baseball fields
- Preserve + enhance habitat @ Botts
- Don't take away green space
- New facility needs to accommodate community recreation programs
- Better connection to Baldwin scenic

TABLE 7

How would you describe / differentiate the two parks, what are their roles in the city's overall park system?

- Bill Bots hiking
 - Renovating buildings
 - Evolve the sports offerings
 - o Pickleball, tennis
 - Demolish everything outdated



- Sports focused, barren, secluded, children sports
- <u>Veterans</u>
 - Festivals
 - No arts facilities
 - Indoor basketball, pool, pickleball
 - Outdated
 - Multi-use facilities

- Bill Botts, not much activity but little league
- Vets Park unused open space
 - Nothing inviting to use the space
- <u>Add</u>
 - Communal space
 - Running track
 - Trails more of them
 - Terrace
 - Underground parking
 - Accessibility
 - o Art walk
 - o Garden
 - o Fountain / pond
 - Restrooms + amphitheater
- <u>Remove</u>
 - Dead space
 - Pavement
 - o Noisey
 - Baseball at both
- Maintenance
- State of the art facilities

What other community needs are unmet that could be met in one or both parks?

- Tennis, Pickleball, Basketball } sports at both parks
- More pool
- Lightings for after dark
- Water fountains
- Amenities
- Build out the continuity of veteran park
- Teen center
- Bill Botts more passive
- Veteran's more active programming
- Pathways

OTHER NOTES:

- Acoustic are important.
- Opportunity for state of the arts facilities, city statement.



- Need indoor basketball .
- Pickleball is a rapidly growing sport, easy to learn, easy to play. Needs to be accessible. Culver city has been a haven for pickleball because it is public compared to other courts around LA where you have to reserve and pay to play.
- Need walking trails/running track to be able to get miles in a small perimeter.
- Both parks have wasted open space.
- Veterans Park needs better facilities that are more inviting.
- People don't go to bill botts because it is currently not very accessible.
- Better lighting would allow activities to take place after sunset.
- Programs need to have their own allocated space.

TABLE 8

[comments below written by a single individual who declined to join a group table] How would you describe / differentiate the two parks, what are their roles in the city's overall park system?

- SUSTAINABLE STRATEGIES
- PARKS ACCESSSIBILITY FOR ALL IS A MAJOR FACTOR
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What works and does not work, what would you change, add, remove?

- A BOTTS INDOOR / OUTDOOR MULTIPLE X FORMAT WOULD WORK BUT THERE MUST BE SHUTTLE ACCESS TO ALL LEVELS, PERFERABLY 24/7 FREE, IF POSSIBLE, STARTING PRE-EVENT & CONTINUED SVC 4 PUBLIC USE (AN "ORIGAMI/TRANSFORMER" SPACE-SMART DESIGN)
- DISABLED ACCESS
- INCL. SKATING VENUE

What other community needs are unmet that could be met in one or both parks?

- 24/7 INDOOR / OUTDOOR FULL KITCHENS
- 24/7 SAFE GATHERING (" CAMPING") SPACE, INCL. SHOWERS, LOCKERS, "CRASH SPACE" OPEN TO ANYONE IN NEED
- ONSITE PEOPLE SHUTTLES 24/7 (COURTESY) TO VARIOUS SAFE SITES, FACILITIES, ETC (VIA APP)
- URBAN NOMAD PROGRAM FOR UNSHELTERED THAT NEED ACCESS
- "4 U" PROGRAM (COMMUNITY FOOD GARDENS W/ FREE ACCESS TO EDIBLE FRUITS , VEGGIES & HERBS

 fore & by the ppl
- Back to Nature landscape AND BOTANICAL POLLINATOR GARDENS

TABLE 9

How would you describe / differentiate the two parks, what are their roles in the city's overall park system?

- Vets multi functional family oriented
- Botts open space
 - Youth sports
 - Picnic areas
 - Sports oriented



- Vets feels open
 - o Accessible
 - Community Oriented

- <u>Works</u>
 - Parking (V)
 - Multi use aspect (V)
- <u>Doesn't work</u>
 - Transportation (B)
 - Bike Racks (B)
 - Soccer / Baseball Combo
- Add
 - o Pickleball
 - o Aquatic space
 - Multi-use indoor (B)
 - Outdoor amphitheater (B)
- <u>Remove</u>
- Change / update
 - i.e. playground equip.

What other community needs are unmet that could be met in one or both parks?

- Outdoor art space Botts
 - o Amphitheater
- Actual soccer fields / dedicated baseball fields
- Natural grass vs. turf
- Indoor aquatics
- Pickleball
- Indoor gym
- Accessibility
- Multi purpose room

VIRTUAL TABLE (THROUGH WEBEX)

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What works and does not work, what would you change, add, remove? Better lighting at vet's park More tennis courts overall

What other community needs are unmet that could be met in one or both parks? Better use of the auditorium for performances More soccer fields More field space overall Community garden space



Feasibility Project Next Steps

- Johnson Favaro to develop options
- Continue outreach
- Next Community Meeting will be held on December 9th

Attachments:

- 1. Meeting Sign In Sheets
- 2. Photos of small discussion notes
- 3. Presentation

END MINUTES

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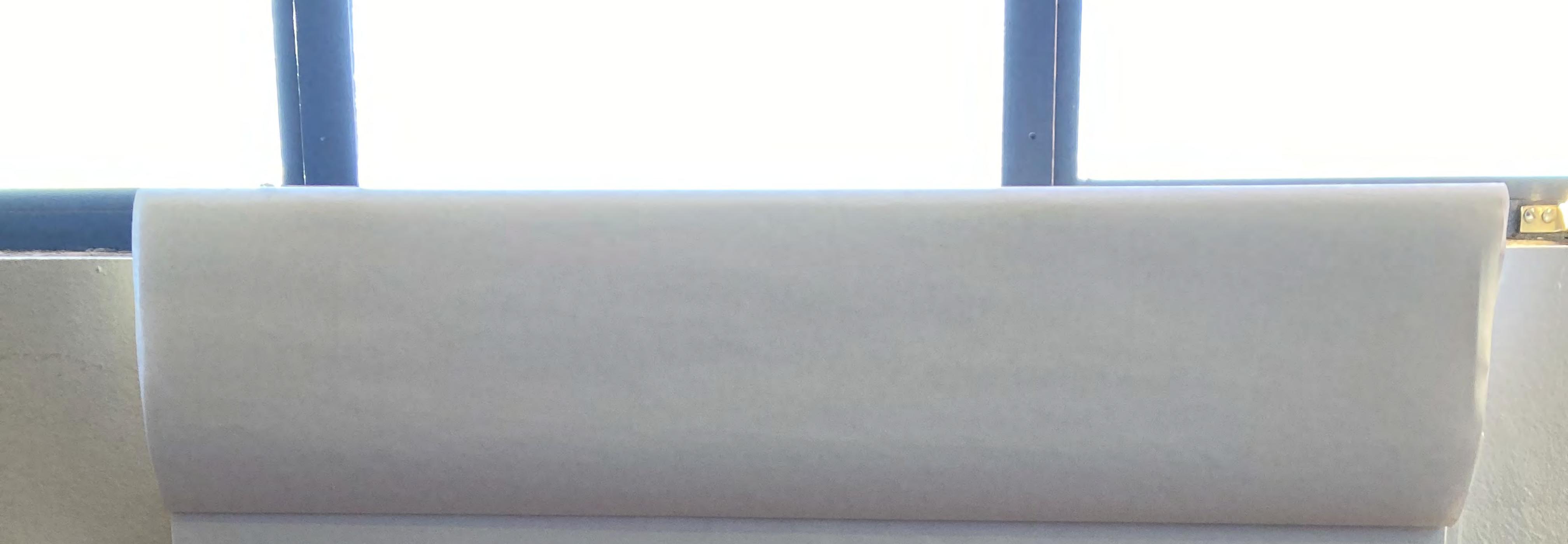
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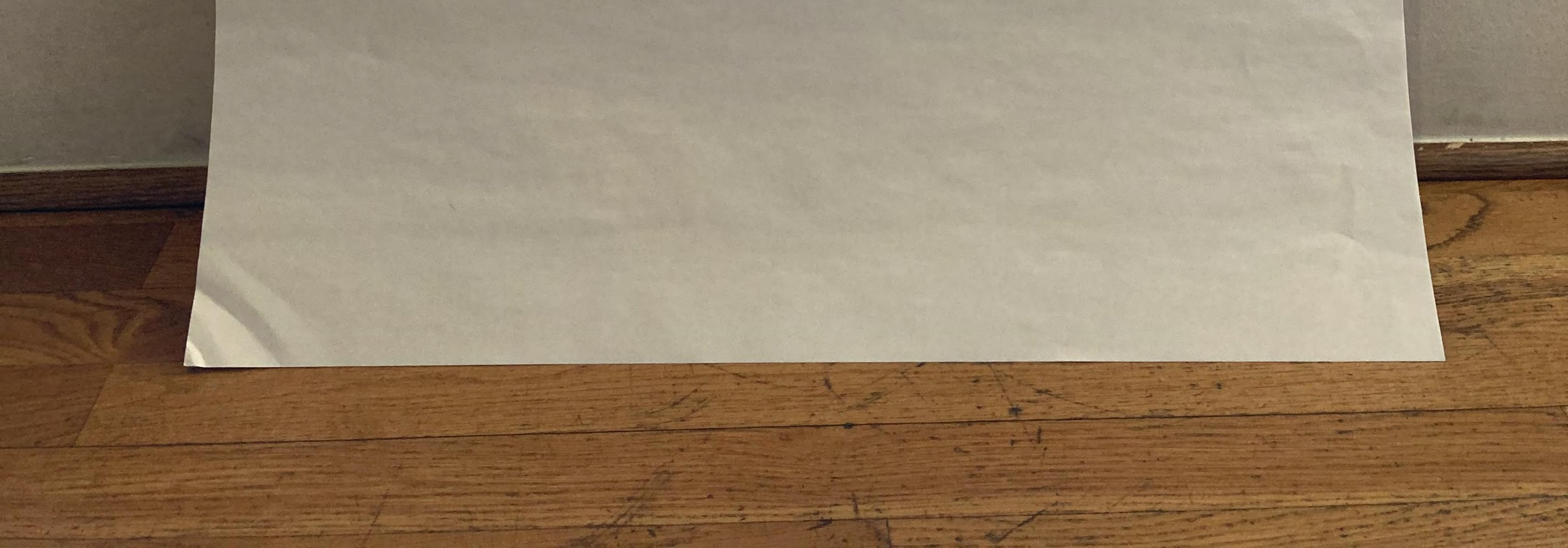
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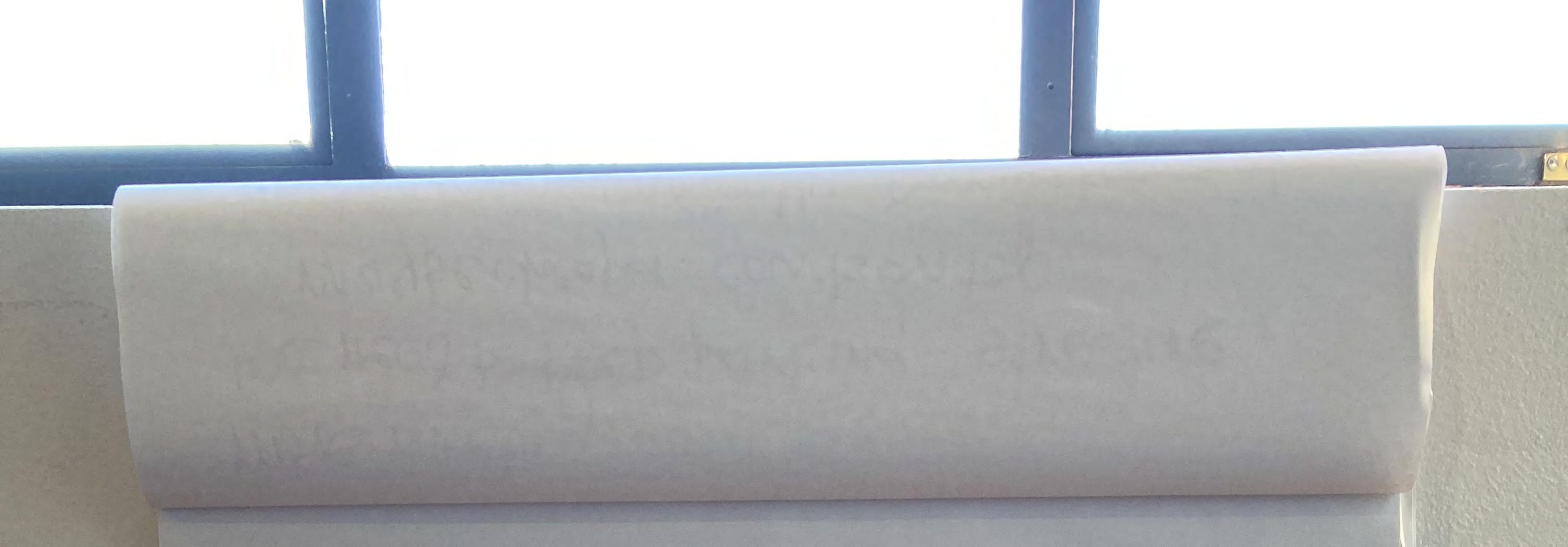
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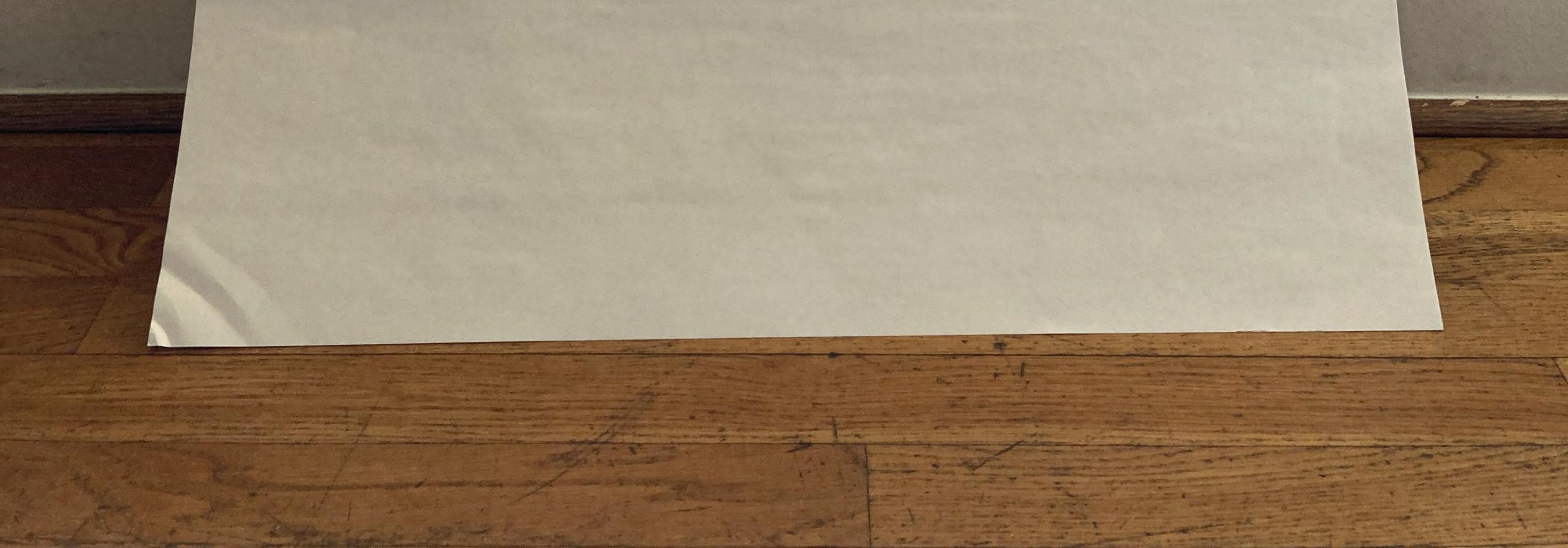
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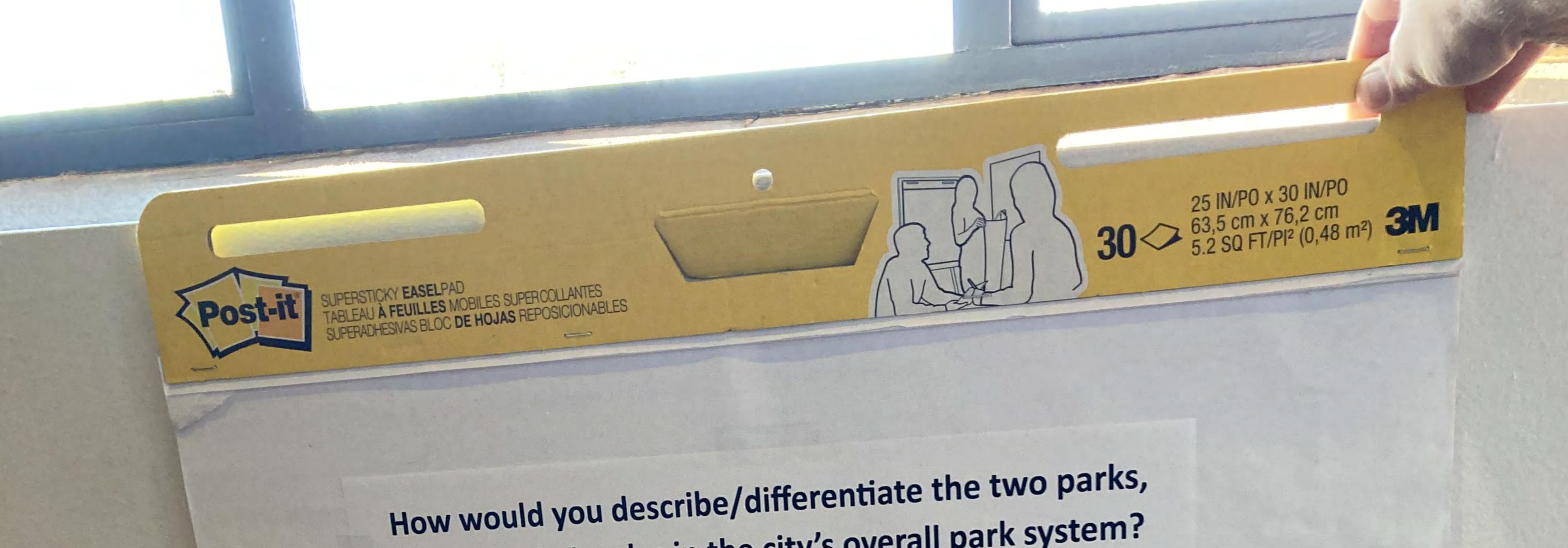




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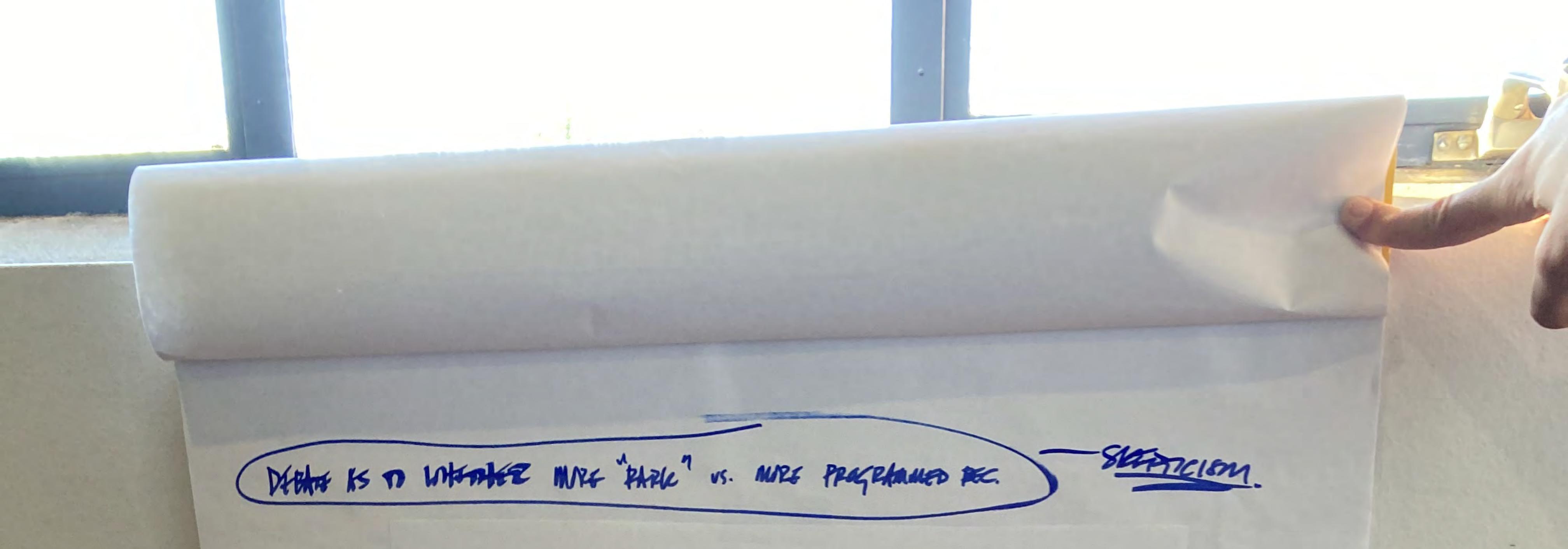
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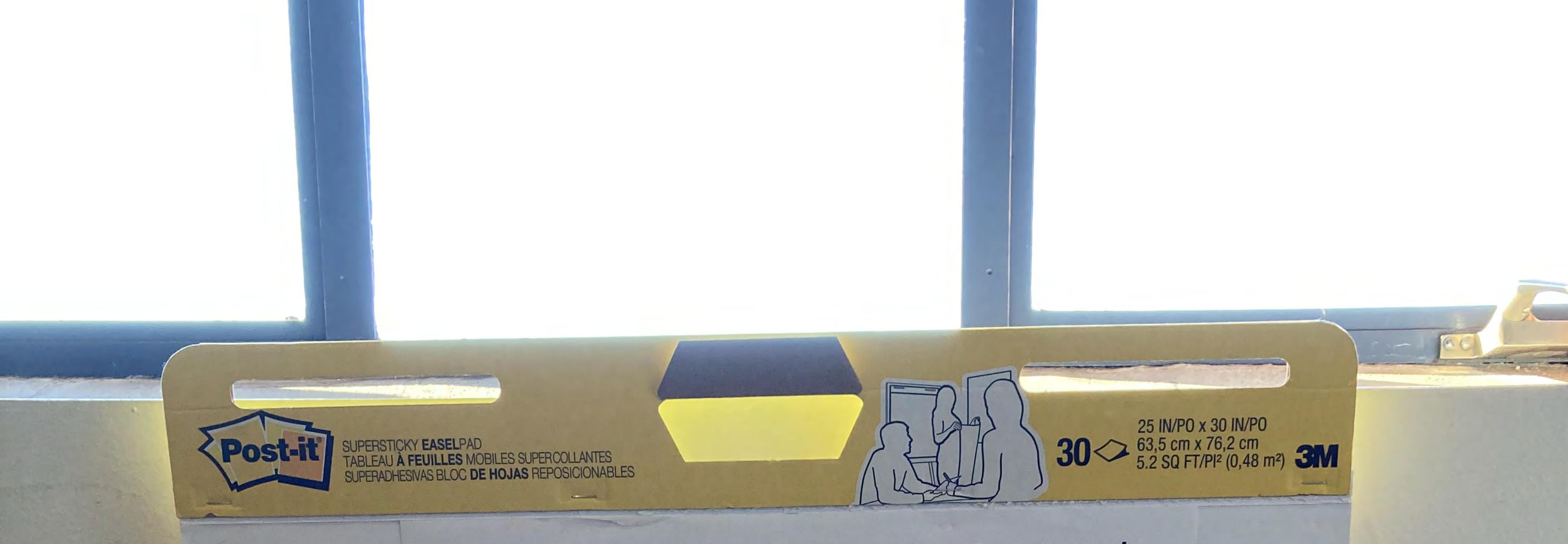




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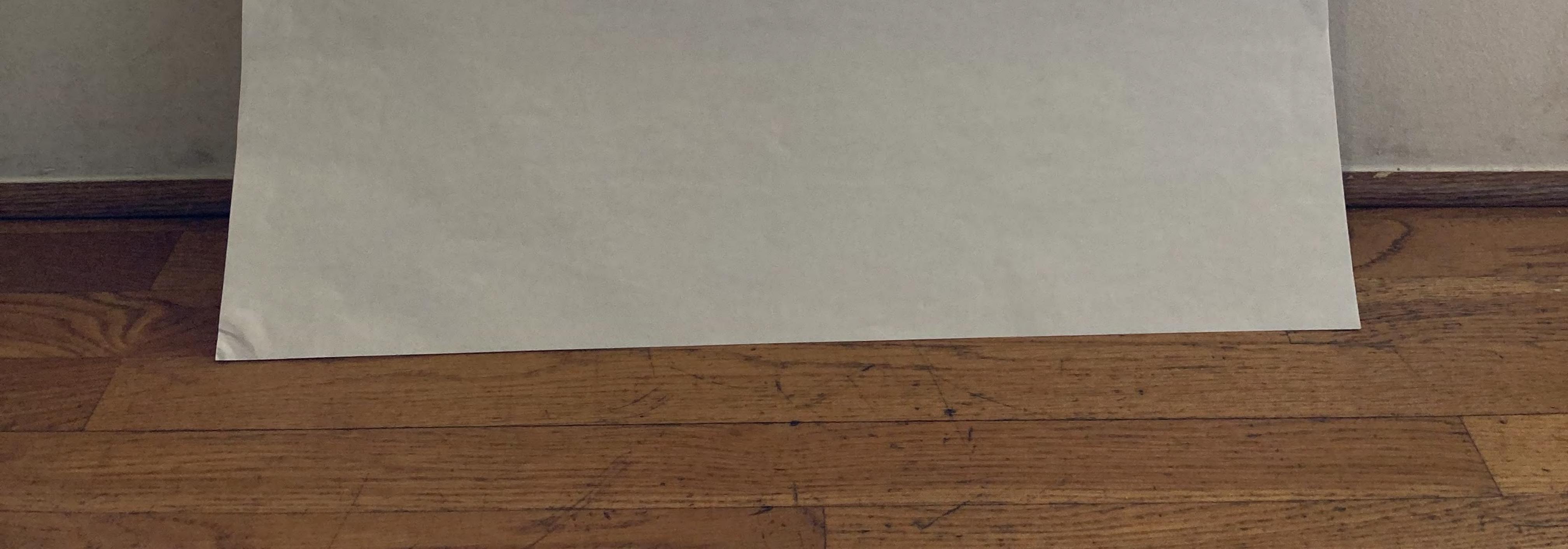




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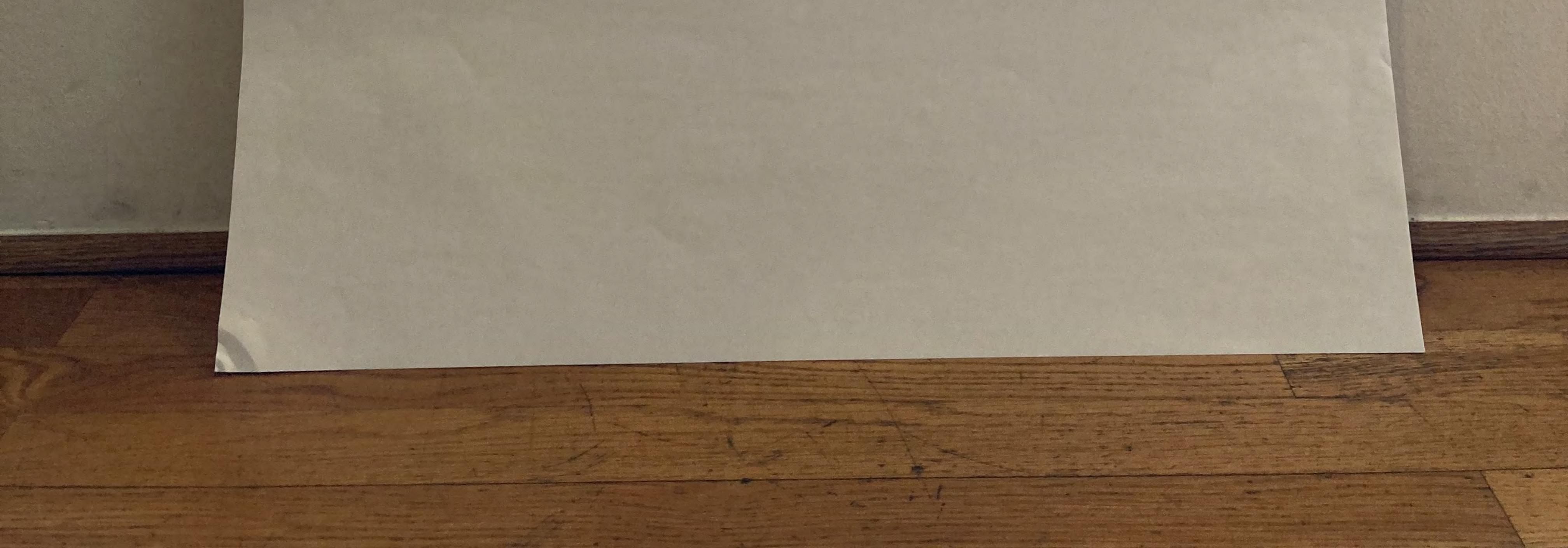
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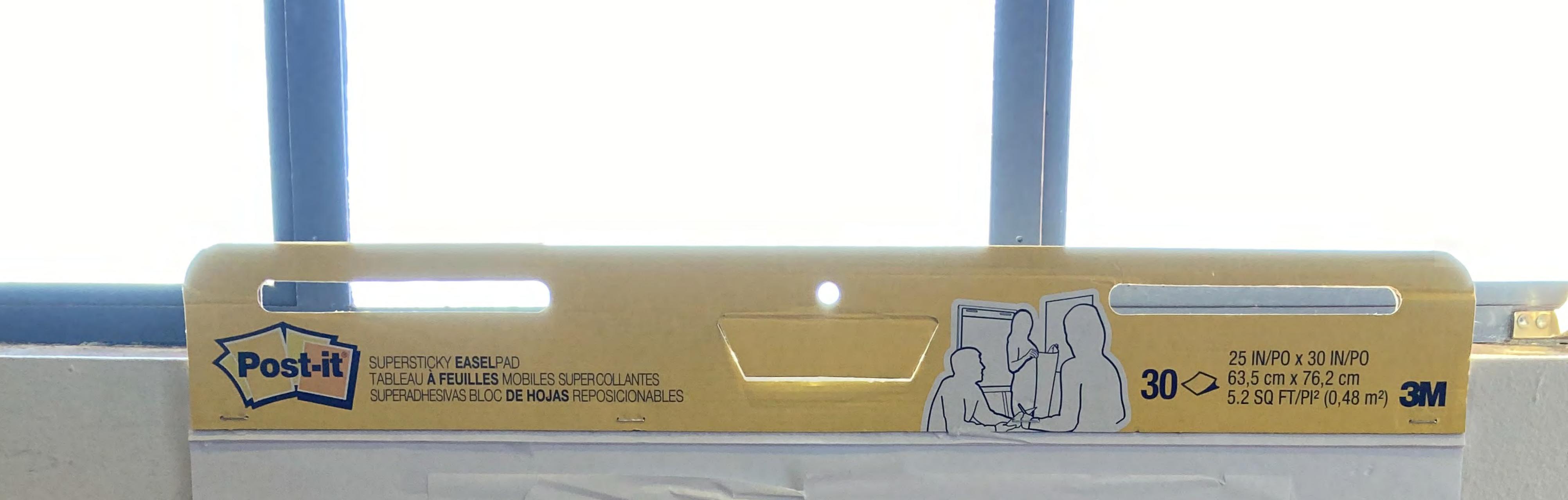




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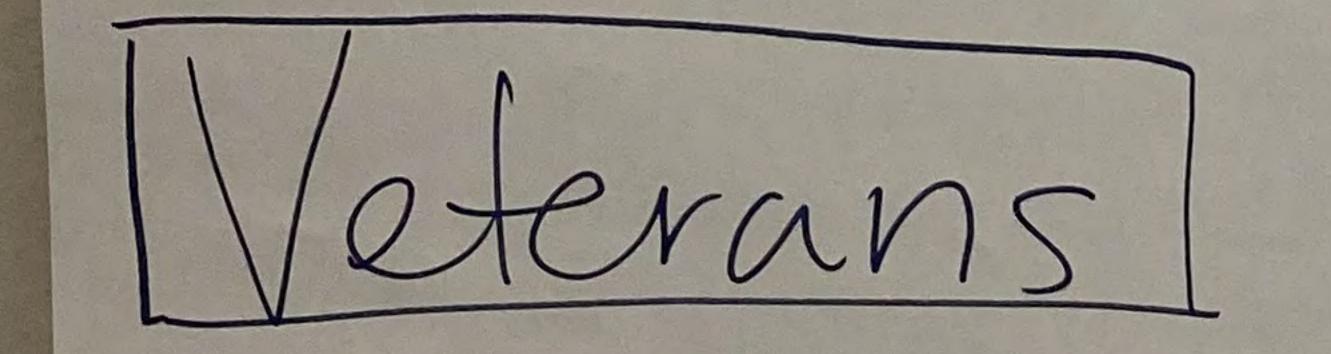
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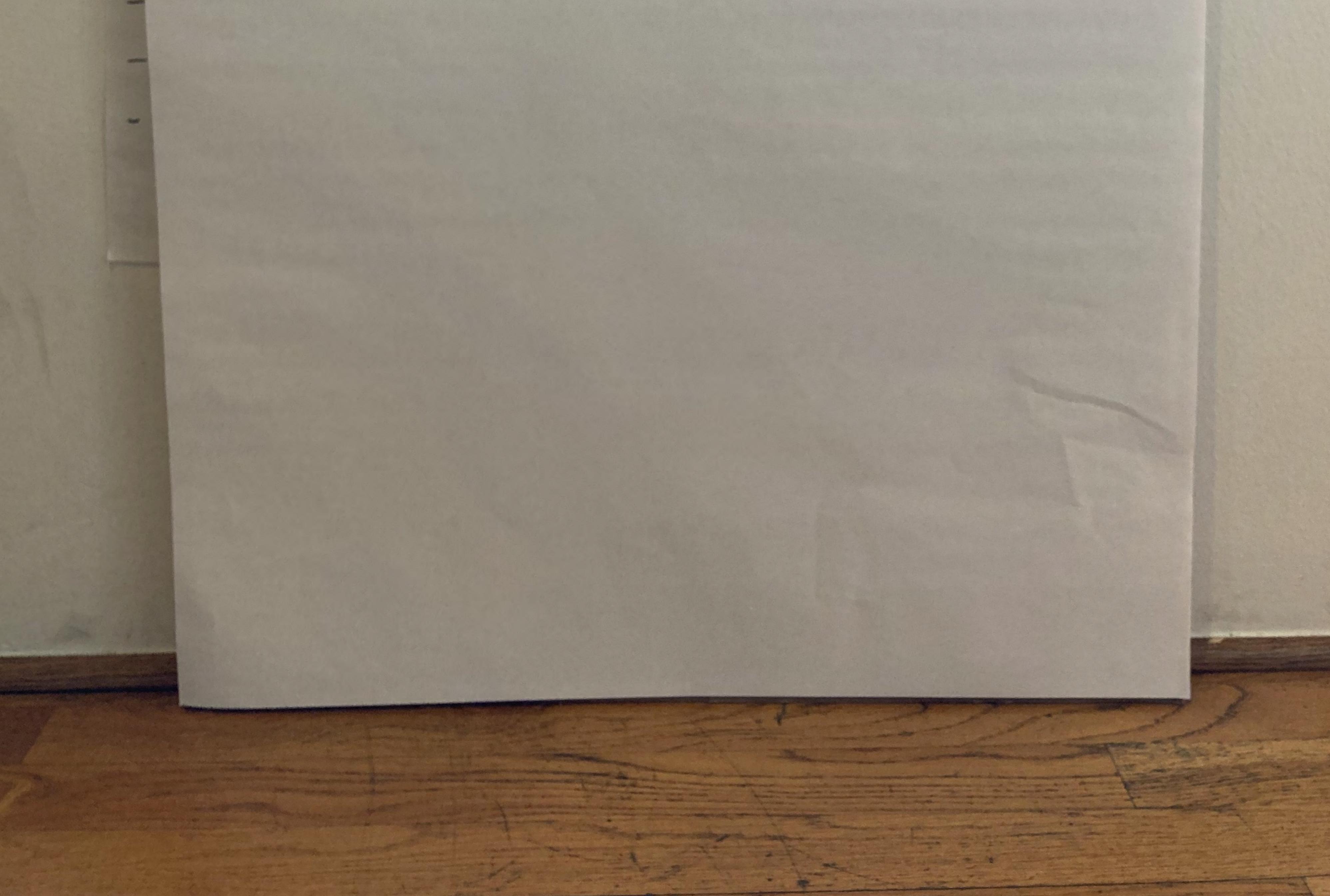
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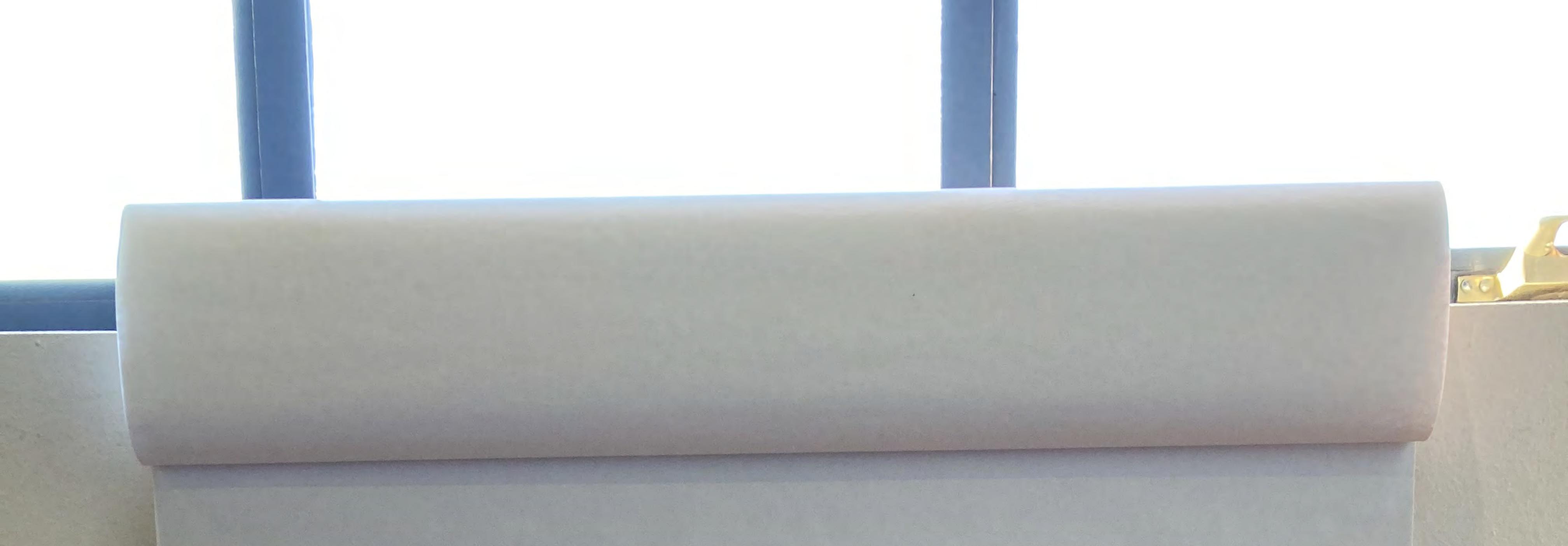


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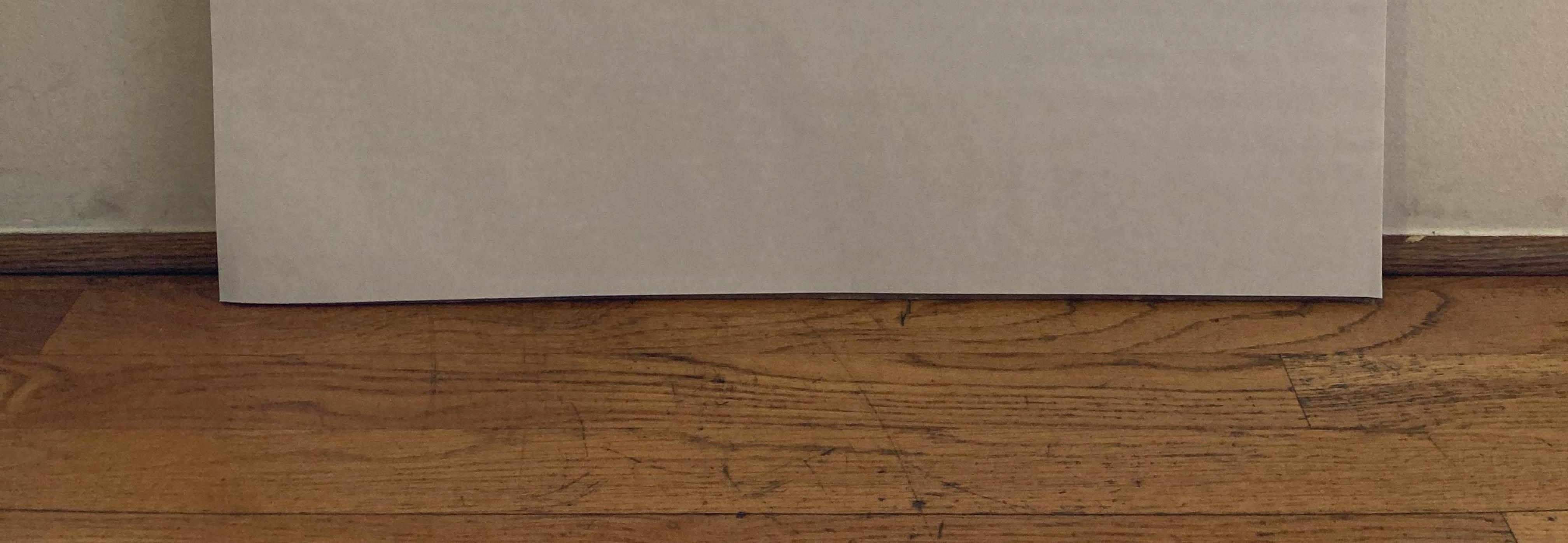
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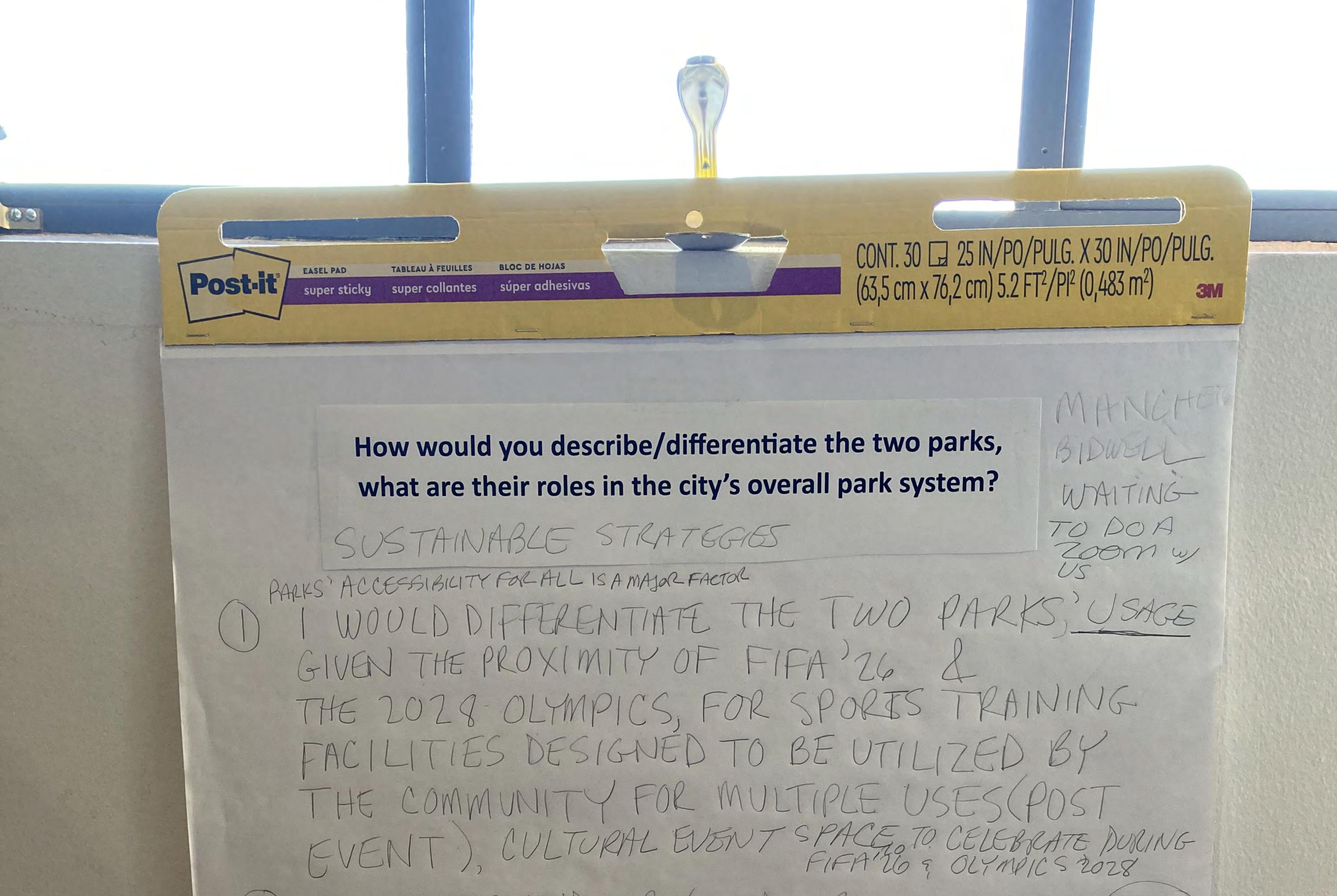




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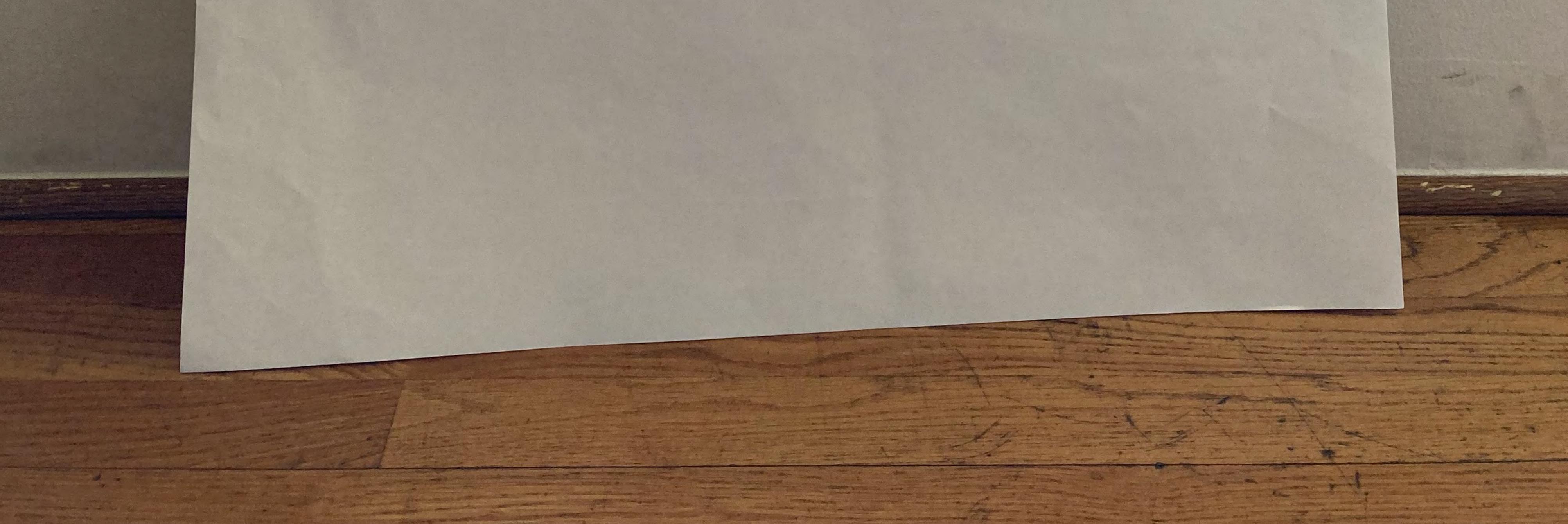
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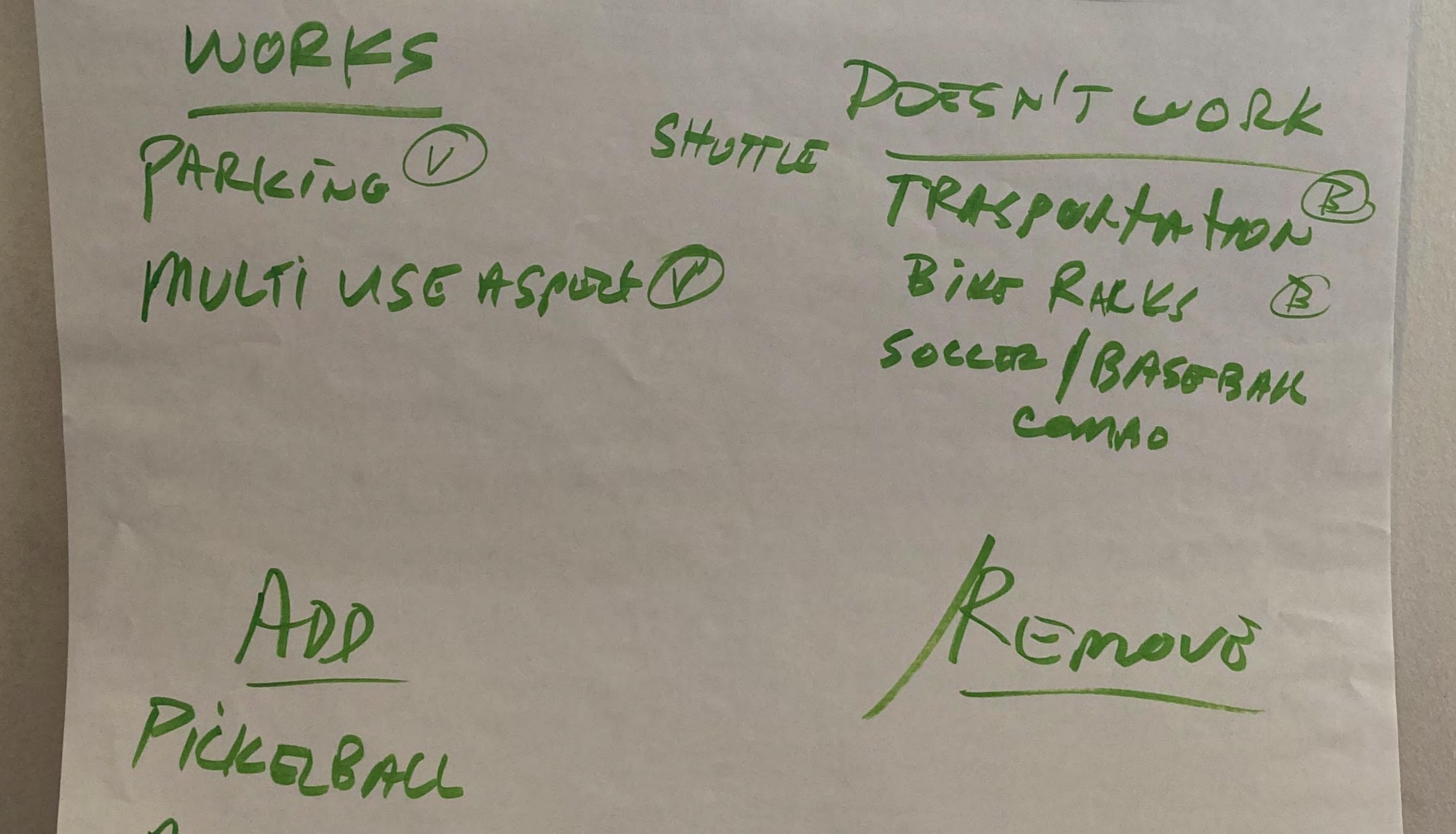
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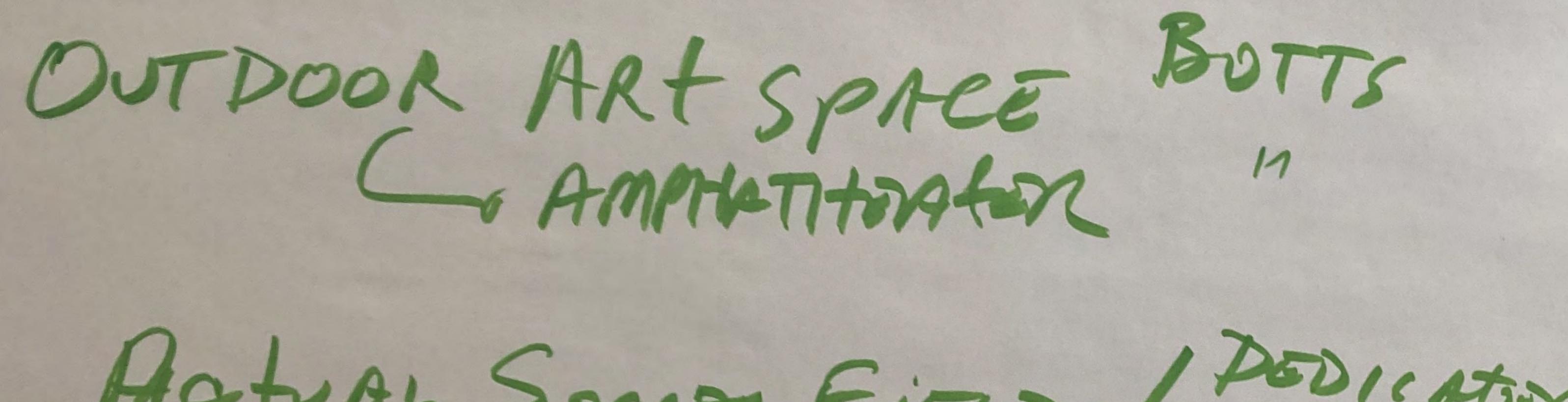






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