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- L. Legere, “SJC Verifies Property Tax Exemption For Open Space Held by Non-Profit Conservation Organizations,” MACC Quarterly (Summer 2014), III, iv, 1, 8.
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