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- Django's excellent [CLA FAQ](#)
- A [well-written chapter](#) from Karl Fogel's Producing Open Source Software on CLAs
- The [Wikipedia article](#) on CLAs

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