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**Hundreds of retired municipal** workers converged on City Hall Park Oct. 23 for a noontime rally in opposition to city officials' plan to switch the retirees to a Medicare Advantage plan.

### Unions say effort to preserve retirees' Medicare is unlawful

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introduced Council legislation that would preserve New York City retirees' current health care benefits is unlawful, the umbrella organization of municipal unions insists.

In an Oct. 30 letter to Council Speaker Adrienne Adams, the head of the Municipal Labor Committee, Harry Nespoli, argues mai a om miroduced week earlier that would prohibit wholesale changes to the retired workers' health plans would undermine city public-sector unions' rights and responsibili-

"The proposed bill would not only reach into and rewrite those established collective bargaining agreements, but it would illegally curtail the ability of City Unions to exercise their state-law right to fully negotiate retiree health benefits for in-service and retired employees going forward," Nespoli wrote. "As such, the sub-stance of the bill is preempted by state law and is illegal.'

The MLC last year overwhelmingly approved the Adams administration's effort to switch about 250,000 municipal retirees from their traditional Medicare to a privately administered Medicare Advantage plan when it endorsed an agreement between the city and managed-care giant

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Scabby the Rat has a new home this month, inside a gallery in Brooklyn. The exhibit 'Scabby: A Rat About Town' is an homage to the the iconic inflatable rodent and to

# Scabby steals the spotlight

Rat art at a Brooklyn gallery

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residency. The inflatable creature most commonly seen outside construction sites or side by side with striking workers, Scabby can now be glimpsed in a more rarefied at-

mosphere — a fine art gallery.

'Scabby: A Rat About Town," at the Open Source Gallery, a small showroom in Park Slope, Brooklyn, is both a tribute to the iconic rat and to the New Yorkers who picket alongside him by the Austrian artist Marlene Hausegger.

Emplazoned on Scapby are lines "Factory," a working-class anthem Hausegger said has been translated by an Austrian singer and is very popular in her home country.

"A lot of his music is about work-

said in a Monday interview. The artist was inspired to include The Boss' lyrics – while changing each utterance of the word "man" to "woman" — after seeing him in concert last year.

with the auditory aspect of the of an unprecedented month-long from the Bruce Springsteen song exhibit, a 15-minute recording of visual aspect as a symbolic gesture, an interview that Hausegger conducted with Natalie Monarrez, a seven-year employee at Amazon. Monarrez's voice echoes from the back room of the exhibit and can be

ing life and workers," Hausegger heard throughout.

"The pain and fear of the song related to what she told me about her life and working conditions, Hausegger said of the connection between Monarrez and Springsteen. She recorded both audio and The printed lyrics also resonate video of her discussion, but the artist intentionally didn't include the pointing out how workers are often forgotten about.

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# Students want to work for city, but spots can't keep up with demand

The city is also facing a high number of retirements in the next few years

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working for the city, but demand far outpaces the number of internship and fellowship positions available.

That was the takeaway of a City

week that assessed the steps the city is taking to recruit the next generation of civil-service workers as it faces an exodus of retirement-age municipal employees in the next

Officials from the Department of Students are highly interested in Citywide Administrative Services and the City University of New York highlighted programs aimed at creating a pipeline of young and entry-level workers, including the Edward T. Rogowsky Internship Program in Government and Public Affairs, which connects CUNY students to paid internships in state and city government.

But the number of students interested in these opportunities significantly outweighs the number of open positions: There were 68,000 applications for 655 paid public-sector internships in the ETR Program, noted Lauren Andersen, the university associate provost of careers at CUNY.

"Students are hungry for the chance to work with city agencies that keep our city running. Over 16,000 students applied for 150 spots," she said during the joint hearing held by the City Council's Civil Service and Labor and Higher Education committees.

Another program, the Civil Service Pathways Fellowship, was established as a partnership between the city and CUNY to create a pipeline from college to a career in public service. This year, there were 200 spots available in the fellowship, up from 100 positions when the program first began.

Council members questioned why there were such a limited num-

Council committee hearing last ber of spots open in such critical

programs. Andersen noted that one barrier that stands in the way of connecting students was a lack of paid internships. She added that CUNY is seeking to increase the percentage of students participating in a paid internship from 10 percent to 30 percent. "What that means is we need to find an additional 32,000 paid internships every year in a city that only supports 11,000 of them," she

#### 'Limiting ourselves'

Council Member Eric Dinowitz also asked why a 311 internship program through CUNY is set to end in March, to which Andersen noted that students in the program were being matched with jobs that didn't align with their degrees.

Katrina Porter, the chief human capital officer at DCAS, explained that the reason there were 200 spots in civil service pathway fellows was because the position is a non-competitive title that has to be approved by the state. "We do understand how important this program is and we will continue to evaluate the scope and the amount of available positions we can offer," she said.

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Members of the City Council and officials at the Department of Citywide Administrative Services and CUNY discussed the efforts the city is making to create a pipeline of young workers interested in civil-service jobs. Some Council members raised concerns that demand for student opportunities in city government far outpaced the number of available positions.

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### Taxi union blasts TLC for inaction on driver lockouts

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The head of the city's cab driver union rebuked the Taxi and Limousine Commission for not mov-

ing fast enough on a proposed rule change that would better reflect the time that Uber and Lyft drivers are working and able to accept passen-

A petition by the Taxi Workers Alliance, sent to the regulatory body in early September, among other stipulations calls for the TLC to clarify that drivers are considered "available" anytime they are behind the wheel. The appeal, submitted with support from city Comptroller Brad Lander, is in response to what the union says is the rideshare companies' policy to log drivers off their apps, thereby manipulating the socalled "utilization rate" — the time drivers are considered to be working, which in large part determines how much they are paid.

The TLC's chair, David Do, in his answer to the petition, said the commission "anticipates that it will propose rules ... in the near future" that would update the minimum driver-payment requirements. But the head of the taxi union, Bhairavi Desai, said that fell woefully short of what's required if the drivers are to maneuver out from the rideshare companies' financial squeeze.

Desai said the commission's own rules dictate that the TLC immediately act on the petition's demands. She characterized Do's response as "a slap in the face and an abdication of duty — legal and ethical.'

"Drivers have been suffering for months, losing thousands of dollars in income," she wrote in a statement. "There is no time to waste."

Desai said that without an immediate change in the TLC's rules, the commission will be obliged to assess this year's utilization rate — by which it sets the rates for how much Uber, Lyft and other rideshare companies must pay drivers — using data that has been manipulated to show that drivers were much less

available than they actually were, resulting in a higher utilization rate.

Lower utilization rates means that Lyft and Uber must pay the drivers more per mile and per minute in accordance with TLC rules, enacted in early 2019, that mandate minimum pay for the drivers.

By logging drivers out of the rideshare apps, the companies keep driver pay at artificially low levels and maintain company revenue. Drivers are not alerted to impending lockouts, which can last hours, days or, some drivers have reported, even weeks.

#### 'Need ethical clarity'

According to the Taxi Workers Alliance's petition, Uber's pervasive use of lockouts in May and June this year inflated the company's utilization rate to above 60 percent, the highest recorded. That left "drivers struggling to get sufficient work, and spending hours clogging the streets ... waiting to be allowed back online," the Sept. 3 appeal noted.

Desai said that without the TLC's

intervention, Uber and Lyft will continue to scheme drivers out of their rightful earnings. According to the union and Lander's office, the companies' use of lock-outs could collectively cost the drivers more than \$1 billion annually.

'The TLC has the authority. They have the legal authority. They've been given the political tools. What they need here is the leadership and the ethical clarity to do right by the drivers," Desai said during a Nov. 1 press teleconference, before the union received Do's response.

She emphasized the city's obligation to the roughly 84,000 rideshare drivers, who are independent contractors and not employees, and together comprise the city's largest private workforce.

One of those drivers, Leuys Taveras, said the companies' use of lockouts takes advantage of a workforce that otherwise relies on the flexible schedule, which is among the prime appeals of driving for



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Members of the New York Taxi Workers Alliance, including its executive director, Bhairavi Desai, at right in the foreground, rallied in May 2023 outside the City Hall gates on Broadway. The union and its members are calling on the city's taxi regulatory agency to clamp down on the practice by Uber and Lyft of locking drivers out of their apps.

Uber or Lyft.

"And Uber has exploited this dependency, imposing arbitrary lockouts which force us to work extra endless hours and make less money sacrificing the time that we should be dedicating with our families," he said in Spanish during the press event. He called on the TLC to step up.

"Uber put us through all of these losses that you're hearing about today just in order to reduce our pay even further in the year to come. The TLC should not simply be a spectator of corporate exploitation. Its purpose is to protect us from it,"

Taveras said.

The Taxi Workers Alliance's petition otherwise calls on the TLC to clarify the companies' data reporting requirements. The proposed rule change would also institute a default 50-percent utilization rate following lockouts as well as fines for the companies' failure to deliver accurate data.

Desai insists that the regulatory body adopt the petition in full. But it is unclear from Do's note when the TLC board will next meet and consider the appeal. The TLC head said he could make "no guarantees" the

board would endorse the proposed rules "either in whole or in part."

"We have had productive discussions with both NYTWA and the Comptroller regarding NYTWA's petition, and we agree with many of their proposals," TLC press secretary Jason Kersten said in an emailed statement. "We're working to get as much of it as possible into a rule package meant to prevent Uber and Lyft from denying hardworking drivers the protections they de-

# City officials urged to reduce ambulance response times

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When Antonio Morales was found unresponsive lying in a pool of his own blood early on the morning of Aug. 25, his daughter Maisha Morales immediately called 9-1-1 for an ambulance. She was assured by the emergency operator that an ambulance was on the way.

Morales and her mother would wait nearly an hour for EMTs to finally arrive and transport her father to the nearest hospital.

"As we waited for emergency services to arrive each minute felt agonizing, filled with mounting fear," Morales said during a City Council hearing Nov. 1. The EMTs who arrived had "no sense of urgency," she said. They "looked like they had just woken up from a nap," she added.

By the time Antonio Morales arrived at the hospital, his blood pressure was dangerously low, and he went into cardiac arrest in the emergency room. He passed away soon afterward.

Fighting through tears, Morales, sitting alongside her mother, made the case that her father would have had a far better chance of surviving had an ambulance arrived sooner. "I know that the delay in ambulance services played a critical role," she said at the hearing. "Waiting nearly an hour for an ambulance in a life-threatening emergency is unacceptable; it's a failure of our system.

Morales is one of many New Yorkers whose families have been affected by the FDNY's increasing average response times to medical emergencies. In Fiscal Year 2024, the average response time for ambulances was 8 minutes, 16 seconds, up from just under 8 minutes in FY 2023 and 7 minutes, 26 seconds in

#### FDNY: Call volume a factor

The increase in response times is attributable to several factors, Michael Fields, the FDNY's chief of EMS, said at the hearing. Foremost among them is a consistently increasing volume of general-emergency and life-threatening calls the FDNY receives.

According to the Mayor's Management Report, medical emergency calls averaged 4,377 every day in FY 2024. Total calls increased 2 percent, to 1.644 million calls, both up slightly from the year previous. There are only 460 FDNY ambulance crews in service throughout the city to answer these calls.

"As the number of calls increas-



FDNY

FDNY EMS at the scene of a punctured gas main in Queens in October.

'Ambulance crews are transporting more patients longer distances and they are doing so at slower

In response to the increases, the EMS chief said that the FDNY has recently hired dozens of EMTs, paramedics and EMS officers to fill vacancies. The department has also started a pilot program staffing the busiest Health + Hospitals facilities with liaisons that can take patients from EMS workers so that they can quickly move onto their next call after bringing a patient to the hospital.

That program was created as a response to EMS workers spending too much time waiting at hospitals when dropping off patients due to overcrowding and hospital staff being too busy to immediately relieve the EMTs and paramedics. Fields also said that the FDNY has been trying to educate New Yorkers not to call 911 for more minor medical issues in the hopes of decreasing call volume.

"If we can reduce the number of unnecessary 911 calls, that will free up dispatchers and alleviate the burden on emergency medical technicians and paramedics in the field." he said.

While vacancies in the EMS corps have been filled, attrition of EMTs and paramedics remains a es this creates a larger workload for significant factor, Fields said, add-

each unit," Fields said last week. ing that "large numbers" of EMS workers leave the department to find work elsewhere. To try and reduce the number of departures, Council Member Joann Ariola, who chairs the Fire and Emergency Management Committee, suggested that the city agree to a contract with EMS workers that would get them to parity with other first

EMTs in the FDNY start out making \$48,000 a year and contract negotiations between the two EMS unions in the city, while ongoing, have made little progress. The president of District Council 37 Local 2507, which represents paramedics and EMT's, argued in his testimony that the FDNY's EMS corps needs more funding if lawmakers want response times to decrease.

"Our EMS chief is doing a good job, but he is not given the proper number of resources needed by the pencil pushers at the Office of Management and Budget," Oren Barzilay said. "People are dying every day due to their negligence.

Morales, who believes her father's death was unnecessary and could have been prevented if an ambulance got to him faster, implored the Council to act.

"No one should have to fear that emergency help will arrive too late to save a loved one," she said. "We need a system that provides timely, equitable care for all.

### **MEDICARE:** MLC rips effort

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But that agreement has been shelved pending the outcome of the city's appeal of court findings that the proposed switch would break guarantees city officials made to employees.

Nespoli's letter contends that retiree health benefits are "a mandatory subject of bargaining." "Unions address the concerns of all and their government employers have the statutory duty to negotiate the scope of benefits received when emplovees retire." he wrote.

Nespoli's arguments, endorsed by the heads of other major municipal unions, including District Council 37's executive director, Henry Garrido, and the United Federation of Teachers' president, Michael Mulgrew, echo those he made last year following the introduction of similar legislation by then-Council Member Charles Barron.

The retirees, though, contend that their former unions don't represent them since they are no longer city employees. They argue that the state's Public Employees Fair Employment Act, known as the Taylor law. forbids unions from acting or bargaining on behalf of retirees.

Edward Goehler, a former public defender in Cortland County who represented dozens of government retirees in that jurisdiction in a lawsuit last year that ultimately led officials there to backtrack on a similar Medicare Advantage proposal, backed the New York City retirees' claims.

"The union is not even supposed to be involved in litigation with retirees," he said. "If the retiree goes to the union to ask for help, they'll say, 'well, we can't represent you, the Taylor Law prohibits us from assisting you.' By the same token, then the converse is true: if you're not going to help a retiree, you shouldn't be litigating against the retiree either.'

Goehler, now in private practice, speculated that the extent to which unions can have a say regarding the retirees' health benefits could be up to courts to decide, "because I think the New York City retirees are right.'

Marte declined to comment on the MLC's letter.

#### Bill's fate unclear

How Marte's legislation plays out with his Council colleagues is uncertain. Neither the Council speaker nor the chair of the Civil Service and Labor Committee, Council Member Carmen De La Rosa, were supportive of Barron's bill and it got no traction, derailed as it was by union opposition. Notably, Garrido, who heads the city's largest municipal union, threatened to withhold DC 37's endorsements and campaign cash from Council members — all 51 of whom were up for reelection last year

City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams 'has maintained that a resolution to sufficiently

sides is needed.'

who supported the legislation.

Marte's would need the solid backing of at least 34 Council members to survive a mayoral veto. Just five of Marte's colleagues, all of them to the right of the majority of Council members, have so far signed on as co-sponsors of the bill.

A Council spokesperson said Marte's bill would get the airing it deserves.

"Just like all bills, it will go through the legislative process and the Council will continue to receive input from all of our city's stakeholders. We continue to monitor the ongoing legal proceedings in the courts related to these issues, and the Speaker has maintained that a resolution to sufficiently address the concerns of all sides is needed," the spokesperson said in a statement.

Marianne Pizzitola, the president of the NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees, which has led the opposition to the proposed switch, did not reply to a request for com-

The effort to switch the retirees to a private plan from government-administered Medicare got underway during the de Blasio administration. which cited runaway health-care costs as the driving reason for the proposed switch. Both the de Blasio and the Adams administration have estimated the savings obtained from the planned switch at \$600 million, which they designated for the city's Joint Health Insurance Premium Stabilization Fund, which supports unions' welfare-fund benefits, among other purposes. The savings would be derived from federal subsidies that help offset the cost to governments. Opponents say the alleged savings would amount to just over a half-percent of the city budget.

Earlier this year, the effort appeared to lose momentum when Mulgrew walked back his union's support, in part blaming the Adams administration's uncompromising stance on the issue. But in an emailed statement Monday, a UFT spokesperson said the union agrees with and supports Nespoli's letter. "In particular, we agree with these two points of the letter, that it is illegal on its face and giving up bargaining authority does not benefit city employees," the spokesperson said.

# Times tech workers go on strike

Had set Nov. 5 deadline

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Tech workers at The New York Times walked out on strike Monday iust ahead of expected Election Day spikes in visitors to the newspaper's website and to app traffic.

More than 600 technology workers at The Times represented by the NewsGuild of New York had set this week as their strike deadline following more than two years of bargaining.

Workers participated in a strike authorization vote in September in which 95 percent of union members who voted authorized a walkout. Since then, union members say, the workers have met with management several times but agreements on key tenets for a first contract including raises — have yet to be reached.

"Just cause-protections, remote work flexibility, those are still areas where they are not showing up," Sarah Duncan, a software engineer and member of the Times Tech Guild, said on Oct. 30. Duncan was among more than 300 of her colleagues outside The Times' Eighth Avenue headquarters for a lunchtime practice picket alongside union and elected officials.

Union members at the rally blamed newspaper management for the slow pace of bargaining, alleging that management only started taking the tech workers seriously after the strike authorization vote. "We've had very limited bargaining time and we've also seen non-substantial proposals from management," said John Cruickshank, a technical product manager and union shop steward.

He said management has been delaying bargaining and has responded to the union's proposals with curt proposals of their own where many of the provisions that the union demands are rejected with no response. Up until last Wednesday, most of the agreements that the two sides had reached had been on non-economic matters, such as a ban on machine learning.

"The Times has opposed us every step of the way on this," Cruickshank said. "We've had to be strong every single juncture all the way through.'

According to Times' management, the average total compen-



Technology workers at the New York Times rallied and formed a practice picket line on Oct. 30 outside of the newspaper's headquarters. Workers began their strike on Monday.

sation for a tech guild member is is higher than the average for the newspapers' journalists.

#### 'Unnecessary and at odds'

"We look forward to continuing to work with [the] Tech Guild to reach a fair contract, that takes into account that they are already among the highest paid individual contributors in the Company and journalism is our top priority," Danielle Rhoades Ha, the Times' senior vice president of external communications, said in a statement. "We have robust plans in place to ensure that we are able to fulfill our mission and serve our readers."

Ha said that the union's strike deadline is "arbitrary" and was set unilaterally by union leadership. "While we respect the union's right to engage in protected actions, threatening a strike at this time, feels both unnecessary and at odds with our mission," she said.

Duncan, the software engineer, the hundreds of workers assembled \$190,000, including benefits, which argued that a strike would be necessary given how little progress was made in bargaining before the strike authorization vote was held.

"They are really disrespectful in how they treat us," she said. "It's very clear that they wish we were not a union at all, that we had never won that original vote."

The tech workers voted to unionize in March 2022. Journalists at the Times are also represented by the NewsGuild of New York, a subsidiary of the Communication Workers of America.

Employees at Wirecutter, the paper's product reviewing service, are also represented by the NewsGuild and they secured a contract this spring that established a \$66,300 minimum salary. Journalists' most recent contract was settled in spring 2023, less than six months after staff walked out on a 24-hour

Susan DeCarava, the president of the NewsGuild of New York, told he said.

at last week's rally that "there's something rotten in the state of Tthe New York Times."

"This is a company that we have been bargaining with for over two years and we are fighting for things that should be a no brainer," she said. "The New York Times says they have a mission, that they have values, but we haven't seen them at the [bargaining] table."

"These people are greedy," she added, pointing out that executives at the newspaper recently gave themselves raises over 50 percent. "They're greedy with your labor and your money."

Members of the union's bargaining committee met with newspaper management during the rally and continued bargaining throughout the end of the workweek. Workers hope to reach a deal but Cruickshank said that he and his coworkers are "absolutely" ready to strike. "There's no question about that,"

### **SCABBY:**

Rat art

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"For me it was very important to add this testimony, but I didn't want to put the video," Hausegger said. "You don't see the faces or lives of the people behind who are working like hell to get you the package.'

Surrounding Scabby are photos that Hausegger took of a 2022 picket on the Upper East Side at which the rat was present. She cut lashes into the photos with a knife to mimic scratches doled out by the rodents

#### 'Even the rat needs some rest'

Hausegger first encountered Scabby in 2008 outside of a construction site in Manhattan when she was living and working in New York. She had been familiar with unions, strikes and protests in her home country but had never seen any kind of inflatable used alongside them.

More than a decade later, fascinated by the rat and in the middle of projects for unions in Austria, Hausegger pitched the idea of highlighting Scabby to the Open Source Gallery as an exhibit that would be humorous but also drive home a political message. The hardest part of setting up the exhibit was getting the inflatable rat in the first place, Hausegger said.

Local unions in New York were unwilling or unable to give up their own inflatables and buying one from Big Sky Balloons, the non-union Plainfield, Illinois, company that makes rats, was too expensive for the budget she had been given. Ultimately, Hausegger ordered an offbrand version of Scabby from Chi-

na, also made from non-union labor. "It was the only solution," she

Each time the recording of Monarrez repeats in the exhibit, Scabby automatically deflates and then slowly reinflates. Hausegger said that it symbolizes the exhaustion and fatigue that workers face.

"Even the rat needs some rest," she said.

'Scabby: A Rat About Town" is on display until Nov. 29. Hausegger will join Monarrez on Nov. 20 for a question-and-answer session and screening of the documentary "Union," a film featuring Monarrez that details the unionization campaign at an Amazon warehouse in Staten Island.

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# COMMENTARY

**BEN AUGUST** 

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### The city's Medicare Advantage ruse

BY MARIANNE PIZZITOLA

When retirees talk about the "Big Lie," they are referring to the ruse that the city forcing retirees off traditional Medicare and into Medicare Advantage will save money. It has been repeated so often that electeds and journalists say it, but it is not true.

Here is the proof that Medicare Advantage does not save money. And to that end, I never thought I would have lived to see unions agree to give up health care and pass costs to workers, and make them jump through hurdles to access medical care, but this is what the leaders of the Municipal Labor Committee did.

The other "Big Lie" is unions collectively bargain for retirees. That is false on its face as state and city law only allows a union to bargain for wages, hours and work conditions. Retirees do not have those. Instead, what they are really saying is that they want to be able to liquidate the benefits of a current retiree to fund their contract.

Over the last three years, even after begging the current City Council to do the right thing, as Councils had before this one, and protect retirees' health care, our pleas were blatantly ignored — defiantly at times — and they accepted the lies a few union leaders have

In fact, had anyone listened to our presentation, they would have known that in 1967, a personnel order from Mayor John Lindsay gave city employees health care paid for by the city could not grant the same benefit to retirees in the same way. Why? Because they were not employees and were not represented by unions. Lindsay, in effect, had to legislate health care for retirees. He enlisted two councilmen to do it. The Council then passed a law known as 12-126 of the NYC Administrative Code. Since then, the law has been amended a few times by the City Council, for instance to extend health care to spouses of deceased workers and to ensure premium reimbursement.

The Independent Budget Office testified in 2021 and 2023 before the Council that the shift would not save money. In 2023, Council Member Charles Barron invited NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees attorney Jake Gardener and me to appear before the Council Progressive and Brooklyn Caucuses to explain our position. We were questioned why we were asking them to get involved! They had no knowledge that Lindsay and the Council had legislated health benefits for retirees that were not collectively bargained, which is why the Council passed all previous bills to maintain Medicare B Reimbursement over the years to protect current retirees. Council Member Althea Stevens even asked the IBO what savings would be achieved by this change. The reply was that legislation introduced by Barron to preserve our benefits would have no financial impact to the city and because current retirees' health care is legislated and go to the doctor. funding is mandated by statute.

Look in any collective bargain- Marianne Pizzitola, a retired ing agreement, nothing speaks emergency medical technician, is to current retiree benefits — and president of the NYC Organizaunions — but the labor leaders the FDNY EMS Retirees Associaof yesterday ALWAYS protected tion.

these benefits — until recently.

Medicare retirees' health plan only pays 20 percent of their medical bills, unlike an active worker where the plan pays 100 percent. Medicare retirees are the least expensive to the city. What the United Federation of Teachers and District Council 37, together with several other city unions, agreed to do was privatize a federal public health benefit, eliminate choices of plans for everyone, force everyone into managed care with a narrow network of doctors and hospitals, and allow managed-care corporation Aetna to be a gatekeeper between retirees and the treatment and tests doctors order. That does not exist with traditional Medicare. The value of the senior care plan that was sold back to the City was going into a pot of money that was often misused by the Municipal Labor Committee and mayors and paid for raises for active work-

There is no nice way to say that. Some union leaders led the push to literally sell off the choice of health plans of retired unionists to fund their contracts. Many unions in the MLC were angry over this, but because of the weighted voting structure (every union gets one vote for every 250 members), essentially, DC37 and the UFT can pass motions on their own without the backing of the other 100 unions that make up the MLC.

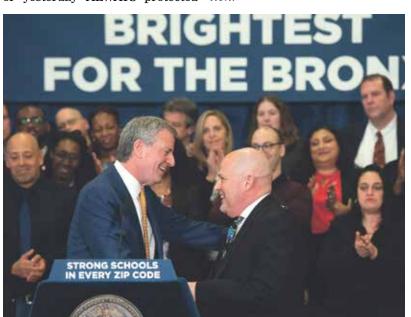
The MLC can act like a coalition but has no bargaining rights unless the unions in the coalition agree to participate in the coalition and convey their bargaining power to the MLC. A fairer vote would be one union, one vote since EVERY union member is valuable. The two largest municipal unions who sold the fib that the privatized version of Medicare was "enhanced" and "better" than traditional Medicare — should not be making decisions that negatively impact smaller unions.

I am going to say this loud and clear to every union worker reading this paper: Your future health benefits are at stake unless you get involved and protect what was promised to you!

To fund the UFT contract in 2014, and the DC37 contract in 2018, they liquidated retiree health care benefits and tried to privatize federal Medicare. Shocking, right? More so is that this shift to privatizing Medicare and pushing us all into one plan (with a narrow network where the insurer becomes a gatekeeper delaying and denying the care your doctor orders) is the default plan in the Project 2025 blueprint the national unions have denounced. Why then are the City and the leaders of the MLC trying to implement this?

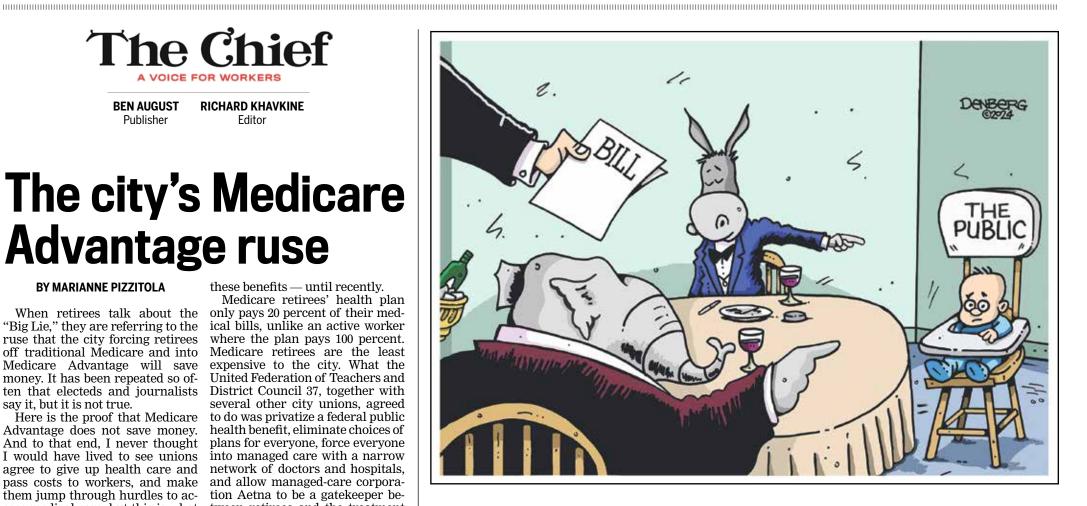
Once you retire, the maximum cost of living adjustment you will ever receive is \$540 a year. If the MLC continues to pass copays and deductibles on to retirees and forces us to pay for our doctors because they are not in the network of the single plan they want for us, you will never be able to afford to

that is because retirees are not in tion of Public Service Retirees and



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Then-Mayor Bill de Blasio and United Federation of Teachers President Michael Mulgrew at the Highbridge Green School in the Bronx in 2019.



#### **IN MEMORIAM**

### Pen name, Denberg

hen Dennis Eisenberg demic project" explored topics was in college 40-some years ago, he aspired to be an editorial cartoonist. Post-college life, though, has its squiggly twists and turns and Eisenberg, through what he would later call great luck, became a magazine and newspaper art director and designer.

But like any true artist, he continued to draw, "but just for fun," he said a few years ago.

Eisenberg began drawing in earnest again during the Covid shutdown. His self-titled "pan-

making headlines across newspapers and the internet: Covid's toll, the Black Lives Matter movement, immigration, the George Floyd protests. He drew single-panel editorial cartoons and what he called "illustrated reportage."

This work has been extremely rewarding, and I would very much like to finally follow that long-ago college dream," he wrote to us in early March 2023.

"Perhaps we can put our heads together and figure something

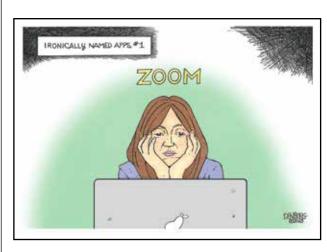
out," he said. "I think it would be a lot of fun." And so it was. What followed was "Reports from the field," a collaboration that bridged the soberness of news coverage and whimsy born of a prolific imagination.

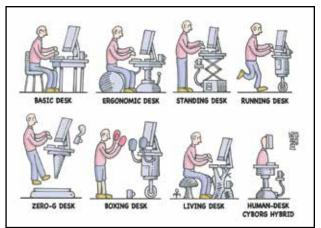
Dennis Eisenberg was 61 when died of heart failure Oct. 13. He will be missed, for his warmth, his spirit and his verve.

Thank you, Denberg, for bringing color and humor to our pages. Below are a few of our favorites from Dennis, including, above, his last, and very topical, cartoon.









#### **TAX STRATEGIES**

### Understanding capital gains and losses

**BY BARRY LISAK** 

CAPITAL ASSETS INCLUDE a home, household furnishings and stocks and bonds held in a personal account. When a capital asset is sold, the difference between the amount you paid for the asset and the amount you sold it for is a capital gain or capital loss. Here are some facts from the IRS about gains and losses and how they affect your federal income-tax return.

Almost everything you own and use for personal purposes, pleasure or investment is a capital asset.

When you sell a capital asset, the you sell it for and your basis, which is usually what you paid for it, is a capital gain or a capital loss.

For example: You buy 100 shares of XYZ at \$35, paying \$3,500 plus a have a 3.8-percent unearned Medibrokerage commission of \$20. Your basis is \$3,520. Later, you sell when the stock is at \$39. You receive \$3,900 minus a brokerage commission of \$20, so your amount realized is \$3,880. Your capital gain is \$3,880

minus \$3,520, or \$360.

Capital gains and losses are classified as long-term or short-term, depending on how long you hold the property before you sell it. If you hold it for more than one year, your capital gain is long-term. If you hold it for one year or less, your capital gain or loss is short-term.

If you have long-term gains in excess of your long-term losses, you have a net capital gain.

The tax rates that apply to net capital gain are generally lower than the tax rates that apply to other income. For 2022, there is a 20-percent capital-gains rate for difference between the amounts higher-income taxpayers that are subject to the 37-percent income-tax rate. The capital gains rate for most

people is 15 percent. High-income taxpayers may care-contribution tax applied to their capital gains and other net investment income. Thus, the highest tax rate that could apply to capital gains is 37+3.8 = 40.8 percent on *com*. short-term gains or 23.8 percent

(20+3.8) on long-term gains.

If your capital losses exceed your capital gains, the excess can be deducted on your tax return and used to reduce other income, such as wages, up to an annual limit of \$3,000, or \$1,500 if you are married filing separately.

If your total net capital loss is more than the yearly limit on capital-loss deductions, you can carry over the unused part to the following year.

Capital gains and losses are reported on Form 8949 and Schedule D, Capital Gains and Losses, and then transferred to the Form 1040.

For more information about reporting capital gains and losses, refer to IRS Publication 550, "Investment Income and Expenses.'

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# COMMENTARY

#### **WAKE-UP CALL**

## At ease

**BY RON ISAAC** 

We all remember this feral kid. I'll call him Tom.

Teachers who had him in their class decades ago still wake up with clammy hands and palpitations. He raised hell in school and always got his way, because the Chancellor's Regulations effectively barred any disciplinary action, because the concept of behavioral correction was equated with fascist oppres-

His five siblings were also disruptive in all subject classes, regardless of who their teacher was. But they were usually more or less manageable.

Their hapless guardian at home was stuck between the hardest of circumstantial rocks and hard places. She was useless, though not by choice. She struggled as a single parent, but wasn't savvy at tapping the system for survival benefits.

Because Tom cut class at will (which was a break for those of his classmates who wanted to be educated), deans and the principal's administrative cabinet would spend much of their day trailing him up and down the halls and staircases, casing every possible hiding and crawl space with walkie-talkies, occasionally affirming sightings with a "10-4", role-playing Dragnet with slapstick alacrity.

Sometimes they'd get close to Tom, but physical apprehension was too chancy. The slightest touch could trigger a lawsuit alleging corporal punishment. Tom always got the last laugh. In fact, the adults got no laughs at all. They just got winded.

Whenever the school got "distinguished visitors," such as a lo-cal politician or superintendent (often wearing a Ferragamo scarf and carrying a clipboard), and the facade of a thriving learning environment had to be activated, the school leadership would huddle in advance and strategize how to keep this kid out of sight for the duration of the visit. They'd humor and cajole him with beguiling rewards, like being honored as a dean's monitor, in exchange for not embarrassing the school administration.

It was the administration's unilateral self-imposed truce. That kid was in control. Not of himself, but of the adults. He had the staff chasing their tails and spinning their



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Members of the United States Marine Corps on Fifth Avenue during the St. Patrick's Day Parade in 2022.

knees with gratitude that at last we were rid of him. Finally, he would be out of sight but given the collective concussion he had given our psyches, we could never be out of our minds. But the hangover faded.

A few years later Tom returned for a visit. In a U.S. Marine Corps uniform. He was transformed. All who knew him were transfixed.

It wasn't the spiffy uniform and perfect posture. Not the shallow trappings of demeanor. It was as though he had undergone a total character transplant.

The kid we all had bet would be top on the FBI's Most Wanted, turned out to be not just a gentleman in terms of mere etiquette, but a profoundly evolved, balanced and mature person. He was sharp, civic-minded, motivated to be a positive contributor to society, aware of social and economic injustices and ready to contribute to remedying them.

He had become academically disciplined and focused responsibly on acquiring valuable skills and

wished him well and fell to our value. He became an independent thinker, at least as tolerant and sympathetic to differences of opinion as one finds in the general population.

The Marine Corps worked for him. It was a last resort, after a long list of social workers, psychologists, counselors and psychotropic medication. For Tom it was "a good

For many other kids, immersion in military culture would be a disaster. It is not a panacea, any more than is psychotherapy. But it should be more widely advertised as an available option to all high school kids in New York and else-

Since at least the days of the Vietnam War, there has been hostile resistance to allowing military recruitment in our schools. Some of it is strictly ideology based, the claim being that the military specifically targets minorities who have been denied equal opportunity to pursue the "American Dream" by traditional means, and devalues "cannon fodder."

According to the Rand Corporation, recruiter access "varied by state, with up to 14 percent of schools in some states failing to provide student contact information, not allowing recruiters access, or both." They note that "problems were greater in large schools, schools with lower proportions of students receiving or reduced-priced lunch, and in schools in urban areas."

Some people caricature the military mindset and depict soldiers as block-headed killing-machine robotic global police, voided shells and heartless puppets who enforce global American imperialism.

That appears to be the view of the nonprofit The World Can't Wait and its New York City-based project "We Are Not Your Soldiers." Ironically, many military-bashing self-styled 'civil libertarians" are more militarist than they are militant, and could teach Delta Force a few tricks.

The truth is that overall, they have been a positive, occasionally their humanity by foreclosing oth- majestic force in our history. The When he "graduated," we all professional credentials of lifetime er options and relegating them to military criminal justice system is

fairer than is the civilian charade, and since President Truman integrated the armed services, there has been more authentic advancement of principles, policies and practices of racial equity than else-

When our high schools have College Night and other future-planning events for graduating seniors, are the military branches invited? Can they speak at assemblies? Do they have active ROTC-type activi-

The National Network Opposing the Militarization of Youth (NNO-MY) has an anti-recruitment video called "Before You Enlist," but according to a 2019 poll by the Pew Research Center, 81 percent of post-9/11 veterans said they recommend military service.

The city's Department of Education is federally mandated to provide military recruiters certain personal information of 11th and 12th graders. If students are over 18, they can opt-out in writing. If younger, their parents or legal guardians may do so. Unless the opt-out letter is on file, confidential information will be released to recruiters on request.

It's been argued that there should be a presumption of a student being opted-out, and that special notification should be required only if they wished to have their private information released.

An abstract published in the National Library of Medicine says that military "recruitment behaviors are disturbingly similar to predatory grooming." You'd think that this group, on the campus of the National Institutes of Medicine the National Institutes of Health, would be less flagrantly biased, but even institutions like the Smithsonian, National Geographic and Nature, have become supercharged politically.

The New York Civil Liberties Union once demanded that the Department of Defense be billed for the information they sought, asking why the Department of Education, with a budget that exceeds that of many sovereign nations, was "subsidizing the armed forces.'

Military recruitment is among the least dire of our schools' problems. By the time the most severe, endemic and stubborn ones are resolved or even courageously identified and tackled, giraffes will have learned to fly.

In the meantime: at ease.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### **Recycled news**

TO THE EDITOR:

On Oct. 30, 1975, the Daily News printed a story with the now-classic headline, "Ford to City: Drop Dead.

Fast forward exactly 49 years from that date, and the chair of the Municipal Labor Committee wrote a letter to Council Speaker Adams that might as well have had the subject: "Nespoli to Retirees: Drop

He penned a deceptive missive vehemently opposing legislation recently introduced by City Council Member Christopher Marte that would preserve retiree health benefits. The letter shamelessly recycles the lies and misrepresentations that the MLC spewed last year that helped tank a similar bill.

Nespoli argues that the bill is illegal and violates collective bargaining. This is false and reeks of hypocrisy. The MLC has no statutory bargaining power — it is an administrative body with a non-bargaining certificate. This has been affirmed by the city's Office of Collective Bargaining. The MLC does not represent its member unions. It largely facilitates and coordinates activities and does not represent anyone in collective bargaining.

The MLC has taken away the power of member unions, which, ironically, hold actual bargaining certificates. MLC leaders control the agenda and voting, and unions have sheepishly ceded power to the MLC's leaders.

Retirees will tirelessly lobby, and inform, Council members of the truth. Which is more than the MLC will provide.

**Harry Weiner** 

#### **Diligence on Medicare**

TO THE EDITOR:

There's an old saying that goes "God save me from my friends. I can protect myself from my enemies." And another from my Irish

grandmother, "The road to hell is paved with good intentions." recalled both when I read the announcement of City Council Member Christopher Marte's introduction of a bill to protect retiree health care. It has a big flaw. It removes our unions' leaders as integral to the negotiations for health care. I'd prefer someone I trust representing my interests than elected officials with "their own fish to fry," preferably not me!

**Vincent Gaglione** 

#### No confidence vote

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm hoping that by the time this letter has been published, a Kamala Harris victory will make my point redundant. But I don't have the confidence Nat Weiner has that Donald Trump, who already tried to make himself a dictator, will not succeed in doing that if he regains the White House.

Consider how many politicians, not to mention Supreme Court justices, have already kowtowed to him. I'm not confident that everyone responsible for maintaining checks and balances on the president's power will do so.

I supported the Green Party's Jill Stein in 2016. I gave money to her campaign, wrote letters to the editor in support and voted for her. I agreed with her positions then and I agree with her 2024 platform, which I have read.

But because I wrote "If people would abandon the Republicans, perhaps we could weigh Harris' proposals against Stein's," Weiner assumes I haven't looked at Stein's platform. I don't mind criticism of what I say but don't criticize me based on fact-less assumptions.

Harris is far from being an ideal candidate. But she's far better than Clinton or Trump. So by the time you read this letter, I will have voted for her to stop Trump.

#### To recap

TO THE EDITOR:

The 2024 presidential campaign was an eye opener. On the one hand, it had former President Donald Trump make endless rants echoing 1930s fascists such as Hitler, Mussolini and especially Fran-

One example was a campaign ad that talked about creating a "unified reich" and called political opponents "vermin." The second example was when Trump on Fox News said, "The worst people are the enemies from within ... more dangerous than Russia and China.... These people should be put into jail, the way they talk about our judges and our justice system."

On the other hand, Vice President Harris rejected previous progressive positions such as the be.) Green New Deal, Medicare For All, transferring police department funds to social services and decriminalizing border crossings.

She and her advisers shifted to the right to attract moderates, dissatisfied Republicans and the undecided. This shift did not help to mobilize the party's left base in battleground states, and raised questions about what political principles she has.

Harris said we need to work with the private sector to ... to create tax incentives so that we can create more housing supplies and bring down the price." That strategy has enriched developers and rarely produced sufficient affordable housing. Harris barely mentioned climate change and made a dubious claim that "we can invest in a clean energy economy...and not ban fracking." She repeatedly reminded audiences that more than 400 members of former Republican administrations had endorsed her candidacy.

Harris also said, "I never intended nor will I ever allow America to have a border that's not secure,' as if the southern border is not al-Richard Warren ready over-militarized and asylum seekers are not already dehuman-

Howard Elterman

#### Cleanup time

TO THE EDITOR:

Election Day has come and gone. It reminds me of the 1960s television show "The Outer Limits." With the end of round the clock commercials by politicians, political parties, political action groups and pay-to-play special interest groups, we now return control of your television back to you until the next election cycle.

No more robocalls, text messages and campaign mailings clogging mailboxes and weighing down our hard working postal employees. Finally, some peace and quiet! (May-

Candidates who claimed they cared about the environment can now do their part. Winners and losers should have their paid campaign staff and volunteers pick up the thousands of campaign signs that litter our roads and highways to help clean up this waste.

They could also use leftover campaign funds to hire homeless or unemployed people to collect this litter. Let some people sentenced by judges to perform community service be assigned this task.

If candidates refuse to clean up after themselves, the NYC Department of Transportation Highway or Sanitation should do the job and send candidates the bill.

**Larry Penner** 

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### Cleaners at Jamaica mall rip switch to 'low-road' contractor

BY CRYSTAL LEWIS clewis@thechiefleader.com

Cleaners at Gertz Plaza Mall in Jamaica, Queens, are railing against a recent decision by the building's owners to switch to a cleaning contractor that is moving to cut the workers' wages and benefits.

The mall is owned by Wharton Realty Group, which recently began transferring custodial services from longtime union contractor Electra Cleaning Company to L&J Commercial and Residential Services.

Wharton expects to fully switch to L&J next month, according to the employees' union, 32BJ of the Service Employees International Union. The four cleaners at the building have already seen their benefits eliminated, including their health insurance, while their hourly wages have been reduced from \$29 to \$16, according to a union spokesperson.

The plaza is home to a mix of retail and office spaces, including the Queens borough office for the New York State Homes and Community Renewal and the city Administration for Children's Services.

Workers and elected officials rallied outside of the mall on Oct. 30 to protest the switch to what the union called a "low-road" contractor. Fernande Neas, who has worked at Gertz Mall since 2011, called the cuts "an attack on our well-being and livelihoods.'

'I have relied on my union quality affordable health insurance for a knee replacement last year and for an upcoming eye surgery. I needed those surgeries," the 32BJ member said. "And I have an appointment for my second knee replacement in December. What will I do with no affordable health insurance? Today we are standing up for our livelihoods. Essential workers like me and my co-workers demand to be treated with dignity and respect."

For months, 32BJ has been fighting against the same contractor for slashing cleaners' pay and benefits at a building located at 529 Fifth Ave. in Midtown Manhattan. In June, L&J unilaterally reduced the Midtown workers' hourly wages

from \$29 to \$16 and eliminated their paid sick time and health insurance. 32BJ proceeded to file an unfair labor practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board in July, alleging that the company had failed to bargain in good faith.

"Workers showed up today to stand up for middle class wages and benefits in Queens. It's time for L&J to do the right thing by committing to fair wages at Gertz and at all other sites," said Denis Johnston, 32BJ's executive vice-president.

State Senator Leroy Comrie and Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. also came out to support the workers.

"Queens was, is and always will be a union town. That is as ironclad as our support for the union laborers like those who keep Gertz Mall and this entire borough running every single day," Richards said. "I'm proud to stand with the essential workers of 32BJ and Electra Cleaning against this indefensible decision to save a few bucks on the backs of blue-collar workers."

Comrie added that the real estate sector's "hard-fought" labor standards have been under attack by L&J.

"Investing in a skilled, trustworthy and professional building maintenance workforce is a successful business practice that 95 percent of the New York City commercial real estate industry follows. I call on L&J to commit to paying middle class wages and benefits for Queen essential workers," he said.



Members of 32BJ SEIU rallied outside of Gertz Plaza in Jamaica, Queens, last week in support of cleaners who had seen their benefits and wages reduced. The building's owner recently switched to a different cleaning contractor, L&J Commercial and Residential Services.



Laboratory workers held a picket last week outside of Northwell Health Laboratories Little Neck facility to call on Northwell's management to settle a contract. The workers are calling for the same pension benefits, raises and no-cost health care plan that other unionized Northwell employees already have.

### **Queens Northwell lab workers** picket over contract stall

BY CRYSTAL LEWIS

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Northwell Health Laboratories workers participated in an informational picket outside of the health provider's Little Neck Parkway facility last week as part of their push for a fair contract.

About 100 lab technologists, technicians, accessioners and clinical assistants at the northeast Queens labs are seeking their first contract, having voted to join 1199SEIU in December 2023.

The employees want pay raises, an education fund and health care and pension benefits comparable to what other unionized lab workers have. The union noted that 1199SEIU represents thousands of workers at Northwell facilities, including 21 microbiologists working at the Little Neck lab who have a contract.

Jesse McDade, who has worked as a clinic laboratory technologist at Northwell for five years and is a member of the bargaining committee, said that workers at the facility do not have a pension plan. Unlike the union's health care plan, the lab workers are responsible for copays and out-of-pocket costs. Mc-Dade noted that they also don't receive guaranteed health insurance after retirement.

"At the end of the day, we're seeking equality," he said. "We deserve the same type of compensation that tens of thousands of other 1199SEIU members have won

in their contracts with Northwell patients deserve." and nothing less.

been in negotiations for about six months. According to the union, Northwell's management offered 3-percent raises, which was about half of the rate other unionized Northwell workers received in salary increases.

The lab workers decided to hold a picket soon after, McDade said. "Their proposal for wages was just so far from our proposal we felt it was necessary to make a statement," he said during a phone interview. "All of my colleagues are dedicated to making the change we're looking for."

The workers also want to address understaffing issues.

"They called us healthcare heroes, but now those feel like meaningless words as management refuses our pleas for fair wages like other Northwell staff," Mahmudur Khan, a clinical laboratory technologist, said in a statement. "Improved wages would help us recruit and retain more lab professionals which is vital as we analyze more and more specimens from both Northwell facilities and other health systems."

Barbara Osborn, a spokesperson for Northwell, said in a statement that "We are committed to engaging in constructive, good-faith negotiations with 1199SEIU to reach a fair contract that supports our dedicated laboratory workers and upholds the high-quality care our

In September, 850 lab staff at The union and Northwell have Northwell Health's Core Testing Facilities in New Hyde Park also voted to join 1199SEIU.

Workers at the Little Neck microbiology lab, which processes specimens such as blood tests from Northwell and other health facilities, say their workload has increased while their salaries have remained stagnant.

"Although our patients may not see us, we prioritize their care every day by analyzing thousands of specimens, aiding in diagnosis, and determining the best treatment — often putting ourselves and our families at risk for serious diseases," said Nicole Eichel, a clinical laboratory technologist. "We do this because we genuinely care about our patients' health and well-being, yet Northwell refuses to agree to a fair contract."

McDade, the bargaining committee member, called last Wednesday's picket "exciting."

We have a bargaining session coming up and I'm optimistic because I think the picket was strong," he said. "I think we got the message across.'

An 1199SEIU spokesperson, Rose Ryan, noted that Northwell management has already set aside funds for the members' pension, training, childcare and health care funds, but that the two sides haven't yet agreed on a start date.

"I'm confident that we'll get them," she said.



### Feds announce rule to protect rail transit workers

BY RICHARD KHAVKINE richardk@thechiefleader.com

The MTA is among rail transit agencies across the country that must now institute a workers protection program for persons who work on or around tracks. According to a newly published Federal Transit Administration rule, the transit agencies must also implement comprehensive training for employees and devise a mechanism for workers and others to report unsafe acts and conditions and near-misses.

The programs must be created and receive approval from the FTA's State Safety Oversight Agency by late October 2025.

"This is a massive step forward for safety. President Joe Biden and DOT are TELLING transit agencies across the USA their top priority must be protecting critically important workers. We do critical work in perilous conditions and now we have the right to refuse inherently dangerous assignments,' Transport Workers Union of America International's president, John Samuelsen, said in a statement.

The union noted that notice of the final rule comes nearly a year after Hilarion Joseph, an MTA track worker assigned on flagging duties, was struck and killed by a D train near the 34th Street-Herald Square

An MTA spokesperson said New York City Transit already has in place a rigorous worker safety program that includes compulsory training for agency personnel that goes onto the tracks.

"Safety is the MTA's number one track workers.



Track workers repaired damage in the Rutgers Tunnel under the East River caused by Superstorm Sandy.

priority, and while New York City Transit is reviewing the FTA's proposed regulations, we are confident the MTA already complies with virtually all of the FTA's new requirements," MTA spokesperson Laura Cala-Rauch said in a statement.

#### **Follows other directives**

The rule is the FTA's first regulation establishing minimum safety standards required for transit agencies, and Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg called it "an important step" to improve safety for

"These transit workers perform vital and often dangerous work to ensure that subways, light rail and streetcars stay moving so that millions of Americans can get to work or school or wherever they need to be," he said during a press briefing last week.

The rule is being instituted after "too many tragedies," Buttigieg said, noting that 29 transit workers have been killed and 144 seriously injured since 2008. "So it was very clear that in this case we needed to act and address the dangers associated with working on and near transit rail tracks," he said.

Buttigieg said the rule was the result of a collaborative effort with labor, and he singled out Samuelsen and John Costa, the president of the Amalgamated Transit Union.

The rule is part of a regulatory package addressing transit workers' safety across the board. In September, the agency issued a general directive designed to combat assaults on frontline transit workers.

Accordingly, more than 700 agencies, the MTA among them, were given three months to determine the likelihood of assaults on transit vehicles and facilities and, if they determine the threat is high, iden-

tify ways to reduce the risk. Transit agencies serving urban areas of more than 200,000 people must involve labor when doing those assessments.

That directive followed a spike in major assaults on transit workers nationwide. According to figures compiled by the Urban Institute, the Washington, D.C.-based think tank, the number of major assaults on buses and trains jumped from 168 in 2008 to 492 in 2022.

In August, citing an increased number of incidents coupled to poor safety practices in the city subway system, the FTA directed New York State's Public Transportation Safety Board, the MTA and New York City Transit to take immediate steps to address the shortcomings or risk losing funding.

The agency cited 38 "near-miss events" involving track workers in 2023, a 58-percent increase from 24 similar events in 2022 and a 65-percent increase from 23 events in 2021. Half of the 38 involved improper flagging, the audit found.

Samuelsen said the federal agency's actions would build on one an-

"The Final Rule requiring minimum safety standards, the General Directive requiring safety risk assessments, and the FTA audit rightfully exposing the MTA's poor safety culture show the strong commitment the Biden administration has for transit safety," he said. "The TWU will continue to fight for safe workplaces for all transit workers, but this Final Rule gives trackworkers more power to keep themselves safe on the job."

### **GENERATION:** Too few spots to keep up with jobs demand

Continued from Page 1

Council Member Gale Brewer suggested that DCAS tap the Council itself to lobby the governor for more spots. "We don't have enough city employees. These are wonderful students and I think we are limiting ourselves and hopefully they'll have a career in city government," she said. "I have so many friends in city government: they are really worried, really worried about the lack of a long-term city workforce."

Recruiting the next generation of workers is particularly important since a large number of city workers are expected to retire over the

next few years. About 30 percent of cation requirements. Previously, the city workforce is expected to be eligible to retire by Fiscal Year 2027, according to the most recent NYC Government Workforce Profile Report, which was conducted by DCAS in 2022. The city is also facing widespread vacancies, as are many other municipalities and localities across the state.

To help state and local agencies recruit workers, Governor Kathy Hochul has waived fees for civil-service exams through December 2025. In September, Hochul also enacted a law granting applicants who take and pass open competitive exams a full year to meet the title's educandidates had until the following January after taking an exam.

In addition to the work the city and partner agencies are doing to recruit students, city officials spoke of the steps they have taken to make it easier to hire workers into entry-level positions.

One success has been the bridge exam, which allows prospective city workers to take one civil-service exam for multiple titles, including clerical associate, maintenance worker, secretary and child protective specialist. So far, more than 8.000 applicants have taken the exam, which has been administered

three times, DCAS officials said.

The city also recently created a public safety exam, which is modeled on the bridge exam in that it allows New Yorkers to take a test for multiple public-safety titles such as school safety agent and traffic enforcement agent, even as interest in public safety jobs is waning, DCAS' Porter said.

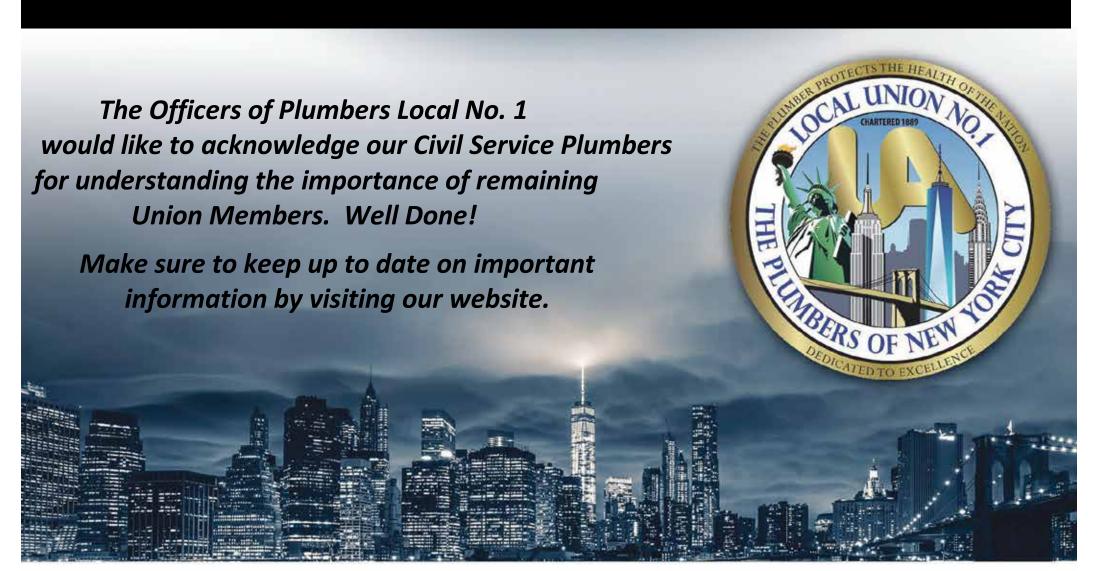
And in addition to collaborating with city agencies to spark interest in civil-service jobs among students, CUNY has also been working to fill its own vacancies, particularly among campus peace officers, where there are severe shortages.

Ludwig Vouitsis, the university

director of civil service support at CUNY, said that the university has launched a website aimed at recruiting campus peace officers, who can now apply for the position 365 days a year.

He also noted that CUNY has requested approval from the state Civil Service Commission for over 40 titles to be included in the state NY HELPS program, which temporarily lifts civil-service exam requirements to help state agencies fill vacancies at a faster rate.

"Attracting and retaining qualified individuals for civil service positions poses ongoing challenges," Vouitsis said.



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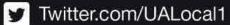
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## Lyft pays \$2.1 million to settle case alleging the ride-hailing service deceived drivers

#### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lyft is paying \$2.1 million to settle a lawsuit accusing the ride-hailing service of exaggerating how much money drivers could make while the company was trying to recover from a steep downturn in demand during the pandemic.

The agreement resolves a case filed by the U.S. Justice Department in San Francisco federal court on Oct. 25 — the same day that Lyft disclosed it had negotiated the terms of the settlement revolving around the same issues with the Federal Trade Commission.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Peter Kang signed an order formalizing the settlement Oct. 31 before it was made publicly available. Besides having to pay \$2.1 million, Lyft also has been prohibited from engaging in the misleading practices flagged

in the case.

and Federal Trade Commission have been investigating Lyft since uncovering evidence that it was advertising inflated compensation rates while trying to to recruit more drivers as the pandemic began to ease and ride-hailing demand perked up.

The lawsuit alleged Lyft exaggerated the amounts that its drivers could make in a variety of major U.S. cities from April 2021 through June 2022. Lyft advertised drivers could make more than \$40 per hour in cities such as San Francisco, Los Angeles and Boston and more than \$30 per hour in cities such as Atlanta, Dallas and Miami.

But those figures were based on the earnings among the top 20 percent of Lyft's drivers, leaving them unattainable for most others

who picked up passengers for the Both the Justice Department ride-hailing service, the lawsuit alleged. much as \$44 per hour in San Francisco.

"The Justice Department will vigorously enforce the law to stop companies from misleading Americans about their potential earnings in the gig economy," Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Brian M. Boynton said in a state-

Lyft has already changed many of the practices cited in the lawsuit and is now overseen by a CEO, David Risher, who came on board last "We agreed to this settlement be-

cause we recognize the importance of transparency in maintaining trust in the communities we serve, Lyft said when it first disclosed the agreement with the Federal Trade



Courtesy of Thomas Hawk, via flickr

Federal authorities accused the ride-hailing service Lyft of overstating how much money drivers could make.

## **CHIEF CLASSIFIED**

#### **HELP WANTED**

#### **Contract Specialist (Procurement)**

The Queens County District Attorney's Office (QDA) is seeking a Contract Specialist for its Purchasing Department. The Contract Specialist will assist with various procurement functions including drafting bid documents, requests for proposals (RFPs), sole source documents, etc., in accordance with applicable City, State and Federal regulations. The Contract Specialist's duties will include, but are not limited to:

- Assist the Director of Purchasing on all aspects of the procurement process
  - Coordinate with staff in developing and drafting scopes of work required for RFPs
- Work with vendors to negotiate and draft contract terms and conditions.
- Prepare, review, and distribute vendor pre-solicitations and bid specifications for related RFIs, RFPs, and RFQs, working in conjunction with the Director of Purchasing. Advertise solicitations and awards in The City Record and conduct public hearings.
- Conduct comprehensive vendor checks including Environmental Control Board (ECB) and tax compliance, as well as IRS Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) matching.
- Assist vendors with registration in the Payee Information Portal (PIP) and Procurement and Sourcing Solutions Portal (PassPort).
- Work with the NYC Law Department on drafting agreements and obtaining needed approvals on contracts.
- Compile and submit comprehensive procurement packages to the NYC Comptroller's Office for approval. Maintain detailed records of all subscription and contract renewals.
- Maintain comprehensive and detailed records of requisitions, purchase orders, contracts, and related procurement documentation.
- Review procurement paperwork for accuracy, completeness, and compliance with applicable City, State and
- Conduct data entry in the New York City Financial Management System (FMS) and PassPort. Follow up with vendors on the status of orders.
- Assist with travel reservations for agency employees.
- Verify vendor MWBE certifications via the Department of Small Business Services online portal and obtain vendor quotes in MWBE procurements.
- Conduct vendor evaluations and ensure compliance with PassPort requirements
- Perform other related duties, as required

#### **Preferred Education and Qualification Requirements:**

A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college and two years of experience or a high school diploma and six vears of experience is required

Strong preference will be given to candidates with at least four years of New York City government procurement experience, specifically in processing CT1 and CTA1 contracts and those who are experienced using NYC's FMS and

Candidates must be proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel, have excellent written, verbal, organizational, and communication skills, be detail-oriented, a team player, and have the ability to multi-task and work under tight deadlines. For current New York City employees, a permanent civil service title is preferred but not required.

#### **Application Information:**

Salary Range: \$70,000 - \$90,000 (commensurate with experience)

Comprehensive benefits package including health insurance, 401K and more. The City of New York is an inclusive equal opportunity employer committed to recruiting and retaining a diverse

workforce and providing a work environment that is free from discrimination and harassment based upon any legally protected status or protected characteristic, including but not limited to an individual's sex, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation, veteran status, gender identity, or pregnancy.

To apply, please submit a resume and cover letter, by clicking on the link below: eensda.applicantstack.com/x/openings-gueensda

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF AMVASSLAW, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/17/2024. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is 276 5th Avenue, Suite 704, NY, NY 10001. The principal business address of the LLC is 276 5th Avenue, Suite 704, NY, NY 10001. Purpose: any lawful act or activity 102524-3 11/1/24-12/6

114 S. KENSICO AVE LLC, Appl for Auth filed with SSNY 10/3/24. Office Auth filed with SSN 10/3/24. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in DE 10/2/24. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail process to: c/o The LLC. 26 West 17th St., Ste 801, NY, NY, 10011. DE address of LLC is c/o National Registered Agents. Inc. 1209 Crange St. Agents, Inc., 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. A copy of the Cert. of Form. on file with State of DE, Div. of Corp., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 11/1/24-12/6/24

Notice of Qualification of **WWML96 DE, LLC**. Appl. for Auth. filed with NY Dept. of State on 12/27/18. Office location: New York County. NY Sec. of State designated agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served, and shall mail process to The LLC, c/o Tala Jallad, 654 Madison Ave, 21st Fl, New York, NY 10022. DE addr. of LLC c/o Vcorp Services LLC, 108 W. 13th St, Ste 100, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901 on 12/17/18. Purpose: any lawful activity. 11/1/24-12/6/24

Notice of Formation of **70220 Clinton Ave Holdings LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 2/1/24.
Office location: NY County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o. The Community Preservation Corp., 220 E. 42nd St., 16th Fl., NY, NY

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10017, principal business address. Purpose: any lawful activity. 11/1/24-12/6/24 102424-13

Notice of Formation of AJBTTACT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 9/16/24. Office location: NY County. Princ. bus. addr.: 60 W. 68th St., Apt. 9F, NY, NY 10023. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon when process garagest it may. upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Cogency Global Inc., 122 E. 42nd St., 18th Fl., NY, NY 10168. Purpose: any lawful activity. 102424-14 11/1/24-12/6/24

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ALDA JEAN HOLDINGS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/18/2024. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is 7014 13th Ave., Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. The principal business address of the LLC is 228 Park Ave. S, #394735, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 11/1/24-12/6/24

FORMATION NOTICE OF FORMATION OF INFINITE LIVING & POSSIBILITIED, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/20/24. Office location: Richmond County. Office location: Richmond County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is 292 London Road, Staten Island, NY 10306. The principal business address of the LLC is 292 London Road, Staten Island, NY 10306 Purpose: any lawful act or NY 10306 Purpose: any lawful act or

Notice of Qualification of **Oxford Holdco LLC**. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 10/11/24. Office location: New York County.

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LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/20/11. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State 401 Fodges 15t State Dever of State, 401 Federal St. Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is C T Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful activity. 102424-3 11/1/24-12/6/24

Notice of Qualification of Planetary Supply LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 10/15/24. Office location: New York County. LLC office focation. New Jersey (NJ) on 5/6/22. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. NJ address of LLC: 916 Old Tannery Rd, Newton, NJ 07860. Cort of Formation filed. NJ 07860. Cert. of Formation filed with NJ Secy of State, 33 W. State St., 5th Fl., Trenton, NJ 08608. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is C T Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful 102424-4 11/1/24-12/6/24

Notice of Qualification of QUEENS NYB, LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 10/8/24. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1000/01/CONY. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/2/24. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is C T Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful activity. 102424-5 11/1/24-12/6/24

Notice of Qualification of **GRAFTON (US) LLC**. Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/16/24. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 01/17/24. Princ. office of LLC: c/o DLA

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Piper LLP (US), 3111 W Dr MLK Jr Blvd, Ste 200, Tampa, FL 33607. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: c/o CSC, 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secv. of State, 401 Federal filed with Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., #4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 11/1/24-12/6/24 102424-18

Notice of Qualification of PACE ADMINISTRATOR LLC. Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/15/24. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 06/24/24. SSNY designated (DE) on 06/24/24. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: c/o CSC, 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., #4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Any lawful activity. 102424-16 11/1/24-12/6/24

Notice of Formation of NYC
MULTIFAMILY PORTFOLIO
LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy.
of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/16/24.
Office location: NY County. SSNY
designated as agent of LLC upon
whom process against it may be
served. SSNY shall mail process to
Corporation Service Co. 80 State St. Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of **ROADHOUSE LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/15/24. Office location: NY County. Princ. office of LLC: 435 West 31st, PH3K, NY, NY 10001. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Manning Doherty at the princ, office of the LLC. Purpose: Any

11/1/24-12/6/24

The Annual Return of the Morris & Arlene Goldfarb Family Foundation Inc. for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2024 is available at its principal office located at c/o Wolf Maryles & Associates, 220 East 42nd St., Suite 2201 New York, NY 10017 for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days hereof. Principal Manager of the Foundation is Morris Goldfarb. 110424-1

Notice is hereby given that a ON-PREMISES RESTAURANT-liquor license, application number CL-23-102796-01 has been applied for by EL TIMBIRICHI RESTAURANT CORP., to sell at retail, LIQUOR, WINE, BEER and CIDER, in a Restaurant BEER and CIDER, in a Restaurant establishment, under the Alcoholic Beverage Control law at 1704 MORRIS AVENUE #5/ 168 EAST 174 STREET, BRONX, NEW YORK 10457 for on premises consumption. 103124-9 11/8/24-11/15/24 103124-9

TWO GENEVA ROAD LLC. Arts of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/22/24. Office: New York County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 16 East 41st Street, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 110124-4 11/8/24-12/13/24

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Pristine Details LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/24/2023. Office location: New York County SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is 2400 2nd Ave., Apt. 12E, NY NY 10035. The principal business address of the LLC is 919 Myrtle Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11206. Purpose: Mobile detailing service. 110124-5 11/8/24-12/13/24

Notice of Qualification of DEDIOII Portfolios, L.L.C. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 7/23/2024. Office location: New York County LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/12/2024. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Two Manhattan West, 375 Ninth Avenue, 52nd Floor, New York, NY, 1001, DE, address of West, 375 Ninth Avenue, 52nd Floor, New York NY 10001. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal Street, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.; Attn: General Counsel, Two Manhattan West, 375 Ninth Avenue, 52nd Floor, New York NY 10001 Purpose: any New York NY 10001. Purpose: any lawful activity. 103124-10

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Notice of Qualification of DEDIOII Portfolios Alternate, L.L.C. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 7/23/2024. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/12/2024. SSNY Delaware (DE) on 4/12/2024. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Two Manhattan West, 375 Ninth Avenue, 52nd Floor, New York NY 10001. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal Street, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.; Attn: General Counsel. Two Manhattan West. 375 Counsel, Two Manhattan West, 375 Ninth Avenue, 52nd Floor, New York NY 10001. Purpose: any lawful

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Notice of Qualification of DBFAM VENTURE LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 9/26/24. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/18/18. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. NY 10005. DE address of LLC: 1209
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Secy of State, 401 Federal St., Dover,
DE 19901. The name and address of
the Reg. Agent is C T Corporation
System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005.
Purpose: any lawful activity.
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ACCOUNTING PROCEEDING. FILE NO 2021-517/A. CITATION. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO: Unknown distributees; Attorney General of the State of New York; Sharon Albert; Mark Greenberg; Lois Resnick-Silverman; Bruce Resnick; Stephanie Aliseo; Merrill Emmett; Craig Emmett; American Express acct ending #42005; American Express acct ending #81006; Consumer Cellular; Discover; EmblemHealth; NYC Fire Department EMS; Teamsters Local 237 Retirees' Benefit Fund; and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Michelle Gallagher a/k/a Michelle Jacobowitz Gallagher, the decedent herein, if living and if any of them be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained by the petitioner herein; being the persons interested as creditors, legatees devisees, beneficiaries, distributees or otherwise in the estate of Michelle Gallagher a/k/a Michelle Jacobowitz Gallagher, deceased, who at the time Gallagher, deceased, who at the time of her death was a resident of 555 Main Street, New York, New York 10044; A petition having been duly filed by the Public Administrator of the County of New York, who maintains an office at 31 Chambers Street, Room 311, New York, New York 10007. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the New York County Surrogate's Court at 31 Chambers Street. New York. New York County Surrogate's Court at 31 Chambers Street, New York, New York, on December 12th, 2024 at 9:30 A.M., in room 503, why the following relief stated in the account of proceedings, a copy of the summary statement thereof being attached hereto, of the Public Administrator of the County of New York as administrator of the goods, chattels and credits of said deceased should and credits of said deceased, should not be granted: (i) that her account be judicially settled; (ii) that a hearing judicially settled; (ii) that a hearing be held to determine the identity of the distributees at which time proof pursuant to SCPA § 2225 may be presented, or in the alternative, that the balance of the funds be deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York for the benefit of the City of New York for the benefit of the decedent's unknown distributees (iii) that the Surrogate approve the reasonable amount of compensation as reported in Schedules C and as reported in Schedules C and C-1 of the account of proceedings to the attorney for the petitioner for legal expenses rendered to the petitioner herein; (iv) that the claims of American Express acct ending #42005 in the amount of \$578.70, American Express acct ending #81006 in the amount of \$824.48, Consumer Cellular acct ending #1180 in the amount of \$73.19, Discover credit card ending #0501 in the amount of \$691.24, EmblemHealth acct ending #7746 in the amount of \$1,621.08, NVC Five Department FMS acct

NYC Fire Department EMS acct ending #6494 in the amount of \$900.00 and Teamsters Local 237 Retiree's Benefit Fund acct ending #4242 in the amount of \$1,231.76, be

rejected for failure to file their claims

in accordance with the provisions of SCPA 1803(1); (v) that the persons above mentioned and all necessary

and proper persons be cited to show cause why such relief should not be granted; (vi) that an order be granted pursuant to SCPA \$307 where required or directed; and (vii) for such

other and further relief as the Court

may deem just and proper. HON. RITA MELLA, Surrogate. Dated, Attested and Sealed. October 28th, 2024 (Seal).

Diana Sanabria, Chief Clerk. Schram Graber & Opell P.C. Counsel to the Public Administrator, New York

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County, 11 Park Place, Suite 1008 New York, New York 10007 (212) 896-3310 Note: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. You have the right to have an attorney-atlaw appear for you and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or full account from petitioner's attorney.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Sweet Nails Art LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/19/2024. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY Office location: Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is 2326 Grand Ave., Apt. 6E, Bronx, NY 10468. The principal business address of the LLC is 2591 Jerome Ave., Bronx, NY 10468. Purpose: Nail Salon. 11/8/24-12/13/24

Notice is hereby given that an On-Premises Restaurant-Liquor License, NYS Application ID NA-0340-24-141343 has been applied for by Foursome NYC LLC to sell beer, wine, cider and liquor at retail in an on-premises Restaurant-Liquor establishment. For on premise consumption under the ABC law at 9 Jones St New York NY 10014.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Cicchitti Communications LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/21/2024. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is 226 E. 25th St., 4C, New York, New York 10010. The principal business address of the LLC is 226 E. 25th St., 4C, New York, New York 10010. Purpose: Speech Therapy. 103124-5 11/8/24-12/13/24

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LEFTY GELATERIA LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/13/2024. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is 370 1st Ave., Apt. 13C, New York, NY 10010. The principal business address of the LLC is 370 1st Ave., Apt. 13C, New York, NY 10010. Purpose: any lawful act or 11/8/24-12/13/24

CARLY TEITELBAUM TRAVELS, LLC, Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY 10/15/24. Office Location: NY County. SSNY designated as agent for process. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: c/o The LLC, 60 East 8th St., Apt. 29D, NY, NY, 10003. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 110124-1 11/8/24-12/13/24

Notice is hereby given that a ON-PREMISES RESTAURANT-WINE license, application number NA-0240-24-103585 has been applied for by EL MESON II RESTAURANT INC., to sell at retail, WINE with BEER and CIDER, in a Restaurant setablishment under the Alcabelia establishment, under the Alcoholic Beverage Control law at 3517 Broadway New York, NY 10031 for on  $\begin{array}{ccc} \text{premises consumption.} \\ 110124\text{-}3 & 11/8/24\text{-}11/15/24 \end{array}$ 



#### **DCAS HIRING LIST**

#### Fire Marshal (Uniformed), Promotion

The Department of Citywide Administrative Services established a 860-name list for Fire Marshal (Uniformed), Promotion on August 28, 2024. The list is based on Exam 3517, which was recently held. Readers should note that eligible lists change over their four-year life as candidates are added, removed, reinstated, or rescored. The list shown below is accurate as of the date of establishment but list standings can change as a result of appeals.

Some scores are prefixed by the letters v, d, p, s and r. The letter "v" designates a credit given to an honorably discharged veteran who has served during time of war. The letter "d" designates a credit given to an honorably discharged veteran who was disabled in combat. The letter "p" designates a "legacy credit" for a candidate whose parent died while engaged in the discharge of duties as a NYC Police Officer or Firefighter. The letter "s" designates a "legacy credit" for being the sibling of a Police Officer or Firefighter who was killed in the World Trade Center attack on Sept. 11, 2001. Finally, the letter "r" designates a resident of New York City.

#### **TOP SCORERS:**

TOT SOURLING.	
1 Clifton M Scott	d88.44
2 Rudy H Perez	d87.09
2 Rudy H Perez 3 Gerard E Schaefer	d87.03
4 Daniel F Alvarez	d86.53
5 Warren Terry	86.15
5 Warren Terry 5.5 Anthony M Lombardo	d86.12
6 Ronald J Donati	v86.06
7 Andrew E Dinkel	85.93
8 Jaime J Shiwgobin	85.75
9 Adam M Cohen	v85.56
10 Steven G White	85.56
11 Christopher J Duggan	85.50
11.5 Eric M Schreck	d85.50
12 William T Moore	85.09
13 Vladislav Pastarchuk	d85.06
14 Nicholas V Emanuele	85.06
15 Marc A Balasco	v85.06
16 Malik J Grissett	85.03
17 Justin M Deieso	85.00
18 Joseph M Forrest 18.5 Hutch F Ryder	84.75
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19 Thomas Hogan	84.62
20 Michael Cresci	84.62
21 Adam Reichert 22 Michael P Scaglione	d84.59
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24 Michael Triolo	84.53
25 Ashir Kim	d84.50
25.5 Steve Ramos	d84.50
26 Louis R Tricarick	84.28
27 Robert A Caponigro 28 Michael T Snyder III	d84.22
28 Michael T Snyder III	84.12
29 Joseph P Conforti	84.09
30 Joshua Raeben	84.06
31 Mark D Joungblood 32 Derek Harwood	d84.06
32 Derek Harwood	84.03
33 Billy Chen	84.00
34 Kevin Garvey	83.81
35 Sabino M Curcio	83.59
36 Steven Poncel	83.56
37 Jamah Figaro	083.56
38 Brian G Duggan	83.56
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214W11, LLC, Appl for Auth filed with SSNY 9/18/24. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in DE 9/13/24. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 214 W. 11th St., NY, NY 10014. DE address of LLC is c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. A copy of the Cert. of Form. on file with State the Cert. of Form. on file with State of DE, Div. of Corp., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any Ste. 4, Dover, DE 10. lawful act or activity. 10/4/24-11/8/24

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Notice of Formation of PIERRE AUGUSTIN ROSE NEW YORK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/10/24. Office location: NY County. Princ. office of LLC: c/o Orbiss Inc., 1411 Broadway, Fl. 16, NY, NY 10018. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 100424-2 10/11/24-11/15/24

Notice of Qualification of TASH BLAKE LLC. Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/18/24. Office location: NY County. 09/18/24. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 09/17/24. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: c/o CSC, 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State. John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 of State, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 100424-3 10/11/24-11/15/24

Notice of Formation of ZAHA 33. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/20/24 office location: NY County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Cohen & Cohen, LLP, 122 E. 42nd St., 4th Fl., NY, NY 10168. Purpose: Any lowful activity. lawful activity. 100424-4 10/11/24-11/15/24

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MH2101 LLC, Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY 6/13/24. Certificate of Amendment changing name to MHFANDA LLC filed 9/16/2024. Office Location: NY County. SSNY designated as agent for process. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: c/o Hrbek Law LLC, 295 Madison Ave., 29ND FL NY NY 10017 Purpose. 22ND Fl., NY, NY, 10017. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 10/18/24-11/22/24 100924-3

Notice of Qualification of **TREO Vitus GP, LLC**. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State: 10/4/24. Office location: NY County. Princ. bus. addr.: 675 3rd Ave., 10th Fl., NY, NY 10017. LLC formed in DE: 9/14/23. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC, when when precess against it. LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Cogency Global Inc., 122 E. 42nd St., 18th Fl., NY, NY 10168. DE addr. of LLC: 850 New Burton Rd., Ste. 201, Dover, DE 19904. Cert. of Form. filed

PROBATE CITATION. File No. 2023-1734. SURROGATE'S COURT - NEW YORK COUNTY. CITATION. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO "Jane Doe and/or John Doe, being the possible issue of William Joseph Hughes, maternal half uncle of Adrienne Fischier, if living and if dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if they died subsequent to the decedent herein, to their executors, administrators, legistess dayieses assignees and successors in interest whose names and places. atees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distribof residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Adrienne Fischier, the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained." An amended petition having been duly filed by Gary Elias, who is domiciled at 201 East 83rd Street, New York, New York 10028. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, NEW YORK County, at 31 Chambers Street, New York, New York, on December 23, 2024, At 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Adrienne Fischier lately domiciled at 415 East 52nd Street, New York, New York 10022 admitting to probate a Will dated August 15, 2019 a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Adrienne Fischier deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to Gary Elias. sonal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to Gary Elias. To all Parties: No in person appearances shall be made at the return date. If you wish to object to this matter, you may do so in writing in accordance with the annexed New York County Surrogate's Court Notice to the Cited Parties. Dated, Attested and Sealed October 22, 2024. Hon. RITA MELLA, Surrogate. Diana Sanabria, Chief Clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Gary Elias, Esq. Telephone Number: 212-585-4407. Address of Attorney: 201 East 83rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10028. Email: Law Elias@gmail.com. [NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.] SURROGATE'S COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NEW YORK, 31 CHAMBERS STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10007. (646) 386-5800. NOTICE TO CITED PAR-

TIES. You have been served with a citation for a matter that is scheduled to be heard at a New York County Surrogate's Court calendar. Please be advised that pursuant to Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Orders and Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence Marks' Administrative Orders now in effect in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this court is serving the public and court users primarily through virtual or electronic appearances; inperson appearances are limited at this time. The citation that you have received contains a ances are limited at this time. The citation that you have received contains a return date. Please do not appear in the courthouse on that date. The following choices are available to you: - If you do not object to the relief requested, you do not need to contact the court or do anything else. - If you do object to the relief sought on the citation, you or your lawyer must send a document to the court signed by you or your lawyer indicating that: 1. You object to the relief or you are requesting discovery; OR 2. You are requesting the opportunity to appear in person or by using Skype for Business or by telephone conference; OR 3. You are requesting an adjournment to consult with or retain counsel. Your written response must be received by the court three (3) business days before the return date and must include either an email address or telephone number, or both, where you or your lawyer can be reached during business hours. ber, or both, where you or your lawyer can be reached during business hours. Your communication to the court may be sent by email to: Probate\_General@nycourts.gov or by mail addressed to the Probate Department of this court at the address listed above. The attorney for the petitioner must be copied in your communication. If your written communication to the court indicates that you would like to proceed as described in choice number 1 above, your case may be referred to a court attorney-referee for a conference. The case will be adjourned to a future date, if you request the opportunity to appear in person or by electronic means or to consult or retain counsel (choices number 2 and 3). If you do not contact the court by the date on the citation, the record will reflect If you do not contact the court by the date on the citation, the record will renect that you do not object to the relief requested. If an attorney plans to appear on your behalf, he or she must file a Notice of Appearance. This Notice may be filed by mail addressed to the Probate Department of this court at the address listed above or through the e-filing system (NYSCEF), at www.nycourts.gov/ efile. If you have questions about responding to the citation, you may contact the Probate Department at Probate General@nycourts.gov. Please note that court staff are prohibited from giving legal advice but they are available to answer any question about procedure. The Probate Department of the New York County Surrogate's Court.

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with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful 10/18/24-11/22/24

Notice of Formation of GL Midtown Notice of Formation of GL Midtown NYC Holdings LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 9/27/24. Office location: NY County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 38 Eastern Dr., Ardsley NY 10502, principal business address. Purpose: all lawful nurposes principal business all lawful purposes. 10/18/24-11/22/24

Notice of Formation of NEXT GENERATION 13TH STREET ASSOCIATES, L.L.C. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 1/18/96. Office location: New York County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St. NY mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is C T Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful activity. 100924-2 10/18/24-11/22/24

Notice of Qualification of Multiply Capital Management LLC.

Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 9/27/24. Office location:
New York County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/21/23. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon where process against it may be is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. DE address of LLC: 1900 9th St, Ste 310, Boulder, CO 80302. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Seey of State, 401 Federal St. Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is C T Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY. NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful activity. 100924-1 10/18/24-11/22/24

Notice of Formation of RIP VAN WINKLE PRESERVATION, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/08/24. Office location: NY County. Princ. office of LLC: 30 Hudson Yards, 72nd Fl., NY, NY 10001. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 10/18/24-11/22/24

Notice of Qualification of **ABG-SI LLC**. Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/01/24. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 04/30/19. Princ. office of LLC: 1411 Broadway, 21st Fl., NY, NY 10018. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Authentic Brands Group, LLC at be served. SSNY shall mail process to Authentic Brands Group, LLC at the princ. office of the LLC. DE addr. of LLC: c/o Corporation Service Co., 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Jeffrey W. Bullock, Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., #4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 10/1124-2 10/18/24-11/22/24

Notice of Qualification of 400 EAST 84TH STREET DEVELOPER LLC. Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/04/24. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 07/19/24. SSNY designated as exert of LLC. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: c/o CSC, 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State of DE, John G. Townsend Bldg., Federal and Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 101124-1 10/18/24-11/22/24

NOTICE OF FORMATION Lovely Little Rentals L.L.C. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/24/2024/ Office location: Chemung County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her 222 Park Station Road, Erin, NY 14838. The principal business address of the LLC is 222 Park Station Road, Erin, NY 14838. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 101124-4 10/18/24-11/22/24

Notice of Qualification of CKEM LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/03/24. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 07/19/24. SSNY designated as agent

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of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 11444 W. Olympic Blvd., 11th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90064, also the address required to be maintained in CA. Arts of Org. filed with the CA Secy. of State, 1500 11th St., Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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Notice of Formation of CalonLan LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/03/24. Office location: New York County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Registered Agents Inc., 418 Broadway Ste R, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Ste R, Albany, 1112 any lawful activities. 10/25/24-11/29/24

Notice of Qualification of 7 West 18th LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/27/24. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 09/11/24. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Tarsat Prop LLC, 570 Lexington Avenue, 14th Floor, New York, New York 10022, Attn: Oren Barak and Barak Itzkovich. Oren Barak and Barak Itzkovich. Address to be maintained in DE: First Corporate Solutions, Inc., 800 North State Street, Suite 402, Dover, DE 19901. Arts of Org. filed with the DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. activities. 101724-12 10/25/24-11/29/24

Notice of Qualification of Spicemarket, LLC fictitious name: Spicemarket Studios, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/01/24. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 05/16/24. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o eResidentAgent, Inc., 1 Rockefeller Plaza, Suite 1204, New York, NY 10020, also the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Address to be maintained in DE: 1013 Centre Road, Suite 403S, Wilmington, DE 19805. Arts of Org. filed with the Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful 10/25/24-11/29/24

Notice of Qualification of Peyton Blake Travel, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/07/24. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/03/24. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Peyton Blake, 205 3rd Avenue, Apt. 3C, New York, NY 10003. Address to be maintained in DE: 850 New Burton Road, Suite 201. DE: 850 New Burton Road, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19904. Arts of Org. filed with the Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 101724-10 10/25/24-11/29/24

Notice of Formation of MARBINA CPS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/03/24. Office location: New York County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: REGISTERED AGENTS INC., 418 Broadway, STE R, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activities

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Notice of Formation of KENCOA GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/07/24. Office location: New York County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: KENNETH MINKYU LEE, 345 Airport Rd., Eastman, GA 31023. Purpose: any lawful activities. 10/25/24-11/29/24 101724-8

Notice of Formation of HAIM-CHANIN FAMILY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/30/23. Office location: New York County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: DOMINIQUE HAIM CHANIN, 121 West 19th Street, Unit 10B, New York, NY 10011. Purpose:

any lawful activities. 10/25/24-11/29/24

Notice of Formation of EdSaid LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/04/24. Office location: New York County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to:

PROBATE CITATION. File No. 2023-5091. SURROGATE'S COURT - QUEENS COUNTY. CITATION. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent To: Louisa Calio-Frag Gustave Frank Plath Jr., Bruce Frederick Plath, Heike Budzyn, Jennifer F. Hillman, G.A.L., Queens County Public Administrator & To the heirs at law.

Hillman, G.A.L., Queens County Public Administrator & To the heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of JUNE BERNARDI, deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence, A petition having been duly filed by Roseann Senatore who is domiciled at 142-29 Horace Harding Expy, Flushing, New York 11367. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, on 19th day of December, 2024, at 9:30 A.M. of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of June Bernardi aka June Louise Zapetti June Louis Westholm lately domiciled at 87-50 Kingston Pl

Louise Zanetti June Louis Westholm lately domiciled at 87-50 Kingston Pl, Apt. 2A, Jamaica, New York 11432 admitting to probate a Will dated September 11, 2013 a copy of which is attached, as the Will of June Bernardi relating

ber 11, 2013 a copy of which is attached, as the Will of June Bernardi relating to real personal property, and directing that Letters of Administration C.T.A. issue to: Roseann Senatore. NOTICE: THIS CITATION IS SERVED UPON YOU AS REQUIRED BY LAW. IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE RELIEF REQUESTED, YOU, OR AN ATTORNEY ON YOUR BEHALF, MUST CONTACT THE COURT PRIOR TO THIS DATE IN THE MANNER SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED NOTICE. IF YOU DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT AS SET FORTH IN THE MODIFICE IT WILL BE FOUND YOU CONSENT TO

IN THE ATTACHED NOTICE. IF YOU DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT AS SET FORTH IN THE NOTICE IT WILL BE FOUND YOU CONSENT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED. Date: 10/4/24. HON. PETER J. KELLY, Acting Surrogate. JANET EDWARDS TUCKER, Chief Clerk. Attorney for Pettitioner: Joseph A. Ledwidge, Esq. Telephone No.: 718 276 6656. Email Address: joseph@ledwidge1.com Address of Attorney: 170-26 Cedarcroft Road, Jamaica Estates, New York 11432. THE CITATION MUST BE SERVED WITH A

NOTICE AND A CITATION/ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE RESPONSE FORM. AFFIDAVITS OF SERVICE MUST REFLECT SERVICE OF THE CITA-TION, NOTICE, AND A CITATION/ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE RESPONSE

AFFIDAVITS OF SERVICE MUST REFLECT SERVICE OF THE CITATION, NOTICE, AND A CITATION/ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE RESPONSE FORM. Affidavit of service must also indicate service of a copy of the Last Will and Testament and Notice of Commencement of Proceeding Subject to Mandatory Electronic Filing. A copy of the Will shall be attached to all citations served and the affidavits of service of citation shall recite the service of a copy of the Will (22 NYCRR 207.19(b)). Service shall be accompanied by a notice (Notice of Commencement of Proceeding Subject to Mandatory Electronic Filing) advising the recipient that the proceeding is subject to electronic filing (22 NYCRR 207.4-aa(b)(3)). CITATION NOTICE QUEENS COUNTY SURRO-GATE'S COURT 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard Jamaica, NY 11435 qnssurr-info@nycourts.gov To Whom it May Concern: You have been served with a citation as required by law to give you notice about a matter that has been commenced in the Queens County Surrogate's Court. IF YOU DO NOT OPPOSE any of the relief requested, you do NOT need to contact the Court. No further action is required. IF YOU OPPOSE any of the relief requested, you or an attorney on your behalf, MUST complete a Citation Response Form. This form must be received by the Court prior to the date listed on the Citation. The Citation Response Form should be completed on-line at the following website: http://ww2.nycourts.gov/courts/11 jct/surrogates/CITATION RESPONSE.shtml Attorneys must also file a Notice of Appearance with the Court using the Court's e-filing system (NYSCEF). If a Citation Response Form is timely received, you will be notified by the Court of a date and time to participate in a conference utilizing "Microsoft Teams" teleconferencing software. ATTORNEYS AND SELF-REPRESENTED PARTIES MUST DOWNLOAD MICROSOFT TEAMS SOFTWARE AND BE PROFICIENT IN ITS USE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN VIRTUAL CONFERENCING. Complete information and instructions shout how to obtain and utilize "Microsoft Teams" is found at this

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EdSaid LLC, 36 Grove Street, New York, NY 10014. Purpose: any lawful 101724-6 10/25/24-11/29/24

Notice of Formation of Three Scribes LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 10/8/24. Office location: NY County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: 25 W. 68th St., Apt. 3B, NY, NY 10023, Attn: Stephanie Kempf. Purpose: any lawful activity. 10/25/24-11/29/24

Notice of Qualification of Parm DTBK LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State: 9/12/24. Office location: NY County. Princ. bus. addr.: 99 E. 52nd St., NY, NY 10022. LLC formed in DE: 9/11/24. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Cogency Global Inc., 122 E. 42nd St., 18th Fl., NY, NY 10168. DE addr. of LLC: 850 New Burton Rd., Ste. 201, Dover, DE 19904. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful 10/25/24-11/29/24

1302 MAD RESTAURANT GROUP, LLC, Appl for Auth filed with SSNY 10/8/24. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in DE 9/26/24. SSNY LLC formed in DE 9/26/24. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 1302 Madison Ave., NY, NY, 10128. DE address of LLC is c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. A copy of the Cert. of Form. on file with State of DE, Div. of Corp., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Ste. 4, Dover, DE 10. lawful act or activity. 10/25/24-11/29/24

PROBATE CITATION. File No. 2023-2401. SURROGATE'S COURT - QUEENS COUNTY. CITATION. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Public Administrator Queens County, Laura Herlihy, David J. Herlihy, Michelle Rudinski, Alexander Philippas, Richard A. Marcley, Alexander S. Philippas, Constantine Alexander S. Philippas, Constantine Philippas, Carol Ingrassia, Jeffrey R. Lawrence, Gary Lawrence, Steve Lawrence, Nancy Lawrence, and to Nancy Herlihy, Fred Hermann, Sharon Stark, Elizabeth a/k/a Beth Wulff, Thomas a/k/a Tom Wulff, Eric Wulff, and Lune Wulff, if living and the control of Wulff, and Lynn Wulff, if living and if dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if they died subsequent to the decedent herein, to their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Diane S. Gaffney a/k/a Diane Schneyder Gaffney a/k/a Diane Rancy Gaffney a/k/a Diane Gaffney, the decedent herein whose names and places of residence are unknown.

the decedent herein whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot after due diligence be ascertained. Linda Manolache as fiduciary of estate of Pamela Hart. A petition having been duly filed by MAUREEN GAFFNEY who is domiciled at 4200 LIVINGSTONE DRIVE, YORK, PA 17402. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court. Queens before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, on the 5th day of Jamaica, New York, on the 5th day of December, 2024, at 9:30 A.M. of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of DIANE S. GAFFNEY A/K/A DIANE SCHNEYDER GAFFNEY A/K/A DIANE NANCY GAFFNEY A/K/A DIANE A lately domiciled at 3526 79TH STREET, APT 43, JACKSON HEIGHTS, NY 11372 admitting to probate a Will dated AUGUST 8, 2013, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of DIANE S. GAFFNEY AIK/A. DIANE S. GAFFNEY A/K/A 1 DIANE SCH GAFFNEY A/K/A DIANE GAFFNEY

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GAFFNEY AWA DIANE GAFFNEY deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that |X| Letters Testamentary issue to: MAUREEN GAFFNEY; |X| Letters of Trusteeship issue to: MAUREEN GAFFNEY, fbo Caitlin Spinney, Lanct Spinney, Cooper, Gaffroy Janet Spinney, Cooper Gaffney and Spencer Gaffney. And that the will be admitted in its original form without the cross-outs and additions In paragraph Sixth (B): NOTICE: THIS CITATION IS SERVED UPON YOU AS REQUIRED BY LAW. IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE RELIEF REQUESTED, YOU, OR AN

ATTY ON YOUR BEHALF, MUST CONTACT THE COURT PRIOR TO THIS DATE IN THE MANNER

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2024 (Seal). HON. PETER J. KELLY,
Surrogate. JANET EDWARDS
TUCKER, Chief Clerk. Attorney
for Petitioner: PAUL J. GENGO.
Telephone Number: 718-261-1541.
Email Address: PJGENGO@GENGO.
US Address of Attorney: 295 BURNS
STREET, FOREST HILLS, NY
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ACCOUNTING PROCEEDING FILE

NO. 2023-861/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO: Unknown distributees; Attorney General of the State of New York; Charter Communications; Chase Card Services; Citi Priority Checking Plus Line of Credit; T-Mobile USA; and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Jim E. Johnson a/k/a Jim Johnson, the decedent herein, if living and if any of them be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained by the petitioner herein; being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, distributees, or otherwise in the estate of Jim E. Johnson a/k/a Jim Johnson, deceased, who at the time of his death was a resident of 235 W. 70th Street, New York, New York 10023; A petition having been duly filed by the Public Administrator of the County of New York, who maintains an office at 31 Chambers Street, Room 311, New York, New York 10007, YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CUASE before the New York County Surrogate's Court at 31 Chambers Street, New York, New York, on December 12th, 2024, at 9:30 A.M. in room 503, why the following relief stated in the account of proceedings, a copy of the summary statement thereof being attached hereto, of the Public Administrator of the County of New York as administrator of the goods, chattels and credits of said deceased, should not be granted: (i) that her account be judicially settled; (ii) that a hearing be held to determine the identity of the distributees at which time proof pursuant to SCPA § 2225 may be presented, or in the alternative, that with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York for the benefit of the decedent's unknown distributees; (iii) that the Surrogate approve the reasonable amount of compensation as reported in Schedules C and C-1 of the account of proceedings to the attorney for the petitioner for legal expenses rendered to the petitioner herein; (iv) that the claims of Charter Communications and order #9005 Communications acct ending #3095 in the amount of \$687.84, Chase Card Services acct ending #0116 in the amount of \$9,160.19, Citi Priority Checking Plus Line of Credit acct ending #5651 in the amount of \$564.79, and T-Mobile USA acct ending #4746 in the amount of \$222.98, be rejected for failure to file their claims in accordance with the provisions of SCPA 1803(1); (v) that the persons above mentioned and all necessary and proper persons be cited to show cause why such relief should not be granted; (vi) that an order be granted pursuant to SCPA §307 where required or directed; and (vii) for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper. Dated, Attested and Sealed. October Dated, Attested and Sealed. October 17th, 2024 (Seal) Hon. Hilary Gingold Surrogate Diana Sanabria Chief Clerk Schram Graber & Opell P.C. Counsel to the Public Administrator, New York County 11 Park Place, Suite 1008 New York, New York 10007 (212) 896-3310 Note: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. You have the right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you and your or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney. 102424-2 11/1/24-11/22/24

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PROBATE CITATION. File No. 2019-1513. SURROGATE'S COURT – NEW YORK COUNTY. CITATION. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent, TO the heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Bogumla Korepta, deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence, Public Administrator of the County of New York, Attorney General of The State of New York An amended petition having been duly filed by DAVID HOROWITZ, who is domiciled at 4560 Fieldston Road, Bronx, New York 10471. YOU ARE HEREBY COUNTY TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surgest Assistance of the County of the Proceedings of the County of the Coun CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court NEW YORK County, at 31 Chambers Street, New York, on December 23, 2024, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of BOGUMLA KOREPTA lately domiciled at 205 West 54th Street, New York, New York admitting to probate a Will dated November 12, 1998 a copy of which is attached, as the Will of BOGUMLA KOREPTA, deceased, related to real and presently proporty, and directing that Lutters Textamentary issue to: real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: DAVID HOROWITZ. \*To all Parties: No in person appearances shall be made at the return date. If you wish to object to this matter, you may do so in writing in accordance with the annexed New York County Surrogate's Court Notice to the Cited Parties. HON. RITA MELLA, Surrogate. Diana Sanabria, Chief Clerk, Dated, Attested and Sealed October 24, 2024. Attorney for Petitioners GLORIA DRELICH. Telephone Number: (212) 684-3630. Address of Attorney: 171 Madison Avenue, NYC 10016. E-mail Address of Attorney: dhorowitz@davidhorowitzpc.com (NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney

appear for you.)
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### Port Authority is accepting applications for security guards at various NYC/NJ locations

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is hiring security guards.

The starting salary is \$41,470.00 annually, subject to collective bargaining agreement. The PA also offers a competitive salary and comprehensive benefits package and a professional environment that supports development and recognizes achievement.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

Working under close supervision, security guards observe activity at a particular post and reports any unusual activities to the supervisor. They perform routine monitoring and reporting duties, and follow specific guidelines for observing and reporting incidents.

Security guards are responsible for reporting malfunctions of equipment that may impact the security or well-being of the facility to supervisor and/or facility management. In addition, they verify pedestrian and vehicle authorization for access through an assigned post and may be required to monitor CCTVs or other similar equipment and report irregularities as observed. Security Guards will perform other related duties, as required.

The Port Authority's security guards are assigned to various locations within New York and New Jersey including Downtown Manhattan, Jersey City and the Holland and Lincoln Tunnels.

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Qualified candidates will be invited to participate in an assessment

#### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

5008 CR Nurse Practitioner I

\$59,507-\$108,383

\$59,507-\$108,383

5012 CR Nurse Practitioner I

5013 CR Nurse Practitioner I

\$108,383

(Obstetrics/Gynecology) \$59,507-

5009 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Oncology)

5010 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Palliative

5011 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Pediatrics)

(Perinatology) \$59,507-\$108,383

(Psychiatry) \$59,507-\$108,383

5014 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Women's

Health) \$59,507-\$108,383

3138 CR(D) Occupational Therapist

Assistant \$31,963-\$74,207

3139 CR(D) Pharmacist I \$56,636-

9029 CR(D) Physician Assistant I

**SUFFOLK COUNTY** 

**EXAMS** 

➤ CLOSE NOVEMBER 27

➤ OPEN CONTINUOUSLY

0220 Accountant Trainee \$47,450

2020 Public Health Nurse I \$59,404

2670 Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) \$37,000-\$60,000

2673 Emergency Medical Technician

2674 Emergency Medical Technician

2700 Drug Counselor (Spanish

Speaking) \$47,502 2701 Drug Counselor \$47,502

(Paramedic) \$37,000-\$60,000

2511 Psychiatric Social Worker \$52,017

2641 Medical Services Specialist \$76,708

(Critical Care) \$37,000-\$60,000

0231 Auditor \$54,392 0230 Auditor Trainee \$47,450

0221 Accountant

\$117.533

\$31,963-\$74,207

7288 CR(D) Occupational Therapist/

Occupational Therapist I \$37,093-

3140 CR(D) Physical Therapist Assistant

9030 CR(D) Physical Therapist/Physical

Therapist I \$37,463-\$140,162

\$57,200-\$118,707 8049 CR(D) Radiologic Technologist

(General) \$34,720-\$72,111

3720 Labor Specialist Trainee \$45,362

3740 Labor Specialist Trainee (Spanish Speaking) \$45,362

Care) \$59,507-\$108,383

Candidates must present the following qualifications to be considered: A high school diploma or GED from an accredited institution, a valid driver's license and a minimum of two years' experience in any one or in any combination of the following fields: security guard/ watchman, police officer or in the U.S. military in a police military security position or college credits from an accredited institution in criminal justice or police science at

Additionally, a Security Officer Registration Act (SORA) license is a desired qualification.

Only candidates who qualify on both the written exam and oral interview will be under further consideration. Selected applicants will be subject to a comprehensive background check.

#### **TO APPLY**

The Port Authority of NY & NJ welcomes veteran and military spouse applications. Only applicants under consideration will be contacted

Founded in 1921, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey builds, operates, and maintains many of the most important transportation and trade infrastructure

network of aviation, ground, rail and seaport facilities is among the busiest in the country, supports more than 550,000 regional jobs, and generates more than \$23 billion in annual wages and \$80 billion in annual economic activity. The Port Authority also owns and manages the 16-acre World Trade Center site, where the 1,776-foot-tall One World Trade Center is now the tallest skyscraper in the Western Hemisphere.

To apply, go to www.jointheportauthority.com/jobs/15152593-security-guard.

For more information about the Port Authority's benefits, culture and career development opportunities, go to www.jointheportauthority.com/ pages/working-here.

### **UPCOMING EXAMS LEADING TO JOBS**

Below is a roundup of New York City and State exams leading to public-service positions. Most of the jobs listed are located in the New York Metropolitan area and upstate.

There are residency requirements for many New York City jobs and for state law-enforcement positions.

Prospective applicants are advised to write or call the appropriate office to make sure they meet the qualifications needed to apply for an exam. For jobs for which no written tests are given, candidates will be rated on education and experience, or by

DCAS Computer-based Testing and Application Centers (CTACs) have re-opened to the public. However, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, walk-ins are no longer accepted and appointments must be scheduled online through OASys for eligible list or examination related inquiries.

All examination and eligible list related notifications will be sent by email only, you will no longer receive notifications via

All new hires must be vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus, unless they have been granted a reasonable accommodation for religion or disability. If you are offered city employment, this requirement must be met by your date of hire, unless a reasonable accommodation for exemption is received and approved by the hiring agency.

For further information about where to apply to civil service exams and jobs, visit the thechief.org/exams.

The Federal Government has decentralized its personnel operations and holds few exams on a national or regional basis. Most Federal vacancies are filled by individual agencies based on education-and-experience evaluations. For information, contact the U.S. Office of Personnel Management or individual agencies, or see www.usajobs.gov.

#### **CITY EXAMS**

➤ CLOSE NOVEMBER 26 5028 Call Center Representative \$39,486 5066 Emergency Medical Specialist

Trainee \$36,330 5067 Emergency Medical Specialist -EMT (Fire) \$48,355

➤ CLOSES NOVEMBER 29 5144 Public Safety Exam Level I

#### **CUNY EXAMS**

➤ OPEN CONTINUOUSLY 2059 Campus Security Assistant \$31,320 2060 Campus Peace Officer \$33,825

#### **MTA EXAMS**

➤ CLOSE NOVEMBER 15 5606 Transit Electrical Helper \$25.58 per

5607 Collecting Agent \$26.43 per hour ➤ CLOSE NOVEMBER 30

5104/5304 Bus Operator (MaBSTOA and MTA Bus) \$26.98 per hour 5125/5325 Bus Mechanic's Helper (C/ Maintainer's Helper) (MaBSTOA

#### **NASSAU COUNTY EXAMS**

and MTA Bus \$19.03 per hour

➤ OPEN CONTINUOUSLY

7094 CR(D) Cytotechnologist II \$52,099-

61-639 CR Librarian I \$43.000-\$61.333 60-180 CR Librarian I, Bilingual (Spanish

5263 CR(D) Medical Technologist I

Health) \$59,507-\$108,383

5004 CR Nurse Practitioner I \$108.383

5005 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Family Health) \$59,507-\$108,383

Worker (Job Development) 60-007030 Bookkeeper 86-383010 Job Coach

87-322010 Assistant Building Inspector 87-471010 Program Coordinator (Building Code and Enforcement)

\$97,100-\$128,240 87-516010 Regional Transition Specialist 88-689010 Housing Inspector (Spanish Speaking)

89-547010 Student Transition Specialist 88-906010 Account Clerk \$51,430-

\$60,990 89-103010 Senior Bookkeeper

➤ OPEN CONTINUOUSLY

06-100 Emergency Medical Technician (Basic)

02-108 Sanitarian Trainee \$53,760-\$67.010 02-600 Water/Wastewater Treatment

Plant Operator/Trainee \$45,460-02-601 Water/Wastewater Treatment

Plant Operator/Trainee 91-136 Paramedic (Local)

01-155 Cardiothoracic Surgical

Physician Assistant 02-032 Clinical Pharmacy Specialist

02-900 Health Services Coordinator \$75,406-\$125,410 86-102 Hospital Pharmacist 93-133 Occupational Therapist (School

Districts)

86-113 Occupational Therapist (WCMC)

94-138 Occupational Therapy Assistant 93-134 Physical Therapist (School Districts)

86-115 Physical Therapist (WCMC) 03-100 Physical Therapy Assistant

(School Districts) 94-137 Physical Therapy Assistant

87-116 Physician's Assistant 86-117 Public Health Nurse \$72,635 \$125,175

09-002 Radiology Information Systems Analyst

90-118 Staff Occupational Therapist

90-120 Staff Physical Therapist 87-124 Supervising Hospital Pharmacist

99-101 Supervising Public Health Nurse \$81,595-\$135,715

97-363 Supervisor of Medical Social Work

99-102 Surgical Physician Assistant - Specialty Services \$96,540-\$140,776

11-531 Coordinator of Computer

Services

14-723 Database Specialist 20-532 Network Engineer II (BOCES #2 10-529 Server Engineer I \$65,210-

\$81,105

10-003 Software Architect I \$77,445-\$103,235

20-492 Systems Engineer I

20-493 Systems Engineer II

10-941 Technical Support Specialist 95-145 Senior Medical Technologist

(Chemistry) 95-148 Senior Medical Technologist

(Microbiology) 95-149 Senior Medical Technologist (Stat - General)

07-104 Supervisor of Laboratories

(General) \$78,729-\$117,831 07-102 Supervisor of Laboratories

(Microbiology) 95-151 Supervisor of Laboratories (Special Chemistry) \$78,729-

\$117,831

95-150 Supervisor of Labs (Anatomic Pathology) \$78,729-\$117,831

95-142 Technical Specialist

(Microbiology) 02-030 Senior Assistant General Counsel

62-705 Librarian I 62-715 Librarian I (Children's Services)

62-741 Librarian I (Spanish Speaking)

63-020 Librarian II 63-034 Librarian II (Spanish Speaking)

63-045 Library Director I

#### **STATE EXAMS**

➤ OPEN CONTINUOUSLY

20-101 Actuary Trainee (Dept. of Financial Services) \$40,507-\$51,830 20-102 Actuary Trainee (State Insurance

Fund) \$40,507-\$51,830 20-103 Actuary Trainee (Teachers' Retirement System) \$41,042-20-690 Addictions Counselor 1 \$50,722-

\$64,557 20-691 Addictions Counselor 1 (Spanish

Language) \$50,722-\$64,557 20-692 Addictions Counselor 2 \$56,604-\$71,980 20-104 Assistant Actuary (Department

of Financial Services) \$42,883-\$54,678 20-106 Assistant Actuary (Office of the State Comptroller) \$42,883-\$54,678

Insurance Fund) \$42,883-\$54,678 20-107 Assistant Actuary (Teachers' Retirement System) \$46,344-\$57.877

20-105 Assistant Actuary (State

20-952 Assistant Clinical Physician \$105,854-\$118,468

20-951 Assistant Clinical Physician (Spanish Language) \$105,854-\$118,468

20-959 Assistant Psychiatrist \$113,843-\$126,712 20-113 Associate Actuary (Casualty)

(Dept. of Financial Services) \$72,735-\$91,821 20-114 Associate Actuary (Casualty) (State Insurance Fund) \$72,735

\$91.821 20-115 Associate Actuary (Life) (Dept. of Financial Services) \$72,735 \$91,821

20-116 Associate Actuary (Life) (Office of the State Comptroller) \$72,735-\$91,821

20-117 Associate Actuary (Life) (Teachers' Retirement System)

\$79,426-\$99,192 20-254 Associate Psychologist \$67,703 20-256 Associate Psychologist (Spanish Language) \$67,703

20-872 Associate Psychologist (Forensic Mental Health) \$67,703 20-873 Associate Psychologist (Sex

Offender Assessment and Treatment) \$67,703 20-687 Audiologist 1 \$50,722-\$64,557 20-688 Audiologist 2 \$56,604-\$71,980

20-517 Bank Examiner \$59,839 20-077 Child Protective Services

Specialist 1 \$50,722 20-078 Child Protective Services Specialist 1 (Spanish Language)

20-075 Child Protective Services Specialist Trainee \$42,986 20-076 Child Protective Services Specialist Trainee (Spanish

Language) \$42,986 20-953 Clinical Physician 1 \$117,556-\$141,585

20-954 Clinical Physician 1 (Spanish Language) \$117,556-\$141,585 20-955 Clinical Physician 2 \$129,866-\$155,452

20-956 Clinical Physician 2 (Spanish Language) \$129,866-\$155,452 20-489 Community Mental Health Nurse

\$59,671-\$75,785 20-490 Community Mental Health Nurse (Spanish Language) \$59,671-

\$75,785 20-969 Community Nursing Services Consultant (Home Health Services) \$63.041-\$72.012

20-531 Dental Hygienist \$43,484 20-957 Dentist 1 \$105,355

20-151 Developmental Disabilities Secure Care Treatment Aide

Trainee \$38,875

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The Department of Citywide Administrative Services has certified sections of the eligible lists below for appointments and promotions in city agencies, subject to the 1-in-3 rule. Some of the appointments and promotions may already have been made.

### **OPEN COMPETITION**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTANT-324** eligibles between Nos. 3 and 521 on List 162 for 1 job at NYC Employees' Retirement System.

1143 for 2 jobs in Department of Design and Construction. **ADMINISTRATIVE ENGINEER**-71 eligibles between Nos. 2 and 245 on List

1122 for 1 job in Department of Citywide

Administrative Services

Protection.

istrative Services.

**ADMINISTRATIVE CITY PLANNER-56** 

eligibles between Nos. 2 and 155 on List

**ASSISTANT CIVIL ENGINEER-4** eligibles (Nos. 166, 167, 178 and 293) on List 1101 for 1 job in Department of

**ASSOCIATE LABOR RELATIONS AN-**ALYST-94 eligibles between Nos. 1 and

94 on List 3085 for 1 job at Manhattan District Attorney's. **CITY PLANNING TECHNICIAN-**51 eligibles (Nos. 1-51) on List 3087 for 1 job in Department of Environmental

**COMPUTER ASSOCIATE (SOFT-**WARE)-100 eligibles between Nos. 38 and 498 on List 1133 for 2 jobs in Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications.

**CUSTODIAN**–17 eligibles between Nos. 150 and 166 on List 2072 for 2 jobs at Administration for Children's Services. **ELECTRICIAN**–137 eligibles between

Nos. 76.5 and 231 on List 3029 for 6 jobs MAINTENANCE WORKER-13 eligibles between Nos. 44 and 318 on List 2015 for

1 job in Department of Citywide Admin-

\$132,168

Care) \$59,507-\$108,383 5003 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Adult

(Community Health) \$59,507-

#### 7078 CR(D) Cytotechnologist I \$43,863-

Speaking)

5006 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Gerontology) \$59,507-\$108,383

### 7095 CR(D) Cytotechnologist III \$66,357-

\$31,963-\$74,978 5002 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Acute

## (Neonatology) \$59,507-\$108,383

# 5007 CR Nurse Practitioner I

**MECHANICAL MAINTAINER - GROUP** 

C-11 eligibles between Nos. 74 and 139

on List 9617 at NYC Transit.

**PROCUREMENT ANALYST**-42 eligibles between Nos. 15 and 432.5 on List 1194 for 1 job in Department of Education. **RUBBER TIRE REPAIRER**-67 eligibles

(Nos. 1-67) on List 4088 to replace 1 provisional in Department of Transportation. **SCIENTIST (WATER ECOLOGY)-**1 eligible (No. 67) on List 3060 for 1 job in Department of Health and Mental

**SENIOR STATIONARY ENGINEER-**3

eligibles (Nos. 8, 28 and 36) on List 2092 to replace 1 provisional in Department of Parks and Recreation. **SOCIAL WORKER**-24 eligibles between Nos. 34 and 206 on List 4091 to replace 4

provisionals in DOHMH. **SPECIAL CONSULTANT (MENTAL HEALTH STANDARDS AND SER-**VICES)-43 eligibles between Nos. 3 and 307 on List 1177 to replace 2 provisionals in Department of Health and Mental

#### **PROMOTION**

Hygiene.

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROJECT MAN-**AGER-4 eligibles (Nos. 4, 5, 9 and 29) on List 8529 for 1 job in Department of Parks and Recreation.

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ANALYST-1** 

eligible (No. 20.8) on List 9536 for any of

**SUPERVISING SPECIAL OFFICER-1** eligible (No. 8) on List 2544 for 1 job at

VICES)-164 eligibles between Nos. 247 and 647 on List 521 for 4 jobs in Human

Resources Administration/Department

2 jobs in Police Department.

SUPERVISOR I (SOCIAL SER-

of Social Services. **SUPERVISOR OF MECHANICS-26** eligibles between Nos. 9 and 37 on List 2546 for 1 job in Department of Parks and Recreation.

#### WESTCHESTER EXAMS ➤ CLOSE NOVEMBER 11

60-001520 Community Outreach Worker 60-004770 Youth Employment Service

# LABOR AROUND THE WORLD

# Labor, regulation, taxes, tariffs: Trump has sweeping plans for 2nd administration

Campaign rhetoric was high on workers

> **BY BILL BARROW** Associated Press

Donald Trump has promised sweeping action in a second administration.

The former president and now president-elect often skipped over details but through more than a year of policy pronouncements and written statements outlined a wide-ranging agenda that blends traditional conservative approaches to taxes, regulation and cultural issues with a more populist bent on trade and a shift in America's international role.

Regarding the nation's workers, Trump and Vice President-elect JD Vance framed their ticket as allies of the working class. But Trump could make it harder for workers to unionize. In discussing auto workers, Trump focused almost exclusively on Biden's push toward electric vehicles. When he mentioned unions, it was often to lump "the union bosses and CEOs" together as complicit in "this disastrous electric car scheme." In an Oct. 23, 2023, statement, Trump said of United Auto Workers, "I'm telling you, you shouldn't pay those dues."

Trump insists he would protect Social Security and Medicare, popular programs geared toward older Americans and among the biggest pieces of the federal spending pie each year. There are questions about how his proposal not to tax tip and overtime wages might affect Social Security and Medicare. If such plans eventually involved only income taxes, the entitlement programs would not be affected. But exempting those wages from payroll taxes would reduce the funding stream for Social Security and Medicare outlays. Trump has talked little about Medicaid but his first administration, in general, defaulted to approving state requests for waivers of various federal rules and it broadly endorsed

state-level work requirements for recipients.

#### Tax policy favors rich

Trump's tax policies broadly tilt toward corporations and wealthier Americans. That's mostly due to his promise to extend his 2017 tax overhaul. with a few notable changes that include lowering the corporate income tax rate to 15 percent from the current 21 percent. That also involves rolling back Democratic President Joe Biden's income tax hikes on the wealthiest Americans and scrapping Inflation Reduction Act levies that finance energy measures intended to combat climate

Those policies notwithstanding, Trump has put more emphasis on new proposals aimed at workingand middle class Americans: exempting earned tips. Social Security wages and overtime wages from income taxes. It's noteworthy, however, that his proposal on tips, depending on how Congress might write it, could give a back-door tax break to top wage earners by allowing them to reclassify some of their pay as tip income — a prospect that at its most extreme could see hedge-fund managers or top-flight attorneys taking advantage of a policy that Trump frames as being designed for restaurant servers, bartenders and other service workers.

Trump's posture on international trade is to distrust world markets as harmful to American interests. He proposes tariffs of 10 percent to 20 percent on foreign goods — and in some speeches has mentioned even higher percentages. He promises to reinstitute an August 2020 executive order requiring that the Food and Drug Administration buy "essential" medications only from U.S. companies. He pledges to block purchases of "any vital infrastructure" in the U.S. by Chinese buyers.

With regard to immigration, a second Trump administration is expected to echo his "Build the wall!" cry from his 2016 campaign but he has also promised to create "the



Former President Donald Trump pointed to the crowd at an election night watch party in West Palm Beach, Fla.

in history." Trump has called for using the National Guard and empowering domestic police forces in the effort. Still, Trump has been scant on details of what the program would look like and how he would ensure that it targeted only people in the U.S. illegally. He's pitched "ideological screening" for would-be entrants, ending birthright citizenship (which almost certainly would require a constitutional change), and said he'd reinstitute first-term policies such as "Remain in Mexico," limiting migrants on public health grounds and severely limiting or banning entrants from certain majority-Muslim nations. Altogether, the approach would not just crack down on illegal migration, but curtail immigration over-

#### Reducing regulations, bureaucracy

The president-elect seeks to reduce the role of federal bureaucrats and regulations across economic sectors. Trump frames all regulatory cuts as an economic magic wand.

largest mass deportation program He pledges precipitous drops in U.S. households' utility bills by removing obstacles to fossil fuel production, including opening all federal lands for exploration—even though U.S. energy production is already at record highs. Trump promises to unleash housing construction by cutting regulations — though most construction rules come from state and local government. He also says he would end "frivolous litigation from the environmental extrem-

> The approach would in many ways strengthen executive branch influence. That power would come more directly from the White House.

> He would make it easier to fire federal workers by classifying thousands of them as being outside civil service protections. That could weaken the government's power to enforce statutes and rules by reducing the number of employees engaging in the work and, potentially, impose a chilling effect on those who remain.

> Trump also claims that presidents have exclusive power to control federal spending even after

Congress has appropriated money. Trump argues that lawmakers' budget actions "set a ceiling" on spending but not a floor - meaning the president's constitutional duty to "faithfully execute the laws" includes discretion on whether to spend the money. This interpretation could set up a court battle with Congress.

As a candidate, he also suggested that the Federal Reserve, an independent entity that sets interest rates, should be subject to more presidential power. Though he has not offered details, any such move would represent a momentous change to how the U.S. economic and monetary systems work.

**Targets Education Department** 

The federal Department of Education would be targeted for elimination in a second Trump administration. That does not mean that Trump wants Washington out of classrooms. He still proposes, among other maneuvers, using federal funding as leverage to pressure K-12 school systems to abolish tenure and adopt merit pay for teachers and to scrap diversity programs at all levels of education. He calls for pulling federal funding "for any school or program pushing Critical Race Theory, gender ideology, or other inappropriate racial, sexual, or political content on our children.

In higher education, Trump proposes taking over accreditation processes for colleges, a move he describes as his "secret weapon" against the "Marxist Maniacs and lunatics" he says control higher education. Trump takes aim at higher education endowments, saying he will collect "billions and billions of dollars" from schools via "taxing, fining and suing excessively large private university endowments" at schools that do not comply with his edicts. That almost certainly would end up in protracted legal fights.

As in other policy areas, Trump isn't actually proposing limiting federal power in higher education but strengthening it.

# Anxiety over the economy, and a desire for change, return Trump to the White House

3 in 10 voters want total upheaval in how the country is run

#### BY JOSH BOAK and LINLEY SANDERS Associated Press

A disaffected electorate wanted former President Donald Trump to return to the White House, with voters broadly believing that Trump would be better equipped than Harris to handle the economy and jobs.

The vote was a blatant rejection of Vice President Kamala Harris and her nearly four years with President Joe Biden.

The Republican's victory came from a public so put off by America's trajectory that they welcomed his brash and disruptive approach. About 3 in 10 voters said they wanted total upheaval in how the country is run, according to AP VoteCast, a sweeping survey of more than 120,000 voters nationwide. Even if they weren't looking for something that dramatic, more than half of voters overall said they wanted to see substantial change.

Both nationwide and in key battleground states, the Republican won over voters who were alarmed about the economy and prioritized more aggressive enforcement of immigration laws. Those issues largely overshadowed many voters' focus on the future of democracy and abortion protections priorities for Harris' voters, but not enough to turn the election in her

#### 30% cite finances

Trump's victory, however, wasn't a total mandate. Even as Trump prevailed in the electoral college, there were concerns about how he could wield his power. Most voters said they were very or somewhat concerned that electing Trump would bring the U.S. closer to being an authoritarian country, where a single leader has unchecked power. Still, more than 1 in 10 of those voters backed him.



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Supporters at an election night watch party for former President Donald Trump Tuesday in West Palm Beach, Fla.

their top concern, the economy, with anxiety about inflation running high nationally. The key swing states of Pennsylvania and Wisconsin largely mirrored the mood of

The share of voters who said their family's financial situation was "falling behind" rose to about 3 in 10, up from roughly 2 in 10 in the last presidential election. Many voters were still reeling from inflation that spiked to a four-decade high in June 2022. About 9 in 10 voters were very or somewhat concerned about the cost of groceries, and about 8 in 10 were concerned about their health care costs, their housing costs or the cost of gas.

Trump picked up a small but significant share of younger voters, Black voters and Hispanic voters, many of whom were feeling down

Voters gave Trump the edge on about the economy. Majorities of complete and total upheaval to how younger Black voters and Latino voters said the economy is not working well.

#### Flaws matter little

The economy carried more prominence than in the 2020 election, including for these groups. Four years ago, the Covid pandemic and racism were important issues for Black and Latino voters. But this time, they were more focused on the economy, and Trump managed to make inroads with both groups even as the majority stayed with Harris.

Among voters under 30, slightly less than half went for Trump, an improvement from his 2020 performance. About three-quarters of young voters said the country was headed in the wrong direction, and roughly one-third said they wanted the country is run.

There was also a divide between young men and women on which candidate they backed. About 6 in 10 women between 18 to 29 voted for Harris, and more than half of men in that age group backed Trump.

Voters also were more likely to embrace hardline immigration policies than they were four years ago, which aligned with Trump's tough approach.

About 4 in 10 voters said that immigrants living in the U.S. illegally should be deported to the country they came from, up from about 3 in 10 in 2020. And while most voters said that immigrants living in the U.S. illegally should be offered a chance to apply for legal status, that was down from 2020.

Trump has seized on an increase in illegal crossings at the U.S. bor-

and falsely accused Haitian immigrants in Ohio of eating dogs and cats. That position may have echoed in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin — three states far from the southern border where about 8 in 10 Trump voters said they supported deportation over a chance to apply for legal status. Trump's return to the White

der with Mexico as a driver of crime

House will likely challenge the established global order, as he has questioned the commitment to defend fellow NATO countries and called for large tariff hikes on allies as well as competitors. Voters were more likely than in 2020 to adopt many of Trump's isolationist stances. About 4 in 10 voters wanted the U.S. to take a "less active role" in solving the world's problems, up from about 3 in 10 in 2020.

Most of Trump's supporters opposed continuing aid to Ukraine in the war against Russia, undoing a Biden administration policy that had strengthened and expanded NATO. But there were limits to their isolationist stance: A majority of Trump voters separately favored continuing aiding Israel in its war against Hamas and Hezbollah.

Some of Trump's voters acknowledged his flaws even as they chose to send him back to Washington.

Nearly half of voters said they were "very concerned" that another Trump presidency would bring the U.S. closer to authoritarianism. Roughly 1 in 10 in this group voted for him anyway. About 6 in 10 voters said he is not honest and trustworthy, but about 2 in 10 in this group backed him. A majority of voters said he does not have the moral character to be president, and about 1 in 10 of those voters supported him.

For all his promises, Trump will likely find it challenging to endow the nation as a whole with a new sense of unity and optimism. Asked if he would bring positive change, voters were about evenly split.

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