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Adams' fiscal plan will face labor test

Just 1.25 percent is budgeted for raises

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Mayor Eric Adams' preliminary budget, released last week, reflects some tough choices. It includes funding cuts in early childhood education and for libraries, for CUNY and for city several departments, including the Human Resource Administration and those that oversee homeless services and youth and community development.

The mayor, though, said the tentative, \$102.7 billion spending plan, about \$1.3 billion shy of this year's revised budget, is not so much an austerity plan as one that spends more wisely.

"This budget protects funding for the essential services that continue to keep the city safe and clean, drive equity and affordability, and keep us on the path to prosperity," he said in his budget presentation Jan. 12.

It's those very services, nearly all performed by city workers, that will be front and center as collective agreements begin to run their course and administration officials sit with municipal unions in the coming weeks and months. Those negotiations will pose severe tests for city labor officials as they seek to balance needed fiscal discipline with the debt, in the form of salary and benefit increases, owed to city workers, many of whom toiled along empty streets as the pandemic ravaged the city and, in some cases, desolated their ranks for a number of weeks at least.

The city has so far budgeted funds to cover 1.25 percent annual ams, speaking at the New York State Financial Control Board in September, called "the beginning, not an ending." But, he added then, while the city is "committed to paying fair wages, we will not make deals that the city cannot afford."

Still, an analysis of the spending plan by the non-partisan, nonprofit Citizens Budget Commission nonetheless expects the next round of labor contracts to "likely exceed the funds set aside."

Annual raises of 3 percent would run \$800 million in the first year, but would increase threefold, to \$2.5 billion annually, starting in the third year, according to the analysis, done by the CBC's vice president for research, Ana Champeny, and published the day before Adams released the spending plan.

The budget plan notes that reserves to meet collective bargaining obligations nearly triple from the current \$1.38 billion to \$3.87 billion in 2027, but those reserves include applicable pattern funding for a few unsettled contracts, including with the 24,000-member Police Benevolent Association, whose most recent deal expired more than five years ago.

That union, which has argued that a pattern-conforming agreement would not be sufficient since it would leave city cops far behind their colleagues with the State Police and Metropolitan Transportation Authority P.D. alongside whom they sometimes work, has been in arbitration with the city over a new deal for more than a year.

City labor officials are now also in negotiations with DC 37, the city's largest municipal union, whose contract for 80,000 workers expired 19 months ago.

Eventual deals — and how well



Mayor Eric Adams visited the Spring Street Sanitation Garage last June to announce the opening of enrollment for the sanitation worker civil service exam. The contract with the city's sanitation workers is among those expiring later this year, and the president of their union, Harry Nespoli, has been adamant that his members deserve healthy pay increases given their role during the pandemic.

file — could go a long way to sug- kept his cards close. gesting whether negotiations with other collective bargaining units will be fractious and prolonged or cordial and punctual.

Asked how his administration would approach negotiations with remind city negotiators how workers stayed on the job during the

Garrido skeptical

"I understand the sacrifice of being a civil servant because I think if you do an analysis of the mayors union officials who will be quick to over the years, I'm probably one of the only modern day mayors that was a civil servant," Adams, who wage increases, a figure that Ad- they are accepted by the rank and height of the pandemic, the mayor retired as an NYPD captain in 2006,

said during the press briefing that followed his budget address. "When we talk about health care, that's my health care. When you talk about pension, that's my pension. When we talk about the commitment of being a civil servant, that's who I was. And so I know what they do

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Union cleaners of Twitter's offices in Chelsea protested outside of their former offices Jan. 10. The workers, including Lucy Calderon, were laid off in December. Twitter terminated the contract with Flagship Facility Services, which employed the cleaners, Dec. 19, leaving the 12 cleaners jobless and without the health care benefits that they had previously won with the help of their union 32BJ SEIU.

Twitter terminates union cleaners

Fired just before Christmas, the workers pledge to 'keep fighting'

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Lucy Calderon was preparing for her family's Christmas celebration Dec. 19 when she got notice that, effective immediately, she would no longer be employed at her \$31-anhour union job cleaning Twitter's

headquarters in Chelsea. Calderon had clocked out from her shift just four hours before she received the notice that Twitter had ended its contract with Flagship Facility Services, the contractor that employed Calderon and her colleagues.

"It was very shocking ... we had been working there for many years," she said this week. The 12 cleaners went public about their firing on Jan. 10, and held a protest outside of Twitter's West 17th Street offices that afternoon.

Calderon had worked at Twitter since 2017 and has been working as a cleaner since 1998. A single mother, she is the family's sole breadwinner supporting herself and her daughter, both of whom have chronic asthma.

The cleaners have been unionized with 32 BJ SEIU for seven years and had won robust wages and health care benefits in previous contracts. Those benefits are now at risk. "I have to take medication every day for my health and I have to care for my daughter," Calderon said. "It's really, really bad, I'm still trying to figure out my next steps with my

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'Historic' nurses' strike ends

Tentative deals include staffing, salary gains, recruitment effort

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Nurses at Montefiore Medical Center and Mount Sinai Hospital ended a three-day strike Jan. 12 after reaching tentative contract agreements that include 19-percent raises and provisions to enforce safe staff-

The nurses returned to patients' bedsides soon afterward, the New York State Nurses Association said. The union reached a tentative deal with Montefiore around 3 a.m.; the agreement with Mount Sinai fol-

lowed shortly after. "NYSNA nurses are exhausted, we are excited and we are victorious," the union's president, Nancy Hagans, said during a press conference later that afternoon. "The last three days on the picket lines have

been historic and inspiring." The Montefiore agreement includes 19.2-percent compounded raises, creates a new nurse-student partnership program to recruit local Bronx residents into nursing, and improves staffing ratios in the emergency department. The hospital has committed to renovating the emergency room to stop the use of hallway beds. The deal also establishes financial penalties that will be paid to nurses working in units that are out of compliance with safe-staffing ratios.

'We came to these bargaining sessions with great respect for our nurses and with proposals that reflect their priorities in terms of wages, benefits, safety, and staffing," said Philip Ozuah, Montefiore's president and CEO. "We are grateful for the dedication and commitment of our nurses who have served through very challenging circumstances over the past several years."

The pact with Mount Sinai includes 7-percent, 6-percent and 5-percent raises over three years, following the pattern set by NYSNA's deal with New York-Presbyterian. It also creates new staffing ratios in all units and new language to enforce safe-staffing.

Mount Sinai Health System called the tentative deal "fair and responsible.

"We are pleased that The Mount Sinai Hospital

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'Excluded' workers launch benefits campaign

Seek budget item to make 750,000 eligible for unemployment

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Hundreds of workers and organizers have launched an effort to expand New York's unemployment insurance benefits to cover the hundreds of thousands of workers currently excluded from federal protec-

The new jobless insurance program, which advocates are calling the Unemployment Bridge Program, would cover undocumented immigrants, self-employed workers such as freelancers, vendors and some domestic workers as well people reentering the labor force following their release from prison

Members of the Fund Excluded Workers coalition, made up of local labor organizations as well as community and immigrant advocacy groups, accompanied by elected officials, rallied near the South Street Seaport last week as part of a statewide effort to pressure Governor Kathy Hochul to include \$500 million in next year's budget to expand unemployment insurance for

Advocates intend for the Unemployment Bridge Program to build on the initial excluded worker's fund, which the FEW coalition helped push through in 2021. That fund, which is now depleted, focused mainly on providing support for undocumented immigrants. The workers have expanded their coalition, and their demands, so that freelancers, self-employed workers and former inmates would be included in the assistance as well.

Assembly Member Karines Reyes, who introduced the budget proposal, told the crowd at the Jan. 11 rally that the program would cover "every single person in New York State that is a non-traditional employee."

"We're fighting for a permanent solution for our workforce," Reyes continued, "and they will not touch this if we don't get it in the budget, so we need to make sure that we are turning up the heat."

State Senator Jessica Ramos, the item's sponsor in that chamber, said the effort would be "a three-month long fight."

"We want this in the budget April 1st," she said. "We want the Unemployment Bridge Program on the desk of Governor Hochul.

'Terms of life and death'

The unemployment bridge program would provide \$1,200 a month, the average state rate for unemploy-



A coalition of labor, immigrant and local community groups, along with elected officials, rallied on the East River waterfront last week to in support of a statesponsored program that would offer unemployment insurance to about 750,000 workers not covered by federal benefits. The \$500 million Unemployment Bridge Program would provide unemployment to undocumented immigrants, freelancers and recently incarcerated people.

ing workers. Those eligible for the assistance under this program must make less than the state's median income, which is currently \$56,000.

Recently released inmates and prisoners re-entering the labor force would also be eligible. The unemployment rate for most groups eligible for the unemployment bridge program hovers around 6 percent, but 70 percent of workers recently released from prison are without jobs.

All told, around 750,000 New Yorkers could be eligible for the benefits, according to estimates from the Immigration Research Initiative.

ment insurance, for 30,000 qualify- though the \$500 million is only during the pandemic but weren't enough to fund the first year of the program, and will only be able to cover a fraction of those ultimately eligible for the program if unemployment worsens.

> "These are terms of life and death," Andrès Garcia, co-executive director of the Staten Island Immigrant Center told The Chief following the rally. "It's the fear of wondering whether you are going to be able to keep your home or not," he continued. "It's the difference between knowing that you're going to be able to feed your kids even if you do happen to go through a job loss, which so many New Yorkers did

able to get any support regardless."

Would help freelancers

The 180,000 eligible freelancers for the Bridge program include artists, photographers, writers, audio producers, street vendors and some taxi drivers which represents the largest group of eligible workers that wasn't covered by the initial excluded workers' fund.

Eric Thurm, an organizer with the Freelance Solidarity Project, said at the rally that his organization was elated to join the fight to create "a basic safety net for people who are too often left out of the conversation and denied some of the already limited benefits and respect we get.

Thurm, also a campaign coordinator for the National Writers Union, said that "a lot of our bosses and some politicians try and claim that freelancers are not really workers, but not only do we perform many of the same tasks once done by salaried employees, we're the people left holding the bag when companies cut corners, and we do

that work with even fewer protections than salaried employees.'

Hochul has yet to comment on the effort. During her State of the State address earlier this month, the governor signaled her support for linking an increase in the state's minimum wage to inflation increases, for which Ramos and several of the groups rallying last week have also advocated.

In December, however, Hochul vetoed the Freelance Isn't Free Act, which would have given freelancers protections from wage theft by mandating that employers provide contracts and ensured that the state would help workers recoup unpaid

"We need to do the structural work of matching our state's unemployment system to the realities of the labor force," Ramos said in a statement. "The Unemployment Bridge Project is an update that aims to create a 21st-century safety net to match our 21st-century workforce.'

The Fund Excluded Workers coalition will hold several similar events in Long Island and in upstate New York this week.

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State Senator Jessica Ramos

BUDGET: Labor negotiations will be test for mayor's spending plan

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and we're going to be as fair and fiscally responsible as possible."

But Henry Garrido, District Council 37's executive director, suggested that "it's going to be really hard" for the city to negotiate a contract "that is fair for the workers who have sacrificed so much and deserve an award of gratitude not just by words but at the bargaining table."

But neither is he convinced that the city's budget woes are as pronounced as those reflected in the budget or that the city can't make good, even very good, for workers who imperiled themselves and their families while working through the pandemic's darkest days.

"Every year that I've been here, even before I was head of the union, it's been anticipated the city would end with a deficit" but instead concluded with a surplus, Garrido said he said. in an interview the day after the tentative budget's release.

pointed to increased property-tax revenue forecasts and said that other income streams, such as from the duction might mean."

city's expanded speed-camera program, have exceeded expectations. 'So, I am encouraged to see that the reality has been slightly different than the projection," he said.

In any case, Garrido, alluding to the mayor's stated support for civil servants, said, "if you care about an issue ... you want to make sure that issue is funded.'

And carving out fair contracts is also essential if city services are going to function like they need to, he argued. But the increasing number of vacancies, which he attributed in some part to low salaries, in municipal departments is compromising that mission.

The city, he said, is being out-recruited by the private sector, where even fast-food and other retailers are offering starting wages eclipsing those offered by the city. "It's going to be hard to recruit from that."

"There's a cause and effect, a whole ecosystem where ultimately For evidence, for instance, he services are going to be hurt," he said. "It's not just about headcount reduction, but about what that re-

as the budget plan, the city's Office of Management and Budget noted that not hiring for just over 4,300 vacant positions this fiscal year, as outlined by the mayor's "Vacancy Reduction Initiative" saved \$181 million. Not hiring for a similar number of vacancies in the upcoming fiscal year will save \$350 million, the OMB said.

Lander: Budget 'meanders'

Vacancies across city agencies already number about 23,000, the OMB report noted. There were just over 21,000 as of last August, State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli's office reported in November.

November, mandated that all city agencies, except those with uniformed and pedagogical titles and those that support mayoral priorities, would have to cut the number

In a report released the same day of vacancies they could fill by 50 percent. The OMB's summary said the initiative "promotes efficiency, generates annual savings, and has no impact on service delivery or health and safety."

But, much like Garrido, City Comptroller Brad Lander said the personnel cuts could also prove harmful. "The Mayor appropriately asked agencies to find savings opportunities, yet sweeping cuts to vacant positions may come at the cost of hiring in mission-critical functions" Lander said in a statement on the mayor's plan. "Responsible budgeting for NYC's future does not mean cutting services that New Yorkers rely on."

eported in November.

The initiative, announced in New York" roadmap released by Adams and Governor Kathy Hochul in May that envisioned vibrancy and growth, said the mayor's spending plan, "rather than making investments upstream as that plan

envisioned ... meanders with little direction.

The mayor, anticipating the tenor of that critique, called it unduly pessimistic, and noted that there were still 23,000 open positions, many for what he termed "critical roles," for which the city would be hiring. "In this budget, we are limiting spending," Adams said.

He rejected the notion that the city would be squeezing its workforce.

"It's not more with less.... We have to do better than what we have," he said during the press briefing. "We believe there were real savings, and we see that and I think that it is unfair to say that every day, civil servants have not been producing a quality product and they're going to continue to do so."

How much it costs the city to keep those assurances will come in for significant tests in the coming

Oral history of Rikers Island shines light on city failures

BY JEFF ROWE

How do blades get in? The same way drugs, phones and weapons infiltrate — visitors, incoming inmates and friendly guards. Gangs often emerge as the governance inside.

Rats, mice and roaches infest the place. The smells of vomit, body odor, urine and feces are pervasive. Medical care is uneven at best.

The mentally ill — estimated to be 40 percent of the jail population — suffer the most, preyed on by the stronger inmates and often relegated to solitary confinement.

"Rikers: An Oral History," by Chief reporter Reuven Blau (Ran-

and groups who work with those of a failed institution. The city had incarcerated at Rikers. Some held said it plans to close the facility by there plead guilty, even if they are innocent, just to get out of the nightmare, said Soffiyah Elijah, inal thinking on what to do with executive director of the Alliance of Families for Justice.

Staff, up to and including wardens, offer some of the most compelling critiques.

A corrections officer — the authors say those staffers hate the missing in action. term "guard" — said he beat an inthe toilet while holding the inmate's head in the bowl — all because the inmate "disrespected" him.

At 425 pages, the sheer number of voices in the book sometimes Graham Rayman and former become repetitive and the speakers sometimes are incoherent. dom House), presents the experi- Nonetheless, the assembly of testiences of inmates, staff, lawyers mony presents a powerful portrait again.'

Will the book foster some origpeople arrested, awaiting trial, unable to raise bail, serving sentences for relatively minor crimes or convicted of serious crimes and not yet transferred to state prison?

Political will certainly seems

Perhaps the most telling conmate for an hour, including flushing clusion, and call to action, comes early on in the book: No one comes out of Rikers better than they en-

> 'You internalize the dehumanization (and) that's how you treat other people," said Eddie Rosario, who spent part of 1990 at Rikers. "You're never the same person



Mayor Eric Adams led the Jan. 1, 2022, roll call at the 103rd NYPD Precinct in Queens. Administration officials are in arbitration with the 24,000-member Police Benevolent Association regarding a new contract. With most of the city's collective bargaining agreements expired or expiring, the newest deals - and how well they are accepted by the rank and file — will go a long way to suggesting whether city negotiations with other unions will be fractious and prolonged or cordial and punctual.

Educators accused of bogus vax proof back in classrooms

Judge: DOE skirted contract's disciplinary requirements

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Thirty city public school employees accused last spring of submitting fraudulent Covid vaccine cards received return-to-service letters Jan. 11 after a state Supreme Court judge ordered that they must be allowed back in the classroom.

The educators, who are tenured and were named in a lawsuit seeking their reinstatement, are among the 82 Department of Education employees who were placed on leave without pay last April for allegedly failing to comply with the vaccine mandate established for city schools employees in the fall of 2021

The United Federation of Teachers argued that the city violated its collective bargaining agreement by disciplining its members without first holding due process hearings. An arbitrator agreed, ruling last June that the DOE did not have the right to place the accused educators on unpaid leave without first allowing them to appeal.

UFT: DOE 'had no authority'

The DOE sent a memo to the staffers informing them that they would start being paid again once school started in September, but that they would not return to the classroom. A lawsuit naming 30 of the educators sought their reinstatement to their previous classroom positions, as well as back pay. The teachers argued in the suit that their placement in a reassignment center — better known as a "rubber room" — without first having a disciplinary hear-

ing was "capricious and arbitrary." Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Gina Abadi agreed, stating in her Dec. 30 decision that the DOE "cannot skirt the disciplinary requirements by claiming that petitioners failed to meet a condition of employment in failing or refusing to be

She acknowledged that the courts have permitted city employees to be fired or placed on unpaid leave for failing to meet Covid vaccine mandates without first facing due process hearings. "However, this matter does not involve a situation where petitioners' failure or refusal to comply with the vaccine mandate order is at issue. Instead, petitioners maintain that they have, in fact, complied with the mandate and that the allegations are false," Abadi concluded.

The judge also prohibited the DOE from further placing employees in reassignment centers or on unpaid leave without first holding due process hearings and ordered that the workers receive back pay.

Their union applauded the decision. "The UFT's position is that the DOE had no authority to place members on unpaid leave based on unproven allegations," a spokesperson for the union said.

The 30 educators named in the lawsuit were able to return to the classroom last week, the UFT said in an email. "We are continuing to work with the Department of Education on the return to service for other affected UFT members," the union said.

A city Law Department spokesperson told the New York Post, which first reported the decision, that it was reviewing "this disappointing decision and considering our options."

The 82 educators reportedly obtained fake vaccination cards from Wild Child Pediatric Healthcare in Amityville, Long Island, where the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office alleged that two nurses made \$1.5 million selling thousands of phony vaccine cards.

The Special Commissioner of Investigation for the New York City School District provided the DOE with a list of employees who were 'implicated" in a "fraudulent vaccination operation" probe, according to the decision. The investigation is



Michael Appleton/Mayoral Photography Office

A Brooklyn Supreme Court justice ruled that the Department of Education violated the due process protections of 30 tenured educators accused of submitting fake proof of Covid vaccination. The educators, who were placed on unpaid leave last spring then returned to the DOE payroll in September, received memos Jan. 11 allowing their return to the classroom, according to the United Federation of Teachers.

TWITTER: Cleaners fired

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medication and paying my doctors." Twitter, bought in October by billionaire business magnate Elon Musk, alerted Flagship of the termination of their service in a short letter that said nothing about funo information about replacing the workers. "We regret to inform you that Twitter has decided to terminate NYC Janitorial services," the letter to Flagship says, "effective immediately December 19th, 2022."

The offices, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, house just Twitter. The company's bird logo adorns the front entrance.

Pattern of layoffs

All of the cleaners at Twitter's headquarters in San Francisco were terminated on Dec. 2 without warning and the following week they too protested outside of the offices. Musk was at the time living at the offices and had demanded that many other employees do the same and work late into the night.

After the firings, San Francisco City Attorney David Chiu said he would investigate whether the layoffs were illegal, given a city law that mandates employees retain workers for at least 90 days when switching contractors. "Elon Musk has had a long history of flouting labor laws," Chiu told local media outlets.

A similar law exists in New York City though it is unclear if Twitter broke the law, and neither 32BJ nor the city have taken any legal action back," she said. as of yet. It's also unknown if Twitter has hired a new contractor to clean the Chelsea office.

Since he completed his takeover of the social media giant in October, Musk, one of the richest people in the world, has fired more than 50 percent of Twitter's staff, most of whom held high-earning corporate and tech positions.

Neither Twitter nor Flagship ture cleaning plans and contained Facility Services responded to requests for comment. Flagship employs workers in many different industries including culinary, janitorial and maintenance work.

'Twitter's decision to cancel the cleaning contract for its NYC office has upended the lives of these dedicated cleaners, many of whom have worked at this location since Twitter moved in seven years ago. NYC's essential cleaners have done too much for this city to be treated like this," Denis Johnston, 32BJ SEIU's executive vice president, said in a statement.

"They put their lives on the line to keep workers and the public safe throughout the pandemic and are essential to the city's economic recovery in the aftermath of the pandemic," Johnston said. "These union members and their families now face extreme hardship because of the loss of their good paying jobs with quality health insurance.

Calderon said that prior to her termination, several Twitter employees approached her during a shift and told her how much they appreciate her work and how they hoped she could keep working there. Calderon and her colleagues aren't giving up on working in Twitter's office though, "we're going to keep fighting until we get our jobs

"We're here," she said. "And we're going to try to get our jobs and our health care back.'

Plumbers' union says DOB is lax on gas inspections

Local 1 files suit, claims department OKs work by unlicensed laborers

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The city Department of Buildings is jeopardizing residents' safety by condoning the installation of gas lines by unlicensed plumbers and other workers, a lawsuit by the plumbers union is alleging.

Plumbers Local 1's action says that the union has been alerting the DOB to "substantial and troubling evidence of wholesale non-compliance" with city laws. The union also claims to have possible evidence of laborers' forged licenses and other sham records.

The suit, filed in Manhattan Supreme Court last month, alleges that the DOB "willfully refuses to enforce gas and welder qualification requirements that ensure that only the most well-trained, competent welders perform dangerous gas pipe welding and installation" in city buildings. Some of those requirements were enacted following deadly gas explosions in Harlem in 2014 and in the East Village

A city statute enacted in 2020 mandates that gas work must be performed by or directly supervised by persons who hold proper licenses and have requisite qualifications. The suit contends that the DOB has "demonstrated hostility" to the qualification requirements and has not enforced them.

'We're not detectives'

The Article 78 proceeding contends that the DOB has approved hundreds of gas authorization requests without documentation that qualified and certified welders performed the work.

The department "also routinely approves gas requests when its own records conclusively demonstrate that the welder identified as having performed the work does not possess a legally required gas qualification or appropriate welder's certification," the suit says.

According to an affidavit by a paralegal, a DOB chief admitted that the department does not



A two-alarm explosion a year ago on Fox Street in the Bronx attributed to leaking gas killed one person and injured several, including five NYPD officers. The blast, which leveled a three-story home and led to the demolition of four other buildings, has been cited in a suit by the plumbers union alleging that the Department of Buildings is lax in enforcing gas-work mandates.

documentation. "We're not detectives," the chief told the paralegal.

According to the DOB, it is up to licensed master plumbers to ensure that workers are properly qualified.

The safety of our fellow New Yorkers is our highest priority, which is why New York City has among the most stringent gas safety requirements anywhere in the Country. DOB only issues permits for gas-related work to Licensed Master Plumbers. These plumbers are legally responsible to ensure that the permitted gas work is performed by themselves or by qualified individuals under their direct and continued supervision," Andrew Rudansky, a DOB spokesperson, said in a statement.

'New and modified gas piping work undergoes inspections and pressure testing in the presence of a DOB inspector prior to gas service being authorized," he add-

The suit argues that the department's disregard of city law and of its own rules and regulations have "created a public safety time bomb." Without implicating the DOB, it cites gas-related explosions that destroyed residential buildings in the Bronx and Brooklyn since December 2021 that

have injured residents and first

check whether contractors per-responders. One of those, which forming gas work submit required leveled a three-story home and led to the demolition of four others, killed a 79-year-old resident.

Among the buildings where the union contends unqualified workers recently performed gas work are the Ritz-Carlton New York, NoMad, on West 28th Street; an all-girls school on the Upper East Side; and large residential towers, including a 35-story luxury development under construction in Murray Hill. The department's disinclination to enforce rules about who does gas welding work and its de facto OK of what the suit calls "rogue contractors" penalizes Local 1's "highly trained and competent members," the suit goes on to

Plumbers Local 1's Trade Education Fund operates a training center in Queens, jointly managed with the Association of Contracting Plumbers of the City of New York. It conducts a five-year apprenticeship program, as well as journeyman training and certification courses, and several DOB-approved certification train-

According to the union, a gas pipe welder employed by a union contractor is paid a wage and benefit package worth about \$114 an hour while a non-union welder is paid about \$60 with no benefits.



COMMENTARY

BEN AUGUST

RICHARD KHAVKINE

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Compromise on Medicare

TO THE EDITOR:

I've done some research on the proposed changes to retiree health insurissue is overall very complicated but its simplicity lies in the undeniable fact that the cost of health care, like everything else, has risen. For municipal active employees and retirees this means that we have to accept that we will have to do our part and try to mitigate these increases in a way that ensures that individuals in both categories continue to get health coverage.

If I remember correctly, some years ago during a contract negotiation, the city and unions agreed to work towards cost-saving measures in relation to health care. The time to do that has now arrived in earnest and can no longer be pushed to a faraway future date.

It would be immensely more productive for the city and the unions to come to some sort of compromise. Otherwise, they'll be civil war between the labor factions: active and retired. Active employees are (rightly) concerned with pay increases and the stabilization of the current health care choices that include no-cost plans and retirees are for an option that up to now has been available to them free of charge.

There will need to be compromises on both sides made so that we don't experience Mayor Eric Adams's "nuclear option" which I believe is bad for everyone, the city included. No one wants a smaller raise and increased health care coverage; Aetna doesn't have to be the end-all, be-all for Medicare retirees; there can continue to be other choices.

We (Labor) agreed to find these savings and the logical step now will be to negotiate with the city on their impact. in global warming and extreme weath-It doesn't have to be all or nothing for either labor or the city and there is still time for this to be a win-win for both

Wanda Peakes

Lies and consequences?

TO THE EDITOR:

ery show with "Good night, Mrs. Calabash wherever you are." I think Con- been welcomed. This is our "harvest of gressman Hakeem Jeffries, the House empire" and our "harvest of shame." minority leader, should close out every congressional work day with, "Good night, George Santos, whoever you are."

My uncle, a salesman, used to joke: "Never tell the truth when a lie will do as well." George Santos goes beyond that and tells lies even when lies won't do as well as the truth. He's such a consistent, compulsive liar that he must search for the truth in order to say the opposite.

Santos has to be a sick man since it must have been obvious to him that his lies were so outrageous and easy to debunk that the truth was certain to come out. He lied about his high school, he lied about his college, he lied about being a champion volleyball player, he lied about working for Goldman Sachs and Citigroup, and he lied about founding an animal charity. He divorced a woman in Queens, but says he's gay and has a husband on Long Island, but no one has seen his husband or found a record of his marriage. He said his mother's death was related to the 9/11 attack, but in 2021 he said it was the 5th anniversary of his mother's death.

He has said he is a Roman Catholic, and he has said he is Jewish. He said his grandparents survived the Holocaust, but records show that both of his maternal grandparents were born in

Clearly, George Santos is a sick person who has no control over his brain

He will be a living, breathing joke as long as Kevin McCarthy, the House speaker, protects him from expulsion from the House. The Republican Party is becoming, in the words of the late Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist, John Kennedy Toole, "A Confederacy of Dunces." But Toole's New Orleans was fun; the GOP is far from fun, and is a dangerous threat to our nation.

Michael J. Gorman

'Harvest of shame'

TO THE EDITOR:

Since March 2020 the United States has used Trump's Title 42, a Covid ance and the debate it has sparked. This health measure, to expel migrants 2.5 million times. Its real purpose has been to prevent immigrants from exercising their legal and human rights to apply for asylum at the Southern border. The UN has warned that this misused pandemic policy violates international refugee laws and protections. Thousands of individuals and families have been forced back into Mexico where they face harsh and dangerous conditions.

> On Dec. 21st, the Biden administration finally agreed to end Title 42. The Supreme Court, however, intervened and the President then chose to expand the policy to block Venezuelans, Haitians, Cubans and Nicaraguans from applying at the border for asylum.

Neither our political leaders nor the mainstream media discuss the role of the United States in helping to create the very migrant crisis that both political parties have repeatedly failed to address. Lies, half-truths, misconceptions and myths result in the "destruction of historical memory.'

American foreign policy for decades (rightly) concerned with having to pay has made life extremely difficult for millions of people in the Southern hemisphere. We have intervened, militarily and covertly, to overthrow democratic left-wing governments while supporting brutal, corporate-friendly right-wing dictatorships. Sanctions and blockades have been implemented against left-wing authoritarian governcosts or to pay \$191 for previously free ments but not to the ones that are rightwing authoritarian. This economic warfare has failed at regime change but been successful in causing devastating hardships for civilian populations.

There is our large carbon footprint er that has adversely impacted rural farm populations. Also, the deportation of gang members to Central American countries has contributed to the destabilization of their governments.

All these factors (and recent events such as the pandemic, the war in Ukraine, supply-chain disruptions and inflation) have been significant in driving millions of Latin Americans from their homes to seek asylum at the Southern border. The refugees have not

Howard Elterman

They don't need a union

TO THE EDITOR:

Don't shed any tears for how much your State Senator or Assembly member will now earn. State employees earn between \$28,000 to \$102,500, averaging \$54,500. They have to show up for work full time year around. No time to hold down a second job.

Contrast this with the recent pay raise of \$32,000 for members of the State Legislature. This raised their annual base pay from \$110,000 to \$142,000. Adding insult to injury, they earn double or more than what the average constituent does for a part time job.

They also have day-to-day meal accounts along with reimbursement for overnight hotel, travel to and from Albany and other perks ordinary citizens can only dream about. When legislative sessions take place, they run Tuesday to Thursday. Most weeks Albany is closed. This affords many the opportunity to hold down a second job practicing law or some other profession.

The legislature was in session just 62 days between Jan. 5 to June 4, 2022. They found the time to return for one day, in December, to vote themselves a pay raise. No time to deal with modifications to recent bail reform laws, which have had an impact in growing crime.

There is no draft to serve. Members voluntarily ran for public office fully aware of the hours and perks. If they don't like the compensation, they should resign and try working for a living like their constituents. There are millions of New Yorkers who are just as qualified and would love to hold legislative office.

Larry Penner



A worker shoveled dirt from under the street pavement while repairing a steam pipe in Manhattan.

WAKE-UP CALL

Building Carlos' Law

BY RON ISAAC

Remember that historic photo, one of the most popular postcard keepsakes for tourists, of the laborers snacking on a narrow girder suspended high in the air, seemingly above the clouds, during the construction of the Empire State Building?

Well, it was during the Depression and that's what those guys signed up for.

New York City construction workers know that their line of work has the highest rate of job-related sudden death. The perils are built-in and to an extent unavoidable. They are implicit enough without their needing to be amplified by the explicit callousness and forced errors of their employers.

On average, one is killed every week. Productive men and women. Not managers.

Prior to enactment, Carlos' Law languished around the legislature in Albany for years. Finally it has gone into effect. If seriously enforced, it is a monumental achievement, but it's gotten little publicity.

On the talk-radio stations, we're blitzed by an obnoxious jingle, (suitable for enhanced interrogation of terrorists), about car donations with no specific lowdown about the alleged charity; a cancer doctor, monopoliz- per 33,000 fatalities. ing the airwaves, with entrepreneurial wizardry, perennially to dawn, his alternative to "su-"servings" of dozens of fruits and veggies compressed into a compressed capsule for "preferred" customers.

But not much traction for a story about a major triumph for workers.

Carlos' Law increases the price that corporations must pay for criminal liability. The New York State Penal Law now calls for \$300,000 for a misdemeanor and a half-million for

Will penalties correspond to iniuries? Will investigations be impartial and tamper-proof? Will victims, their families or estates be "made whole"? By whom and within what time frame?

Welders, crane operators, iron workers and every other title of laborer on a construction site are literally the builders of the city. They are the oxygen of its revival.

But the city is culturally enamored of big builders and contractors. Unless the optics are beyond repair and the shock resonates in the media, it's likely the law enforcers will go easy on most corporate violators.

Construction sites are minefields. Even scaffolding and sidewalk sheds are occupational hazards. And until Carlos' Law, the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) was little more than a hole-riddled umbrella for workers exposed to the rain of abuses.

The new law is named for Carlos Moncayo, who in 2015 was crushed to death under tons of dirt when an unprotected trench collapsed after the site's supervisor and foreman had been warned multiple times by an inspector.

rectly took Moncayo's life was convicted of criminally negligent homicide and paid his debt to society: probation and community service. The supervisor's employer was found guilty of second-degree manslaughter and other crimes: he was slapped with a \$10,000 fine, presumably not tax deductible.

Former Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr said "A \$10,000 fine is but a rounding error in a multi-million dollar building contract."

What are the occupational hazards of corporate boardrooms? Being deafened by eavesdropping devices, tripping over trap doors down the stone stairs to where the skeletons of whistleblowers are hidden, open mics, glitches in non-disclosure agreements, dysfunctional

Keurig machines? And what draconian injuries: wounded pride from making a petite concession to their employees?

Since OSHA was enacted, there have been over 400,000 workplace fatalities. According to the narrative accompanying the legislation, fewer than 80 of them led to prosecutions and just a dozen employers were convicted.

That's a ratio of 1 conviction

In 2021, around 200 workers suffered severe falls, some ocplugging across the dial, dusk curring after "stop work" orders were ignored by "rogue per-pooper hospitals; or about developers and nefarious operators," as Michael Hellstrom of the Mason Tenders District Council generously calls them.

It's not worth dignifying, or trying to convince anybody not already aware that labor unions are mostly abhorred by employers. Some employers, as a practical strategy, try to live in harmony with unions because they have no choice than to put up with them.

But they are always about the "bottom line" and union wages and benefits are obstacles to their coveted divine right of unlimited profit.

Almost four-fifths of private construction in New York is reportedly done with predominantly non-union laborers, at "open-shop" sites that allow contractors to save 30 percent of costs.

The Economic Policy Institute notes that "union construction workers earned an average 40 percent more than their nonunion workers." And non-union work sites, which are less rigorously inspected, represented 86 percent of construction deaths in New York, according to the New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health.

Ever-diligent promoters of corporate greed often cloak their hard line with the soft stifling pillow of false assurances.

Louis Colletti, president and CEO of the New York Building Trades Employers' Association, opposed Carlos' Law because of its "punitive effect" — the boosting of insurance liability rates and purported stroking of a recession. Compared with insurance costs per square footage in other states, New York's "astronomical and out of line," he's claimed. He fears this

The site supervisor who indiaggravates New York's housing shortage, affordability crisis and market downturn.

Cloaking themselves in the mantle of social equity, (they have multi-purpose mantles in their wardrobe), many within the business community have expressed anxiety that the tightened mandates of Carlos' Law may disproportionately harm minority and women-owned small businesses.

That's the "crocodile anxiety" version of crocodile tears.

Mr. Colletti proposed some "minor changes" to the legis-lation. He favored making the fines a ceiling, not a floor.

Call me sentimental, but I don't think we should cap the value of a human life or the financial embarrassment of minimizing it.

He further wishes the law would "clearly define the standard of culpability within the law as criminal recklessness.' Would that include thumbing their corporate nose at a "stop work" order?

And he urges a focus on the exact meaning of "serious injury." Does that mean that the classification of two broken hips and a shattered pelvis could still be accommodated into a more employer-friendly standard?

Prosecutions of corporate lawbreaking directly linked to employee injuries should be swift. consistent and harsh. Individshould be personally liable, even to the point of incarceration.

"If you can't do the time, don't do the crime," we admonish our restless youth. To our corporate friends, this caveat: "If you can't pay the price, don't do the vice.'

The event that led to Carlos' Law would be a footnote in the government's archives of unfortunate incidents, if it got even that much traction, were it not for labor unions. They are the spearheads of progress.

According to a Gallup poll from a few months ago, 71 percent of Americans approve of labor unions. The National Labor Relations Board reported that during the 2021-2022 fiscal year, petitions for union representation rose by 53 percent. And the AFL-CIO Central Labor Council notes that a "survey of non-union skilled and hourly workers revealed 70 percent of those workers would join a union at their current job, and about 40 percent said they were more likely to do so today than they were just three years ago."

No elected official merits guaranteed permanent endorsement. It must be continually and unflaggingly re-earned.

But with Carlos' Law, and her signature on additional legislation that establishes, according to the Cortland Voice, "a registration system for contractors and subcontractors engaged in public work and covered private projects," New York's Governor Kathy Hochul has taken bold steps to solidify support.

The blood of Carlos Moncayo courses through all workers for whom, no less than a soldier lost in a battle for freedom, he made the supreme sacrifice. He was an undocumented immigrant whose living legacy is now documented in law.

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COMMENTARY

A federal receiver in disguise

BY MARC BULLARO

A year ago Louis Molina came to the New York City Department of Correction as the commissioner and friend of the correction unions.

In published letters to The Chief, I celebrated Molina's appointment and lauded him as the personification of hope for correction officers and detainees.

However, his focus quickly changed to self-preservation and replacing uniformed bosses with civilians. In July, he replaced two uniformed chiefs with civilian deputy commissioners. The move did not reduce detainee violence or deaths; in fact, 2022 ended with more of each. making it one of the most violent and deadliest years for the incarcerated in city custody in decades.

Molina is now planning to hire five civilian "facility supervisors" to replace the uniformed wardens. This is in violation of the New York City Administrative Code section 9-117-b-1. which requires DOC wardens to be promoted from within the uniformed ranks. However, the DOC asked U.S. District Court Chief Judge Laura Taylor Swain, who oversees the 2016

Nunez consent judgment addressing violence inside Rik- come the de facto federal reers, to issue a court order for ceiver and secured his job for the hiring. That order was issued in December and supersedes the administrative code provision

In addition, deputy wardens who historically have headed the programs discipline in each facility have been removed and replaced with captains. I speculate civilians will eventually replace the captains. A federal monitor's report has recommended replacing deputy wardens, assistant deputy wardens and captains with civilians from outside the agency, arguing that DOC supervisors lack the "robust supervision" necessary to gain consent judgment.

I assert this civilianization is being done for two reasons, first to appease the federal monitor Steve Martin, who has lambasted DOC's uniformed force in his reports to the U.S. District Court, and secondly to avoid a federal receivership by simply doing the things a receiver would do, that is, civilianize and disregard collective bargaining agreements.

Martin is making Molina offers he can't refuse.

As a result, Molina has benow. Next, I speculate he will attempt to take away the contractual unlimited sick leave negotiated by the uniformed force. I believe Molina is delivering a significant blow to the unions.

Moreover, he will not solve the major problems in city jails. In 2022, with an incarcerated population of 6,000, there were about 500 slashings and 19 detainee deaths, among them six suicides. In 2009, under the leadership of then-Commissioner Martin Horn, with an incarcerated population of about 13,000, more than double that of 2022, there were 21 slashings compliance with the Nunez and 18 detainee deaths with zero suicides.

Since 2014, the uniformed force has been demoralized, demonized, debased and forced to endure a modern day form of pillory as a result of the public scorn and condemnation by former DOC commissioners, City Council members, fringe politicians and the federal monitor who, I submit, has lost all credibility with the uniformed force and does not represent the United States District Court well.

By repeatedly scapegoat-



Courtesy of NYC Department of Correction

Department of Correction Commissioner Louis Molina

ing and gaslighting the uniformed force, Martin has alienated the majority of the agency. If the court wants to appear fair in its administration of justice, the monitor must be replaced by someone that is objective and unbiased toward the uniformed force.

Civilianizing uniformed positions is what Martin

wants and what a receiver would do. Yet, it will not reduce gang violence, will not prevent detainee suicides or overdoses, and will not make the jails safer.

It is the deus ex machina that secures the multi-million dollar payday for Martin and his monitoring team.

Further, pursuing civil-

ianization and disregarding collective bargaining agreements allows Louis Molina to remain the de facto federal receiver, masquerading as the commissioner.

Bullaro is a retired assistant deputy warden with the New York City Correction Depart-

'Which side are you on?'

DEAR COUNCIL SPEAKER ADRIENNE ADAMS.

In recent emails with your office I was told that you were looking forward to listening to the debate about whether or not to amend Administrative Code 12-126, which, if passed, would permit the city to bill retirees for some of their health insurance.

I was told that despite all the months of emails and phone calls from your constituents (both in-district and citywide), after all the press coverage of the huge community opposition to amending the code, after all the pressure and spin from Mayor Eric Adams and the Municipal Labor Committee, that vou were still undecided: that you were looking forward to learning from all of the stakeholders at the Civil Service and Labor Committee's public hearing on Jan. 9, and that you would use that event to inform your decision.

And, you suggested that I take the opportunity to attend the hearing so that my voice might be heard among all the others, to help you reach a decision. That was a good suggestion, so I attended the hearing — for all 11 hours — and was happy to see that you were there also.

So, did you learn anything on Monday? Did you listen to the testimony of the hundreds of retirees and active municipal employees who came to the hearing? Have you read any of the hundreds, if not thousands, of written testimonies that were submitted online? Did you hear the overwhelming number of pleas, from your most vulnerable and engaged constituents, to leave 12-126 alone?

Did you hear the current and former union presidents who oppose the well-connected "boys club" of MLC leadership?

Did you listen to PSC-CUNY President James Davis, and to the panel of CUNY professors who made a clear and concise analysis of the harmful consequences of amending 12-126? Did you listen to their suggestions about the short-term ways to find health benefit savings while long-term solutions are sought?

Did you listen to the brilliant, retired civil servants

backs of workers.



Emil Cohen/NYC Council Media Unit

City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams during the Jan. 9 hearing of the Council's Civil Service and Labor Committee.

from city government who people" are us. shared their expertise and insights about the fear-mongering and disinformation around here is the elite MLC tactics that are being used by the Office of Labor Relations Nespoli et al). and the MLC to force the City

Council into a box? Did you listen to the testimony of Wendell Potter, recovering Big Insurance VP, who told you about the or, some of our gaslighting deceitful, rapacious, tactics of profiteering insurance soulless lawyers from OLR companies who market their are using to obscure what products, with lies, to improve their bottom line?

Did you hear the deflections, delays, obfuscations, and excuses of the OLR lawyers who the asses of a boys club of were asked to provide the Aetna contract to you?

Did you hear the compelling personal stories of the municipal retirees who told you that — forget about monsaved from themselves (as Henry Garrido, Michael Mulgrew, Harry Nespoli & Co. spin the debate). No, "those

to lose is the power of the law, stripped from their hands, and placed into those of a few self-interested union bosses and politicians? "Those people" aren't afraid of change, as the patronizing lawyers not a small group of confused

the exact same thing! 'Choice' is the red herring being used to But health benefits for NYC obscure what this issue is all about: Cutting employee health care to save money on the

The only rump group

of confused malcontents boys club (Mulgrew, Garrido,

Here's a question: When are we going to stop pretending that this is about choice? "Choice" is the red herring that our gaslighting mayunion presidents, and the this issue is all about: Cutting employee health care to save money on the backs of its workers, and to save incredibly incompetent (or worse) union presidents who entered into the crappiest bargain of the century with old, the poor and the infirm their 2018 agreement — an agreement which funds city workers' wage increases with ey — what they cannot afford cuts to their health benefits, now and forever. We must break that cycle.

I know it's tough. None of us know how this will play out. It's not pointless, but it's beside the point to engage in exercises about what will from OLR would have you happen after a convoluted believe. "Those people" are series of hypothetical worstcase scenarios occur. The fact malcontents who need to be is, the city and the MLC are on exactly the same page. The mayor may very well try to strip away all but one health plan. With 12-126 intact, let him try! The MLC and OLR may very well decide to do

> municipal employees are a legally bound subject of collective bargaining. Neither the OLR or MLC can act without the other, but neither wants

to take the blame for the fallout that implementing their disastrous Medicare Advantage policy would surely incur. That's why they want the City Council to amend 12-126. It gives them cover. And it would give them the ability to make future health benefit changes without restraint in

Don't fall for it. You fell for the mayor's hollow assurances when you voted with him to cut public school budgets. Please don't be fooled again.

I actually think that it will be politically impossible for Mulgrew, Garrido, Nespoli et al to let the mayor unilaterally switch retirees' healthcare to a single plan, as long as 12-126 remains in place!

That is the lie they are hiding behind now, because they are too invested in their own spin to make a correction. They're doubling down. But they will be pressured to change course and support their members as long as they don't have the cover of avoiding blame that amending 12-126 would provide them. In the cold light of day, with 12-126 intact, they can't be seen, in the eyes of their membership, to be complicit with OLR in screwing the entire city workforce.

So which is it? You told me you were waiting to hear from the stakeholders before you make a decision. Now you have heard.

Which side are you on?

Sincerely, Bennett Fischer, Retired teacher (2018), UFT retiree advocate

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COMMENTARY

Deli man becomes House speaker

BY VINCENT SCALA

After 15 ballots and near fisticuffs on the floor of the House, Deli Man Kevin McCarthy won the Speakership. His "win," such as it was, didn't come without cost or consequence for his party or for the country. Of course, it goes without saying that the Senate and the White House won't go along with any of the nonsensical, stupid, juvenile bills the Mega MAGA Caucus passes. We shouldn't be surprised if the House passes a bill to criminalize abortion from the moment of conception (if not earlier if one of them can figure out a way to criminalize the procedure before pregnancy).

We won't be surprised if the "fiscally responsible" Congress members try to abolish the IRS (why enforce tax laws? It's so much easier to rail against critical race theory). They'll subpoena Jill Biden.

I hope the readers saw the way Congressman Andy Biggs (an allaround lunatic but actually quite mainstream in today's GOP) indicated that "Dr." Jill (he put quotes around her title; someone has to tell the gentleman from Arizona that a Ph.D. does in fact make someone a doctor) has been compromised. There will be the inevitable subpoena of Dr. Anthony Fauci (presumably no quotes there) for his handling of Covid early on.

I look forward to Fauci (now retired) humiliating the committee when he hopefully gives them a piece of his mind. There will be investigations into the FBI, the CIA and the IRS. There will be hearings at the border where the theatrics will be off the charts.

A country of 330 million with several thousand people trying to get in, while not a disaster to any sane person will be treated as if it were an invasion by the Axis pow-



Courtesy of U.S. Representative Kevin McCarthy

U.S. Representative Kevin McCarthy shortly after the November midterms.

more that we can't even imagine right now. I could mention the economic catastrophe when the House can't pass an increase in the debt ceiling without getting help from Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries and the Democrats. Are Marjorie Taylor Greene and other representatives who are holding McCarthy's speakership hostage going to take that one sitting down? I'll go out on a limb and bet NO.

Why then is this great news for the Democrats specifically and the left generally? It's great news because for the next two years, the American people will see first hand what happens when a gang of absolute lunatics take over the asylum. The gang of 20-plus who have castrated McCarthy and hold his speakership

ers during World War II. This and in their hands every single day to the point where he will be speaker in name only (albeit with one hell of a nice office) will almost on a daily basis show the critical American voters (young people, people of color, Hispanics, suburban women and virtually everyone else) what they are all about.

Biden and the Democrats need a foil and now they've got one, and a gift from the heavens at that. Biden will make reasonable proposals with respect to student loans, prescription drug pricing, taxes, jobs, manufacturing, clean energy, voting rights, immigration reform, infrastructure and the like and the MAGA Caucus will be moving to toss parents in jail when they're dealing with a trans child. The contrast will be just about that stark.

Let's not forget something in this whole calculation. Kevin McCarthy, who opened and ran a Bakersfield deli while in his early 20s, is not a chess player; he's barely a checkers player. He knows how to raise money and knows how to please his caucus with various goodies but he isn't strategic. Over four or five days earlier this month, he succumbed to every single demand of the 20 rabid animals who were denying him the post he so coveted.

He did it by simply capitulating to their demands. One he accepted was that any single one of them could move to "vacate the Chair." This means one of his members could move to terminate his speakership. If he doesn't kowtow and permit them to impeach Biden, imprison Jill, outlaw abortion, refuse to increase the debt ceiling or any other manner of insanity, he will face a challenge and those same 20 will deny him the 218 votes he needs.

This is the man who forfeited his first chance at the speakership when he stupidly admitted on national TV that the Benghazi hearings were all theater and performance and designed to hurt Hillary Clinton's chances.

Admittedly, we all knew that but he said it out loud which is a no-no when you're trying to show that you give a rat's ass about Benghazi. That little "faux pas" cost him the job for more than seven years. How do we think he'll handle all of this going forward?

Let's sit, get our popcorn and watch it all unfold. All I can say is that warning against the "inmates running the asylum" isn't as good as when they take over. The American people will have a front row seat and they'll reach their own conclusions. Who knows? Maybe the Deli Man will surprise us.

Ha. Just kidding.



Tax **Strategies** By Barry Lisak

Take care when choosing your tax preparer

IF YOU PAY SOMEONE to prepare your tax return, the IRS urges you to choose that preparer wisely. Taxpayers are legally responsible for what's on their tax return even if it is prepared by someone else. Currently, New York State has no licensing laws for tax preparers; anyone can "hang out a shingle" and set up shop as a tax preparer. Most return-preparers are professional, honest and provide excellent service to their clients. Here are a few points to keep in mind when choosing someone.

· Referrals. Ask everyone you can think of: family, friends, co-workers, business owners and financial advisors. Also, it will help to ask someone who has a similar income-tax situation to

· Check the preparer's qualifications. Ask if the preparer is affiliated with a professional organization that provides its members with continuing education and holds them to a code of ethics. Every year, tax attorneys, CPAs and IRS-enrolled agents (EAs), are mandated to complete continuing-education credits on the new income tax laws. Only these professionals can represent taxpayers before the IRS in all tax matters. Attorneys and CPAs are licensed by state agencies, while EAs are regulated by the federal government.

 Check on the preparer's history. Check with the Better Business Bureau to see if the preparer has a questionable history and check for any disciplinary actions and licensure status through the state boards of accountancy for certified public accountants, the state bar associations for attorneys, and the IRS Office of Professional Responsibility for en-

rolled agents. Find out about their fees. Prices for tax preparation will vary depending on how complex your tax return is. Some professionals charge by the hour or by the number of forms to be completed, or even a flat fee for all work. Run, don't walk, away from preparers who base their fees on a percentage of your refund.

· Accessible. Will your tax preparer be there for you in July when you get a letter from the IRS? If you're not sure, you'd better look for another one. A reputable tax professional will be readily available year-round to provide assistance.

 Provide all records. Most reputable preparers will request to see your records and receipts and will ask you multiple questions to determine your tax situation. If handling a complex tax situation, you should find a tax accountant who specializes in your situation.

• Never sign a blank return. Avoid tax-preparers that ask you to sign a blank tax form.

 Review the return before signing. Before you sign your tax return, review it and ask questions. Make sure you understand everything and are comfortable with the accuracy of the return before you sign it. Also, the preparer must also give you a copy of the return.

 Preparer signature and PTIN. All paid preparers must sign the return and include their Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) as required by law. Although the preparer signs the return, the taxpayer is responsible for the accuracy of every item on the return.

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The invisible working class

BY ROBERT OVETZ

Try as you might, it is nearly impossible to hear a politician of either major party talk about the working class. They all seem to prefer the term "middle class." While Democrats are especially keen to "expand the middle class," it's not clear who would be joining it because the working class doesn't seem to exist.

Take President Joe Biden's speech in a semiconductor factory last December. "When we grow it that way, the poor have a shot, the middle class do well, and the wealthy do very well," he said. There was no mention of the workers at the plant or anywhere.

Democrats prefer to replace workers with the "poor" as if to be a worker is to somehow be a failure. Doing this makes being a worker just about how much you get paid.

Disappearing the working class and replacing it with the middle class furthers the myth that we are not workers. The fact is that anyone who sells their labor for a wage or salary is a worker.

Anyone who sells their labor to survive and does not command or profit from someone else's labor is a worker who belongs to the working class, not the middle class. I am a worker because as a precarious untenured professor I sell my labor and have little control over my work other than what I teach about.

While some might want to call me middle class, I am part of the working class. My father, who survived the Holocaust and entered the U.S. as an undocumented immigrant, was a house painter and my mother worked as an administrative staff for the federal government.

What makes me part of the working class is not that I was born into a working class family but that I too must sell my labor to survive and do not control or profit from the labor

Although I have a Ph.D. and earn above the median income for the U.S., I am essentially an overeducated academic worker.

I am middle income, not middle

The supposedly "disappearing middle class" actually does not exist. What is disappearing is not the middle class but workers making a middle income.

Sociologists popularized the term middle class during the Cold War to direct attention away from the issue of class.

The very concept of class, whether you sell your labor, now means how much you make and even where you live, how much education you have and other characteristics we call "culture" such as how we speak, dress and behave. This is what is called "social class."



Adam Schultz/The White House

President Joe Biden following his Labor Day remarks at Milwaukee's Laborfest.

This subtle shift means class is no longer about capitalism but rather about income, identity, wealth, house and behavior.

Instead of class being decided by whether you sell your labor or profit from someone else's — the most important feature of capitalism class became just one of many types of oppression, one no more important than another.

It's no wonder then that the working class has become blurred with the poor. Since nobody wants to be poor, it is assumed that nobody wants to be in the working class.

During my lifetime, my fellow members of the working class don't think of themselves as part of the working class because it has come to mean failure. Since working class means you are poor everyone is suddenly middle class or hopes to join

That's how we became a supposed

"middle class society." While everyone is in the middle class, no one is in the ruling class

Those who own and run the economic system like a dictatorship become "entrepreneurs, "rich" or "elites" like the main character of the new TV show "wecrashed." We are daily inundated with relentless myths and propaganda that any one of us can join

them although very few do. Every semester I ask my students what class they are in now and where they expect to be 10 years

after they graduate from college. Nearly all of them say virtually the same thing.

Almost no one thinks they are in the working class now, although most of them earn very low wages. Nearly all of them are somewhere in the middle class, whether the 'lower" or "upper" middle class.

Far more students see themselves as rising up either within the middle class or to the "upper class." Very few expect to fall out of the middle class into the "lower class."

The youthful expectation of upward class mobility is contradicted by the stark reality that our wages and conditions of life have been getting worse with each passing generation. While my parents owned two houses during their lifetime, I can never afford one.

Like my students, we divide ourselves by our social class while missing the shared experience of being in the working class. The differences we see between us obscure the commonality — we are all workers who must sell our labor for different wages.

We each learn to see ourselves as disconnected individuals whose current predicament is our own or our family's making. Our situation is never the fault of the system of capitalism in which profits are produced by the exploitation of our la-

In the same speech, Biden assured us that "The middle class built the country, and unions built the middle class." Apparently, being in a union also means we somehow stop being a worker.

We should be asking why the "friends of labor" will try so hard to avoid using the words "worker" and "working class" and reduce unions to just a tool for turning workers into members of the middle class.

Rather than equating "working class" with failure, we can instead embrace how we are all interconnected by having to work to survive. Our connection through work is our source of power — to stop working by striking and bring the economy to a halt until things change.

Some make less or more money for their work because of unequal levels of power and status that are used to divide us by race, sex, gender, age, criminal record and other differences.

Celebrating these differences alone will not help us overcome how they are used to divide and weaken us. We need to begin with the reality that we are all differently woven together by the essential fact that we live in a capitalist society that forces us to work to survive.

That is why we are working class.

Robert Ovetz is editor of "Workers" Inquiry and Global Class Struggle," the author of "When Workers Shot Back" and of the new book, "We the Elites: Why the US Constitution Serves the Few." Follow him at @OvetzRobert.

Even as New York nurses return to work, more strikes could follow elsewhere

BY AMANDA SEITZ

Even as 7,000 nurses return to work at two of New York's busiest hospitals after a three-day strike, colleagues around the country say it's just a matter of time before frontline workers at other hospitals begin walking the picket line.

Problems are mounting at hospitals across the nation as they try to deal with widespread staffing shortages, overworked nurses beaten down by the pandemic and a busted pipeline of new nurses.

That's led to nurses juggling dangerously high caseloads, said Michelle Collins, dean at the college of nursing and health at Loyola University New Orleans.

"There's no place that's immune from what's happening with the nursing shortage," Collins said. "It's everywhere.'

Union leaders say the tentative contract agreement ending the strike by nurses at Mount Sinai Hospital and Montefiore Medical Center, each privately owned, nonprofit hospitals that hold over 1,000 beds in New York City, will relieve chronic short staffing and boost pay by 19 percent over three years.

The walkout, which ended Jan. 12, was just the latest dispute between nurses and their employers.

Last year, six unions representing a total of 32,000 nurses launched strikes outside of hospital systems around the country, according to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics. Those strikes represented about a quarter of all the major strikes in the U.S. last year, an increase from the year before.

Describing hospital environ-

ments where nurses are unable to take breaks because they are assigned too many patients — some of whom are pleading for care from frontline workers — the president of the American Nurses Association, Dr. Jennifer Mensik Kennedy. said some nurses may think their only option is to strike.

"Nurses don't feel like their voices have been heard with this exact topic," she told The Associated Press last week. "Nurses are now feeling like they need to strike. That could continue."

In California, nurse unions at two hospitals are likely to strike this year when their contract expires, said Peter Sidhu, the executive vice president of United Nurses Associations of California/Union of Health Care Professionals. Sidhu, who fields objections from nurses across the state who say their caseloads are unsafe, has received 7,000 such complaints in Los Angeles County hospitals since December. He said objections have at least doubled since before the pandemic began.

"What I've seen is that in areas where we've traditionally had good staffing, even they are getting bombarded with patients and a lack of resources," Sidhu said.

Shortages nationwide

Nurse shortages were plaguing some hospitals years before Covid hit, and signs of a crisis loomed, with a large swath of the workforce nearing retirement age.

A policy brief from the Department of Health and Human Services last year found that over half of nurses were over the age of 50, a

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much higher percentage compared with the overall U.S. labor workforce, where only a quarter of people are 55 or older.

Aspiring nurses are lining up to replace those retirees but even that silver lining has hit a snag, with widespread faculty shortages at nursing colleges. In 2021, nearly 92,000 qualified nursing school applicants were denied entry into a program, largely because of a shortage of educators, according to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

The American Nurses Association asked Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra to declare the nursing shortage a national crisis in late 2021.

"Nurses have remained steadfast on the front lines since the beginning of the pandemic, while overcoming challenges, risks to their personal health and safety such as limited personal protective equipment and the physical, emotional and mental health burden of the COVID-19 virus," the association's president at the time wrote in a letter to the secretary.

Becerra hasn't declared a crisis but has met with association and other health care leaders to discuss

"Nurses are an essential part of our nation's health care system,' Becerra said in a statement Friday to The Associated Press. "Supporting nurses and other frontline health professionals providing care in our communities is critical to improving our nation's health and wellbeing.

The federal agency has pumped more money into its National Health Service Corps program, which covers student tuition for health workers who serve in highneed communities. Since 2019, the program has nearly doubled the number of nurses and nurse faculty it sponsors.

'This has been an ongoing issue for a while," Mensik Kennedy said last week. "We really need to work collaboratively with Congress and our health care system to address these issues. Nurses can't solve these issues by ourselves."

The number of nurses working in the profession is starting to rebound to pre-pandemic levels, said Dave Auerbach, the director of research at the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission.

But hospitals, especially, are still struggling to lure those nurses back to working in their wards, he noted.

"That sounds like more of an issue of the attractiveness of the working conditions of the jobs," Auerbach said. "Some of it is outside of the control of the hospitals in those jobs."

Sidhu left his job as an ICU nurse last year when a third COVID surge struck, after being among the first to volunteer for the COVID unit when the pandemic hit.

He's noticed a cultural shift in the profession. Fewer nurses want to work 12-hour shifts, multiple days a week. Many are taking jobs at clinics, where weekend or overnight shifts aren't required. Others have moved to jobs in telehealth, working from the comfort of their home.

Some are simply burnt out from working in a hospital.

"Prior to the pandemic, I knew every once and a while, I'm going to have a bad night," Sidhu said. "Now, every time you walk into the facility, you're not just worried about what patients you're going to have — now you have four (patients) and you know you're not going to have resources.'

Still, strong interest in the profession led Loyola University New Orleans to start an accelerated program this year aimed at second-career students who already have a bachelor's degree.

April Hamilton, a 55-year-old food writer, cooking teacher and mother from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, will walk into her first class when that new nursing program starts Tues-

She's read the headlines about staffing shortages and stressful working conditions in hospitals. She's also seen the tough work nurses do firsthand: Four years ago, she was in the hospital around-theclock when her daughter spent 40 days in the intensive care unit, recovering from a fall that resulted in an amputated hand and 20 surger-

"Witnessing my daughter's miracle fuels me," Hamilton said. "I'm ready. I want to be part of the solu-



Courtesy of the New York State Nurses Association

Nurses picketed outside of Montefiore Medical Center Jan. 10. The New York State Nurses Association Thursday morning reached tentative contract agreements with Montefiore and Mount Sinai Hospitals that provided raises and improved staffing ratios, three days after 7,000 nurses at the facilities went on strike.

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reached a tentative agreement with NYSNA, and the strike is over. To our incredible Mount Sinai team: thank you for your unwavering dedication to world-class patient care," the hospital said in a statement.

Deals 'set a standard'

Staff at Montefiore and Mount Sinai Hospital will begin voting on whether to ratify the contracts next week, according to Hagans. NYSNA also reached a tentative agreement with Wyckoff Heights Medical Center, withdrawing a 10-day strike notice. The union is still in negotiations with Interfaith Medical Center and Long Island Jewish Medical

More than 3,500 nurses at Mon- posted to social media.

tefiore's three Bronx hospitals and 3,625 nurses at Mount Sinai Hospital on the Upper East Side walked off the job Jan. 9 after bargaining stalled. Temporary nurses hired to fill in for the striking nurses and nursing managers described chaotic conditions inside Montefiore and Mount Sinai facilities during the three-day picket.

Governor Kathy Hochul, who previously called for a binding arbitration in order to avoid a strike, congratulated the nurses on the deal.

"My team and I have been working around the clock to bring all sides together. I'm proud this agreement delivers good wages and benefits to our frontline heroes and ensures patients will receive topnotch care,"

Negotiating contracts that established safe-staffing and included policies to enforce staffing ratios was the primary objective for the union. Hagans believed the deals "set a standard for safe-staffing, for respect and for quality care for all."

Labor unions, as well as elected officials including Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, State Senator Robert Jackson and City Council Member Lynn Schulman, who chairs the Council's Health Committee, came out to support hundreds of nurses picketing outside of each hospital.

"We are so grateful for the outpouring we have received from New York and from all over the world. Because the struggle here in New York City is the same struggle she said in a statement that nurses and patients face everywhere," Hagans said.

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Applicants interested in joining the Department should email a cover letter and resume to Captain John McDwyer at jmcdwyer@ryeny.gov.



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The City of Rve Police Department is currently accepting applications and resumes for the position of Police Officer.

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Notice of Formation of Geneva CSG South LLC. Arts, of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 12/29/22. Office location: NY County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Dimension Energy LLC, Rafael Dobrzynski, 3050 Peachtree Rd., 4th Fl., Ste. 460, Atlanta, GA 30305, principal business address. Purpose: any lawful activity. 010523-2 1/13/23-2/17/23

METRO MARKETPLACE, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/23/2022. Office loc: NY County SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 7609 Newkirk Avenue, North Bergen, NJ 07047. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 010423-2 1/13/23-2/17/23

Notice is hereby given that an On premise liquor license, Serial #TBA has been applied for by Paradise Lost LLC d/b/a Paradise Lost to sell liquor, beer, wine and cider at retail at an on-premises Restaurant. For on premises consumption under the ABC Law at 100 Second Avenue New York NY 10003. 1/13/23-1/20/23

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ADC Abby Towers I, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/9/2022. 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 2283 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blyd., New York, NY 10030. The principal business address of the

LLC is 2283 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd., New York, NY 10030. Purpose any lawful act or activity. 010623-4 1/13/23-2/17/23

Notice of Formation of In Person, Virtual Medical Services PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/01/22. 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 C T Corporation System, 28 Liberty St., NY, NY 10005. Purpose: to practice the profession of Medicine. 010923-5 1/13/23-2/17/23

Notice of Formation of TINA SINDWANI, MD, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/14/22. Office location: NY County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: clo Tina Sindwani, MD, 12 West 18th St., Apt. 4W, NY, NY 10011. Purpose: to practice the Purpose of Medicine. Profession of Medicine. 010923-3 1/13/23-2/17/23

Notice of Qualification of CHATTER MARKETING, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/15/22. Office location: NY County LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/13/22. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Trac - The Registered Agent Company, 715 St. Paul St., Baltimore, MD 21202. Address to be maintained in DE: Trac - The Registered Agent Company, 614 N. Dupont Hwy., Ste. 210, Dover, DE 19901, Arts of Org. filed with the Secy. of State, Division of Corporations, Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 010923-4 1/13/23-2/17/23

Notice of Qualification of Paradigm Entertainment, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/13/22. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/21/13. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 700 N San Vicente Blvd., Ste. G820, West Hollywood, CA 90069. Address to be maintained in DE: Corporation Service Company. CA 90069. Address to be maintained in DE: Corporation Service Company, 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts of Org. filed with the DE Secy. of State, Division of Corporations, John G. Townsend Bldg. 401 Federal St. - Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities 1/13/23-2/17/23 010923-2

Notice of Formation of JACK ROVNER MANAGEMENT, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/22/22.

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Office location: NY County. SSNY Office location: NY county, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: eResidentAgent, Inc., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210, also the Registered Agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activities. 1/13/23-2/17/23 010923-1

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF BUBUMERAH LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/28/2022. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may 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 310 Schuyler Road, Allendale, NJ 07401. The principal business address of the LLC is 310 Schuyler Road Allendale, NJ 07410. Schuyler Road, Allendale, NJ 07410. Purpose: Real Estate. 011323-2 1/20/23-2/24/23

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF RICHMOND. SUMMONS. Docket Number: B-2265/21, File #41945. In the Matter of the Application of CHILDREN'S AID For the Guardianship and Custody of ANDREW SOLOMON, A Dependent Child Under the Age of 18 Years, Pursuant to the Provisions of Section 384-b of the Social Services Law of the State of New York. TO: STACY SOLOMON, WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN. A verified petition having been filed in this Court pursuant to Section 384-b of the Social Services Law alleging that pursuant to Section 384-b of the Social Services Law alleging that the above-named child in the care of CHILDREN'S AID, in which, Petitioner prays that the court make a finding that there is no male whose consent to adoption is required pursuant to Section 111 of the Domestic Relations Law of the State of New York or who is entitled to notice of this proceeding pursuant to notice of this proceeding pursuant to Section 384-c of the Social Services Law and Section111-a of the Domestic Relations Law of the State of New York. Petitioner prays that an order be made adjudicating the abovebe made adjudicating the above-named child an abandoned child as to the mother or, in the alternative, a permanently neglected child as to the mother or, in the alternative, a child of a mother who suffers from mental illness and that she deprived of the custody and guardianship of the custody and guardianship of said child and that custody and guardianship of said child be awarded jointly to CHILDREN'S AID, and the Commissioner of the Administration for Childhean's Commissioner of the Childhean's Childhean's Commissioner of the Childhean's Childhe for Children's Services of the City of New York, pursuant to the provisions of Section 384-b of the Social Services Law, a copy of said petition being annexed hereto; YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before this Court at 100 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, New York 10301 on FEBRUARY 28, 2023 in Part 1 at 2:30 PM in the afternoon of said day to show cause why the Court should not enter an order depriving you of any and all the rights to the you of any and all the rights to the guardianship and custody of said child and awarding guardianship and custody of said child to the petitioning authorized agency as provided by law.

**You can use this link: https://notify. nycourts.gov/meet/0k5eas and enter your name. OR **You can call: 347-378-4143 code 747221691#. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that if guardianship and custody of the child are committed to the Petitioner, CHILDREN'S AID the child may be adopted with the the child may be adopted with the the child may be adopted with the consent of the authorized agency, without your consent and without further notice to you. In the event of your failure to appear, the Court will hear and determine the petition as provided by law. Your failure to appear shall constitute a denial of an interest in the said child, which denial may result in the transfer or commitment of the child's custody and commitment of the child's custody and guardianship, and/or the adoption of said child, all without further

date shall constitute a denial of your interest in this child and in opposing these petitions which may result, without further notice to you, in the court proceeding in your absence, granting the petitions, terminating your parental rights and the transfer or commitment of the child's care, custody or guardianship to the Petitioner and the Commissioner of the Administration for Children's Services or in the child's adoption in this or any subsequent proceeding in which such care, custody or guardianship or adoption of the above-named child may be at issue. Dated: January 10, 2023 Richmond New York BY ORDER OF THE COURT (Hon. Karen Wolff, J.F.C.). 011223-2NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIVON & CO NEW YORK LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/30/22. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated

notice to you regarding said child. Your failure to appear on the above

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 608 Fifth LLC served upon him/her is 608 Fifth Avenue, Suite 400, New York, NY 10020. The principal business address of the LLC is 608 Fifth Ave., Suite 400, New York, NY 10020. Purpose: Creative Designs, e/commerce, online retail store, includes jewelry, lifestyle accessories, leather goods, home decor, fragrances, watches, ready-to-wear and saddlery, production. 011023-2 1/20/23-2/24/23 011023-2

File No.: 2018-3889/B. CITATION. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT, To: Attorney General of the State of New York; The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of LILY URRUTIA A/K/A LILY JOSE FA URRUTIA GUEVARA, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained Cecilia "Guevara" and Arturo "Guevara", 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 cannot be ascertained after due diligence. A copy of this citation and the accounting, as well as all amendments to it, if any. shall be served on the Guardian Ad Litem, John Riordan, Esq. Being the persons interested as creditors. legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of LILY URRUTIA A/K/A LILY JOSE FA URRUTIA GUEVARA, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 102-35 67th Road, Apt. 3J, Forest Hills, NY 11375, in the Court of News in the County of Queens, State of New York, SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of LILY URRUTIA A/K/A LILY JOSE FA

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URRUTIA GUEVARA, deceased, you

and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 9th day of March, 2023 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$3,708.17 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship. Dated, Attested and Sealed 3rd day of January, 2023. HON. PETER J. KELLY, Surrogate, Queens County. Janet Edwards Tucker, Chief Clerk. GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., (718) 459-9000, 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200, Lake Success, New York 11042. NOTICE: THIS CITATION IS SERVED UPON YOU AS REQUIRED BY LAW. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED BY LAW. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO APPEAR; HOWEVER, IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR IT WILL BE ASSUMED YOU DO NOT OBJECT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED. YOU HAVE ARIGHT TO HAVE AN ATTORNEY APPEAR FOR YOU, AND YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MAY REQUEST A COPY OF THE FULL ACCOUNT FROM THE PETITIONER OR PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY. Accounting Citation. 011123-1 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account,

Accounting Citation. 011123-1 1/20/23-2/10/23

Notice of Qualification of Gillian Warner Interiors, LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/22/22. Office location: New York on 12/22/22. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/28/18. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. 1/20/23-2/24/23 011323-7

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Notice of Qualification of Flourish Rotace of qualification of Flourish Research Acquisition, LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/23/22. Office location: New York County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/28/21. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom 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: 1209 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. activity. 011323-6 1/20/23-2/24/23

Notice of Qualification of eVestment Alliance, LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 1/6/23. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/15/22. 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. DE address of LLC: 1209 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. 011323-5 1/20/23-2/24/23

Notice of Qualification of EMRATA HOLDINGS, LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/29/22. Office location: New York 12/29/22. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/11/17. 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, willington, 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. 011323-4 1/20/23-2/24/23 011323-4

Notice of Qualification of Elmwood Asset Management LLC. The fictitious name is: Elmwood Asset Management I LLC Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/21/22. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/17/18. 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. 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. 011323-3 1/20/23-2/24/23

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF FLON LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/8/2022. 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 431 W. 37th St., Apt. 6G, New York, NY 10018. The principal business address of the LLC is 431 W. 37th St., Apt. 6G, New York, NY 10018. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 011323-1 1/20/23-2/24/23

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School Safety Agent List Established

The Department of Citywide Ad- 59 ministrative Services established a 995-name list for School Safety Agent on December 7, 2022. The list is based on Exam 2057, which was recently held. Readers should note that eligible lists change over their four-year life as candidates 66 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 and s. 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 77 given to an honorably discharged 78 veteran who was disabled in combat. The letter "p" designates a 80 "legacy credit" for a candidate 81 whose parent died while engaged in the discharge of duties as a NYC Police Officer or Firefighter. Finally, 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.

2057 SCHOOL SAFETY AGENT

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14 Leona O Dais	96.36		
15 Alexis Lasso	96.36		
16 Tamika Harper	.96.36		
17 Mesha Meronnee			
18 Sterling A Perry	.96.36		
19 Erick J Elvir			
20 Charmelle Germain	.96.36		
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34 Dayvon M Coleman	.94.54		
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ROYALTY BY GRACE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/3/2022. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated 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 United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. The principal business address of the LLC is The Limited Liability Company, 228 Park Ave. S, #540891, New York, New York 10003. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 120922-5 12/16/22-1/20/23

Notice of Qualification of ULTRA III, LLC. Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/21/22. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/27/22. 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 address of LC: of CSC 251, little DE addr. of LLC: c/o CSC, 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Jeffrey W. Bullock, Secy. of State of DE, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 12/16/22-1/20/23

Notice of Formation of JENN SIDEL DESIGNS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/29/22. Office location: NY County. Princ. office of LLC: 200 E. 66th St., NY, NY 10065. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Stuart S. Perry. P.C. mail process to Stuart S. Perry, P.C., 407 Park Ave. South, Ste. 16 B, NY, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 120922-2 12/16/22-1/20/23

Notice of Formation of **ORL, LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/30/22. Office location: NY County. Princ. office of LLC: 50 E. 79th St., Apt. 2A, NY, NY 10065. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity. $12092\overset{\circ}{2}-3$ 12/16/22-1/20/23

Notice of Formation of IZIPIZI USA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/22/22. office location: NY County. Princ. office of LLC: c/o Orbiss Inc., 1411 Broadway, 16th Fl., NY, NY 10018. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to compare the county of the Nilson Law Group, PLIC 10. c/o The Nilson Law Group, PLLC, 10 E. 40th St., Ste. 3310, NY, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 120922-4 12/16/22-1/20/23

BENNETT BENNETT WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/30/2022. Office loc: NY County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 340 East 29th Street, Apt. 12B, NY, NY 10016. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose: Lawful Purpose.

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Notice of Formation of SOUTHEAST TOWERS ACQUISITION, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/02/22. 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: State St., Annany, ... Any lawful activity. 12/16/22-1/20/23

Notice of Formation of IRC of New York City, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/09/22. Office location: NY County. Princ. office of LLC: 1550 W. McEwen Princ. office of LLC: 1930 W. McEwen Dr., Ste. 600, Franklin, TN 37067. 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. Purpose: Renal dialysis.

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Notice of Qualification of **TERRA DRIGGS LLC**. Appl. for Auth. filed

PROBATE CITATION, File No. 2022-1356. SURROGATE'S COURT - NEW YORK COUNTY. SUPPLEMENTAL CITATION. THE PEOPLE OF THE

STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Mi-chael Francis King, if living and if dead, to his heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if he died

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 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

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with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/28/22. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 03/22/18. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: The Corporation Trust Co., Corp. Trust Center, 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19911. Purpose: Any Jourful DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 120522-6 12/16/22-1/20/23

Notice of Qualification of Tractor Supply Company Northeast, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/18/22. Office location: NY County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/12/22. SSNY designated as agent of LLC SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o C T Corporation System, 28 Liberty St., NY, NY 10005, also the Registered Agent upon whom process may be served. Address to be maintained in DE: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts of Org. filed with the DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St. #4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 121522-3 12/23/22-1/27/23

Notice of Formation of Neat Urbsp, Notice of Formation of Neat Urbsp, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/10/22. 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 C T Corporation System, 28 Liberty St., NY, NY 10005, also the registered agent upon whom process registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activities. activities. 121522-1 12/23/22-1/27/23

Notice of Formation of NEAT CLEVELAND PLACE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/13/22. Office location: NY County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: MURAL GROUP LLP, 80 5TH AVE. 1807, NY, NY 10011. Purpose: any lawful activities. 121522-2 12/23/22-1/27/23 121522-2 12/23/22-1/27/23

Notice of Qualification of LOOP CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT -TCH LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/18/22. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/08/08. SSNY designated as ground of LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/08/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to C/O Unisearch, Inc., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210-2822. Address to be maintained in DE: c/o The Corporation Trust Company, Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of DE, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. lawful activities. 12/23/22-1/27/23

WILDLIKE NOHO LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/19/2022. Office loc: NY County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Alysa Teichman - Wildlike, 4649 Insurance Lane, Dallas, TX 75205 Purpose Any Lawful Purpose 75205. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 121922-7 12/23/22-1/27/23

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF El Detalle LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/12/2022. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may 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 287 Hudson St., Apt. 3, NY, NY 10013. The principal business address of the LLC is 287 Hudson St., Apt. 3, NY, NY 10013. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 121322-2 12/23/22-1/27/23

Notice of Qualification of Hill Street Cinema LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/2/22. Office location: New York County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/11/22. 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. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801.

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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. 121922-2 12/23/22-1/27/23

Notice of Qualification of Hack VC Notice of Qualification of Hack VC Management, LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/8/22. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/10/21. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 809 Broadway, NY, NY 10003. 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. Purpose: any lawful activity. 121922-1 12/23/22-1/27/23

Notice of Qualification of Hometap Equity SPV, LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/9/22. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/14/22. 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. 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. 121922-3 12/23/22-1/27/23

Notice of Qualification of Invenergy Storage Development LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/14/22. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/22/13. 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 Federal St. Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is C T and address of the Reg. Agent is C T Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful 12/23/22-1/27/23

Notice of Qualification of INFLUENTZ LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/2/22. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/11/22. 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. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secv 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. 121922-4 12/23/22-1/27/23

Notice of Formation of Jamie Notice of Formation of Jame Leone Psychotherapy, LCSW, PLLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/7/22. 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: 168 W. 86th St, Ste 1B, NY, NY 10024. List of names and addresses of all original members available from SSNY. Purpose: Licensed Clinical Social Work. 12/23/22-1/27/23

Notice of Qualification of MHD Management Co. LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State: 11/22/22. NYS fict. name: MHD Management Co. I LLC. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in DE: 11/15/22. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 520 Madison Ave., 30th Fl., NY, NY 10022, principal business address. DE address of LLC: clo Cogency Global Inc., 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

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Notice of Qualification of **Davidson Kempner Advisers LLC**. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State: 11/22/22. NYS fict. name: Davidson Kempner

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Advisers I LLC. Office location: NY Advisers I LLC. Office location: NY County, LLC formed in DE: 11/15/22. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 520 Madison Ave., 30th Fl., NY, NY 10022, principal business address DE address of LLC: c/o. address. DE address of LLC: c/o Cogency Global Inc., 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 activity. 121522-16 12/23/22-1/27/23

File No. 1991 - 1464/B. CITATION.
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF
GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT,
TO: John O'Donnell, Bertha Martinez,
and Yvonne Martinez, if living and if
deed to higher being at law, apart of dead, to his/her heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and places of residence are unknown, and if he/she died subsequent to the decedent herein, to his/her executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees, and successors in interest whose name and places of residence are unknown, and to all other heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of Maxine Weiss, the decedent herein, whose name and places of residence are unknown and cannot be residence are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; Milta Brown, Robert Ramos, Linda Gusman a/k/a Linda Gusman Janczyk, Loretta Jusino, Mark Samuels, Sandra Rust, Alphonsus Vanderbeek, Melba Leslie, NGM Insurance Company, Attorney General of The State of New York being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of Maxine Weiss, deceased who at the time Weiss, deceased who at the time of her death was a resident of 104-38 108th Street, Richmond Hill, New York 11419, in the County of Queens, State of New York. A copy of this Citation and the Accounting, as well as all amendments to it, if any, about the company the Counting. well as all amendments to it, it any, shall be served on the Guardian ad Litem, Dennis Cappello, Esq. SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LORRAINE P. FALCO, ESQ., who maintains her office at 42-40 Bell Boulevard, Suite 402, Bayside, New York 1135 (1986) Administrator of the Boulevard, Suite 402, Bayside, New York 11361, as Administrator of the Estate of Maxine Weiss, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and the State of New York, on the 16th day of February, 2023 at 9:30 o'clock day of February, 2023 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of proceedings of Lorraine P. Falco, Esq., as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not allow for reimbursement of unroll approach is the mount of unroll approach. of unpaid expenses in the amount of \$821.07 to Lorraine P. Falco, Esq., and why the Surrogate should not allow for reimbursement of unpaid expenses in the amount of \$824.00 to Melba Leslie, and why the Surrogate should not allow for reimbursement should not allow for reimbursement of unpaid expenses (disbursements) in the amount of \$515.54 to Irene C. Vitti, Esq., and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to IRENE C. VITTI, ESQ., for legal services rendered to Petitioner herein in the amount of \$34,300.00, and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to additional fee for any services to be rendered by IRENE C. VITTI, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings prior to entry of a final Decree on the Accounting the amount of \$7,000.00, and why the Surrogate of \$7,000.00, and why the Surrogate should not approve distribution of the Estate of Maxine Weiss, deceased, as follows: • To the Estate of Miriam O'Donnell, twenty percent (20%); • To the Estate of Michael Reines, ten percent (10%); • To Loretta Jusino, ten percent (10%); • To the Estate of Milta Gusman, twenty percent (20%); • To the Estate of Mirtila Vanderbeek, twenty percent (20%); (20%); • To the Estate of Mirtila Vanderbeek, twenty percent (20%); and • To Melba Leslie, twenty percent (20%); and why process should not be issued to all necessary parties who have not appeared to show cause why the relief requested should not be granted; and why an order should not be granted directing service of process pursuant to SCPA Article 3 upon such persons named in paragraph (6)(b) of the Petition whose names or whereabouts are unknown and cannot be ascertained or who may be persons on whom service by personal delivery cannot be made. This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will he

assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have

a right to have an attorney-at-law

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appear for you. Dated Attested and Sealed, 12th day of December, 2022. HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County Janet Edwards Tucker Clerk of the Surrogate's Court. Attorney for Petitioner: Irene C. Vitti, Esq. Telephone No. 718-225-1915. Address: P.O. Box 1337, Southold, New York 11971. Email Address: irenevitti@yahoo.com. 12/1522-6 12/30/22-1/20/23 121522-6

Administration Citation. File No York County. Supplemental Citation. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO: Bert Lancaster Gordon and Damiana Smith, if living and if dead, to his, her or their heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if he, she or they died subsequent to the decedent herein, to his, her or 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 Milton A. Gordon, a/k/a Milton A'Lon Gordon, the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained; A petition having been filed by Kirk Douglas Gordon, who is domiciled at 36334 E Estate Drive, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971; YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, New York County, at 31 Chambers Street, New York, New York, on January 27, 2023, 10rk, New 10rk, on January 21, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 503, why a decree should not be made in the estate of MILTON A. GORDON, aka MILTON A'LON GORDON, lately domiciled at 238 East 95th Street Apt 6B, New York, New York 10128, granting Letters of Administration upon the estate of the decedent to KIRK DOUGLAS GORDON or to such other person as may be entitled thereto; that this court find that Kirk Douglas Gordon is the child of and distributee of the decedent; and that the copy of decedent's Last Will and Testament dated 6/28/17

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not be admitted to probate. Dated, Attested and Sealed December 19, 2022. Hon. RITA MELLA, Surrogate. Diana Sanabria, Chief Clerk. Name of Attorney for Petitioner: STANLEY E. ESPOSITO, ESQ. Tel No. 914-769-6040. Address of Attorney: 704 Half Moon Bay Dwing Cryston on Hudgen Moon Bay Drive, Croton on Hudson, NY 10520. 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-at-law appear for you. 122122-3 12/30/22-1/20/23

Notice of Qualification of Rego Center Garage LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/21/22. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/21/22. 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. DE address of LLC: 1209 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. 122922-1 1/6/23-2/10/23

Notice of Qualification of REMEZCLA, LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/22/22. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in Delaware County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/16/22. 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. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St. Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

activity. 122922-2 1/6/23-2/10/23

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PROBATE CITATION, File No. 2020-4184. SURROGATE'S COURT – NEW YORK COUNTY, CITATION, THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY. CHARION. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO Prince Busby or Willie Adams, being the decedent's father, or if deceased, his issue, to his heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if he died subsequent to the decedent herein, to his executors, administrational control of the control o tors, 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 Mary Y. Bryant, the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained. Public Administrator of New York County. An amended petition having been duly filed by Scott Schweber, who is domiciled at 61 Lincoln Rd., Scarsdale, NY 10583. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, NEW YORK County, at 31 Chambers Street, New York, on February 27th, 2023 at 9:30 o'clock in the FORE noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Mary Y Bryant a/k/a Mary Yvonne Bryant lately domiciled at 632 West 171st St., #1A, New York, NY 10032 admitting to probate a Will dated September 17, 2020, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Mary Y Bryant a/k/a Mary Yvonne Bryant deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: SCOTT SCHWEBER. *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 actors, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and SCHWEBER. *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 December 22nd, 2022. HON. Rita Mella, Surrogate. Diana Sanabria, Chief Clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Scott Schweber. Telephone Number: 212-245-4871. Address of Attorney: 61 Lincoln Rd., Scarsdale, NY 10583. E-mail Address of Attorney: SCHWEBERLAW@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.]

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SURROGATE'S COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NEW YORK, 31 CHAMBERS
STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10007, (646) 386-5800. NOTICE TO CITED PAR-STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10007, (646) 386-5800. NOTICE TO CITED PARTIES. 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 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 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. You written response must be received by the court three (3) business days before 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 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 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.

PROBATE CITATION. File No. 2022-1469. 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 Eve Pollack, 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; Nancy Boroy, Steven Boroy and

New York County Public Administrator: A petition having been duly filed by Russell Vernon and Naomi R. Goldis, who is domiciled at 4737 Benito Court, Bradenton, FL 34211 and 41 Conshohocken State Road, Apt. 103, Bala Cynwyd, PA. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, NEW YORK County, at 31 Chambers Street, New York, on February 27th, 2023, at 9:30 o'clock in the FORE noon of that day, why a decree chould not be made in the sector of Fra Polleal batch downing at 201. Fore

should not be made in the estate of Eve Pollack lately domiciled at 301 East, 21st Street, New York, New York 10010, admitting to probate a Will dated June 29, 2010, a copy of which is attached, as the will of Eve Pollack deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to Russell Vernon and Naomi R. Goldis. *To all Parties: No in person appearances shall be made at the return date. If you wish to object to this material results and the property of the proper

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 December 30th, 2022. HON. Rita Mella, Surrogate. Diana Sanabria, Chief Clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Andrew J. Fair. Telephone Number: (914) 253-8600. Address of Attorney: 707 Westchester Avenue, Suite 307, White Plains, New York 10604. E-mail Address of Attorney: ajf@fair-law.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.]

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-

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PROBATE CITATION. File No. 2020-3690B. SURROGATE'S COURT – NEW YORK COUNTY. CITATION. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent. TO: ATHENA BERMEO; JULIO BERMEO JR.; ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF NEW YORK COUNTY. The heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of DARLENE KOUNAVAS, a/k/a DARLENE MARY ANNA KOUNAVAS, 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 trators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. An amended petition having been duly filed by ALEXANDRA ZOTOS BERMEO, who is domiciled at 1533 ST. NICHOLAS AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY 10033. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, NEW YORK County, at 31 Chambers St. New York, New York, on January 30, 2023 at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of DARLENE KOUNAVAS a/k/a DARLENE MARY ANNA KOUNAVAS lately domiciled at 1533 ST. NICHOLAS AVENUE, NEW YORK NY 10033 admitting to probate a Will dated MARCH 11, 2003 a copy of which is attached, as the Will of DARLENE KOUNAVAS a/k/a DARLENE MARY ANNA KOUNAVAS deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to ALEXANDRA ZOTOS BERMEO. *To all Parties: No in person appearances shall be made at the return date. If you wish to object trators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and Testamentary issue to ALEXANDRA ZOTOS BERMEO. *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 November 29, 2022. HON. Nora S. Anderson, Surrogate. Diana Sanabria, Chief Clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: DR. BARBARA H KATSOS ESQ. Telephone Number: 212-421-0307. Address of Attorney: 745 5TH AVE, STE 500, NY, NY 10151 / MAILING ADDRESS: 265 SUNRISE HIGHWAY STE 706, ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11570. [NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law You are not required to annear If you fail to

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subsequent to the decedent herein, to his executors, administrators, legatees devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of res idence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Elizabeth M Apley, the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained. A petition having been duly filed by Gloria S. Neuwirth, who is domiciled at 25 Central Park West, Apt. 7T, New York, NY 10023. YOU ARE HEREBY CIT-ED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, New York County, at 31 Chambers Street, New York, New York, on January 30th, 2023, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of ELIZABETH M. APLEY lately domiciled at 301 East 62nd Street, Apt. 141, New York, New York 10065, United States admitting to probate a Will dated May 5, 2009 a copy of which is attached, as the Will of ELIZABETH M. APLEY deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that: Letters Testamentary issue to Gloria S. Neuwirth. *To all Parties: No in person appearances shall be made at the return date. If you wish to object to this matter. idence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distribupearances 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 Cited Parties, Dated, Attested and Sealed, De Surrogate's Court Notice to Cited Parties. Dated, Attested and Sealed, December 8th, 2022. HON. Rita Mella, Surrogate. Diana Sanabria, Chief Clerk. Print Name of Attorney: Eric W. Hager, Esq. Firm Name: Davidson, Dawson & Clark LLP. Telephone: (212) 922-0122. Address: 60 East 42nd Street, 38th Floor, New York, New York 10165. Email (optional): ehager@davidsondawson. 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-STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10007, (646) 386-5800. NOTICE TO CITED PARTIES. 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; in-person appearances 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 return date. Please do not appear in the courtnouse on that date. Ine 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. 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

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Communications tech positions with NYPD starting at \$39,329

The NYPD is accepting applications for communications technicians through Jan. 24 for multiplechoice tests scheduled to begin May 1. The salary is \$39,329. The application fee is \$54.

THE POSITION

Communications technicians, under direct supervision, serve as 911 emergency-call takers serve as 911 call-takers, obtaining necessary information from callers initiate emergency assistance; serve as radio dispatchers of police resources; audio attachments sent via "Text to 911"; and perform clerical, administrative and other duties related to the provision of emergency service.

They are required to work various tours, including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, and on occasion will also be required to work overtime tours depending on the needs of the Department.

PCTs sit for extended periods of time with a headset while monitoring a computer screen, type information into a computer, and coordinate eye/hand movements while handling emergency calls.

They also are required to speak calmly and clearly in order to elicit

view pictures, videos and listen to information and give instructions credited college or university; or to a continuous flow of callers under stress, listen carefully to understand emergency information and make responsible judgments where timing is critical.

OUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must have a four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent, plus either 1) one vear of satisfactory full-time experience performing clerical duties; or

2) one year of satisfactory fulltime experience dealing with the public, including the obtaining of information; or

3) the successful completion of 30 college semester credits from an ac-

4) two years of active U.S. military duty with honorable discharge.

Applicants can also qualify by having a high school diploma and a satisfactory combination of education and/or experience equivalent to 1, 2, 3 or 4 above.

The education requirement must be met by Jan. 31 and the experience requirement by Jan. 24.

The position is contingent on passage of a drug screening and medical and psychological assessments.

City residency is not required. Hires must be vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus, unless they have been granted a reasonable accommodation for religion or disabil-

THE EXAM

A multiple-choice test will be given at a computer terminal. A passing score is 70 percent.

The test will measure a candidate's writing and reading abilities; their capacity to memorize and identify problem sensitivity; their ability to use deductive and inductive reasoning; and how well they can order information.

For complete information on the position and on how to apply, visit https://a856-exams.nyc.gov/OASys-Web/Exam/List.

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 oral tests or performance exams.

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 the US mail

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 JANUARY 24 3064 Auto Mechanic \$37.28 per hour 3065 Auto Mechanic (Diesel) \$37.28 per hour

3066 Child Welfare Specialist \$47,715

3067 Deckhand \$51,524 3068 Dental Assistant (NYC H+H) \$32,135-\$48,184

3069 Deputy City Sheriff \$36,577 3070 Forester \$43,420 3311 Police Communications Technician

\$39,329 ➤ CLOSE JANUARY 31 3309 Correction Officer \$47,857

3331 Police Officer \$42,500

➤ CLOSES FEBRUARY 28 3312 School Safety Agent \$34,834

CUNY EXAMS

➤ CLOSES JANUARY 31 2071 IT Assistant \$49,211

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

MTA EXAMS

➤ CLOSE FEBRUARY 15

3213 Assignment to Plant and

NASSAU COUNTY EXAMS

➤ CLOSE JANUARY 25 66-353 Hospital Safety Officer I \$42,367-

66-448 Hospital Safety Officer Trainee \$40,375-\$54,817

➤ OPEN CONTINUOUSLY

7078 CR(D) Cytotechnologist I \$43,863-7094 CR(D) Cytotechnologist II \$52,099-

\$108,383

\$132,168 61-639 CR Librarian I \$43,000-\$61,333 60-180 CR Librarian I, Bilingual (Spanish

Speaking) 5263 CR(D) Medical Technologist I

\$31,963-\$74,978

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

2511 Psychiatric Social Worker \$52,017 2641 Medical Services Specialist \$76,708 2670 Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) \$37,000-\$60,000

2673 Emergency Medical Technician

(Critical Care) \$37,000-\$60,000 2674 Emergency Medical Technician

(Paramedic) \$37,000-\$60,000 2700 Drug Counselor (Spanish Speaking) \$47,502

2701 Drug Counselor \$47,502

WESTCHESTER EXAMS

➤ CLOSE JANUARY 27

60-525 Assistant Director of School Facilities, Operations and Maintenance

60-723 Superintendent of Maintenance \$72,725-\$96,555

➤ 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-

55,390

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

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 ➤ CLOSE FEBRUARY 8

26-904 Public Buildings Manager 1 \$49,202 26-905 Public Buildings Manager 2

26-920 Criminal Justice Policy Analyst 2

26-923 Maintenance Supervisor 1 (Building) \$48,148 26-924 Maintenance Supervisor 2

(Building) \$59,724 26-925 Maintenance Supervisor 2

26-926 Maintenance Supervisor 3 \$64,589

26-931 Rent Examiner 2 \$51,711 26-932 Rent Examiner 2 (Spanish Language) \$51,711

➤ CLOSES FEBRUARY 15 28-460 Equipment Operator Instructor

\$46,529 ➤ 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-

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 20-105 Assistant Actuary (State

Insurance Fund) \$42,883-\$54,678 20-107 Assistant Actuary (Teachers Retirement System) \$46,344-\$57,877

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)

\$72,735-\$91,821 20-114 Associate Actuary (Casualtv)

(State Insurance Fund) \$72,735-20-115 Associate Actuary (Life) (Dept.

of Financial Services) \$72,735-\$91,821 20-116 Associate Actuary (Life) (Office

\$91,821 20-117 Associate Actuary (Life) (Teachers' Retirement System) \$79,426-\$99,192

of the State Comptroller) \$72,735-

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 20-531 Dental Hygienist \$43,484

CITY CERTIFICATIONS FRAUD INVESTIGATOR-5 eligibles (383, The Department of Citywide 528, 918, 940 and 945) on List 6044 to Administrative Services has certified replace 1 provisional in Department of sections of the eligible lists below for Housing Preservation and Development.

WILL FILL JOBS:

of the appointments and promotions may already have been made. **OPEN COMPETITION**

agencies, subject to the 1-in-3 rule. Some

appointments and promotions in city

Nos. 65 and 637 on List 8050 for 4 jobs in Police Department. **ASSOCIATE PARK SERVICE WORK-**ER-35 eligibles between Nos. 12 and 573 on List 1138 to replace 15 provisionals in

Department of Parks and Recreation.

ASSOCIATE PROJECT MANAGER-92

ACCOUNTANT–206 eligibles between

eligibles between Nos. 37 and 456 on List 9003 to replace 1 provisional in Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. **AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE WORKER-50** eligibles between Nos. 1 and 51 on List

ment of Correction. BRICKLAYER-36 eligibles between Nos. 5 and 67 on List 155 to replace 2 provisionals in DOC.

2123 to replace 1 provisional in Depart-

CEMENT MASON-14 eligibles between Nos. 33 and 119 on List 8027 to replace 3 provisionals in DPR. **CERTIFIED IT ADMINISTRATOR (LAN/**

WAN)-132 eligibles between Nos. 691

and 1087 on List 6049 to replace 2 provisionals in Law Department. **CITY PLANNER**-6 eligibles between Nos. 301 and 537 on List 1112 to replace any 10 provisionals in Department of

City Planning. **CLERICAL ASSOCIATE**-258 eligibles between Nos. 174 and 1264 on List 1190 to replace 5 provisionals in Queens District Attorney's office.

COMPUTER AIDE–188 eligibles between Nos. 192 and 574 on List 4021 to replace 3 provisionals in DOHMH.

DEPUTY CITY SHERIFF–593 eligibles between Nos. 116 and 2081 on List 7006 to replace 15 provisionals in Department of Finance.

3212 Assignment to Plant and Equipment Maintainer \$34.84 per

Equipment Maintainer (Plumbing) \$34.84 per hour

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

5002 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Acute

\$117,533

EXAMS

1569 Rental Subsidy Program Assistant (Spanish Speaking) \$42,082

Technician \$46,420 5071 Airport Security Guard \$46,207 5167 Assistant Director of Housing

5168 Director of Housing \$118,500 7078 School Security Guard \$33,792 7084 College Public Safety Officer I

7094 Assistant Security Director \$86,556 7096 Town Public Safety Agent \$20,800 MANAGEMENT AUDITOR-145 eligibles between Nos. 3 and 276 on List 1022 to replace 1 provisional in Department of ➤ CLOSES FEBRUARY 1 **MECHANICAL ENGINEER-13 eligibles**

replace 4 provisionals in Department of **Environmental Protection. MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR-22** eligibles between Nos. 697 and 906 on List 3307 to replace 2 provisionals in

between Nos. 9 and 27 on List 2000 to

HOUSING ASSISTANT-237 eligibles

provisionals at Housing Authority.

Transportation.

(Nos. 1-237) on List 2107 to replace 40

Department of Citywide Administrative **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST (DOE)**–85 eligibles (Nos. 1-85) on List 3034 to replace 10 provisionals in Department of

Education. PROCUREMENT ANALYST-110 eligibles between Nos. 115 and 828 on List 196 to replace 1 provisional in Human Resources Administration/Department of Social Services.

between Nos. 150 and 332 on List 9055 to

replace 5 provisionals in DPR.

Buildings.

NYC Transit.

URBAN PARK RANGER-6 eligibles

PROMOTION ASSOCIATE INVESTIGATOR-7 eligibles between Nos. 2 and 15 on List 509 to replace 1 provisional in Department of

SUPERVISING HOUSING GROUNDSKEEPER-10 eligibles between Nos. 20 and 171 on List 526 to replace any of 18 provisionals at HA.

141 on List 7530 for 2 jobs in Police Department. **TRAIN SERVICE SUPERVISOR-165** eligibles between Nos. 10 and 459 on List 8703 to replace 20 provisionals at

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOL SECURI-

TY-105 eligibles between Nos. 35 and

(Perinatology) \$59,507-\$108,383 5013 CR Nurse Practitioner I

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

5003 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Adult

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

(Community Health) \$59,507-

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

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

(Obstetrics/Gynecology) \$59,507-

5009 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Oncology)

5010 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Palliative

5011 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Pediatrics)

5005 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Family

Health) \$59.507-\$108.383

5004 CR Nurse Practitioner I

5006 CR Nurse Practitioner I

5007 CR Nurse Practitioner I

5008 CR Nurse Practitioner I

\$59,507-\$108,383

\$59,507-\$108,383

5012 CR Nurse Practitioner I

\$108,383

\$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

7288 CR(D) Occupational Therapist/

Occupational Therapist I \$37,093-\$128,172 3139 CR(D) Pharmacist I \$56,636-

SUFFOLK COUNTY

➤ CLOSE JANUARY 25 1245 Bay Management Specialist I

1571 Rental Subsidy Program \$60,000-\$80,000

\$36,149

7833 Entomologist \$61,126 ➤ CLOSE FEBRUARY 15 0767 Office Systems Technician \$43,404 3707 Senior Neighborhood Aide \$43,404

\$59,721 ➤ OPEN CONTINUOUSLY

2020 Public Health Nurse I \$59,404

5031 Police Chief (Towns and Villages) Agency Type B \$225,000 7624 Building Maintenance Manger

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Layoffs weaken organizing

Efforts to unionize big tech companies are getting tripped up by layoffs.

Personnel cuts at Amazon, Coinbase and Facebook's parent company, Meta, and dozens of other tech outfits are stalling unionizing endeavors of white-collar workers and imperiling recent labor gains, Bloomberg Law reported this week.

Almost 100,000 people have been let go at about 500 tech companies since October, according to statistics from the public database Layoffs.fyi cited by Bloomberg.

And Amazon earlier this month said the tech retailing giant would trim 18,000 jobs. Salesforce, the San Francisco cloud-based software company, and Vimeo, the New York-city based video hosting, sharing, and services platform, said they would cut 10 percent and 11 percent of their staffs, respectively. Meta said late last year slash about 13 percent of its workforce, or about 11,000 jobs.

The wave of layoffs in Silicon Valley and elsewhere are dark clouds in what just a few months ago was a sunny outlook for unions that have poured resources and efforts into organizing big tech. The job trims come as a global recession, however mild, appears a near certainty.

"That tends to work very strongly against union organizing," Susan Schurman, a labor studies professor at Rutgers University, told Bloomberg. "People are afraid that if they get involved in an organizing campaign they will be terminated. The fact that it's protected does not matter.'

NATION

Food workers feed lobbyists

For years, restaurant workers have been helping to fund the National Restaurant Association, an organization that lobbies the federal government against raising the minimum wage, without even knowing it, a New York Times report released this week revealed.

Most food service workers are required to complete a \$15 course in basic food safety from a company named ServSafe that, The Times found, has for at least 15 years funneled the revenue made from the trainings directly to the Restaurant Association.

Since 2010, more than 3.6 million workers have participated in the training, which equates to about \$25 million, money that's found its way into the pockets of restaurant lobbyists in Washington

"I'm sitting up here working hard, paying this money so that I can work this job, so that I can provide for my family," Mysheka Ronquillo, a cook in California, told The Times. "And I'm giving y'all money so y'all can go against me?"

The vast majority of ServSafe's trainings take place in states where the classes are mandatory for most restaurant workers: Texas, California, Illinois and Florida.

The course is available in all 50 states, however, and Nick Eastwood, who runs a competitor of the company, told The Times that ServSafe has more than 70 percent of the market share. Michelle Korsmo president of the NRA said in a statement to The Times that "The association's advocacy work keeps restaurants open; it keeps workers employed, it finds pathways for worker opportunity, and it keeps our communities healthy.

Advocates to raise the minimum wage are now advising restaurant workers to use other programs besides ServSafe, "We'll be telling them to use any possible alternatives," Saru Jayaraman from One Fair Wage told the paper.

— D.F.

ILLINOIS

University faculty strike

Faculty at the University of Illinois Chicago went on strike Jan. 17 following nine months of contract negotiations.

The faculty members' union, UIC United Faculty, announced the strike after a 12-hour bargaining session Monday failed to secure a tentative agreement. The union is seeking raises, improved job security and increased mental-health resources for students.

"The campus is thriving, but many faculty are not," Nicole Nguyen, an associate professor of criminology, law and justice and a member of the union's bargaining team, said in a statement. "We have spent the past three years scrambling to mitigate the effects of the pandemic, and our whole community — students and faculty — are exhausted. Management needs to invest in resources that strengthen our entire community."

The university has offered raises of 17 percent over four years, the Chicago Sun-Times reported. But in a statement, the union cited record enrollment numbers and "more than a billion dollars in unrestricted reserve funds" as proof that the university can afford to provide substantial pay

"I think ultimately our campus and the UIC system is going to have to find some more money," added Aaron Krall, president of the UIC United

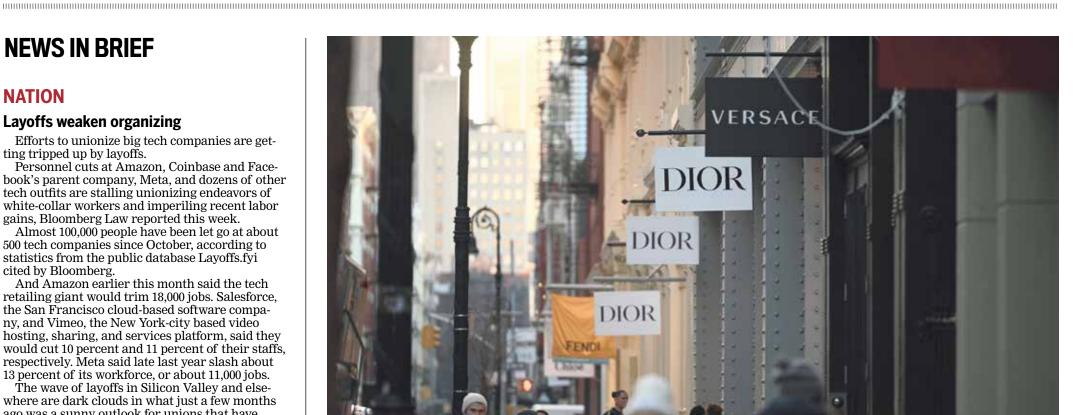
The union represents 1,500 members, and nearly 900 participated in a strike vote back in November after many became frustrated that they were working under an expired contract, according to the newspaper.

Many classes have been canceled, although courses at the colleges of Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy and Law will not be affected because the union does not represent faculty in those schools.

In a letter to students, Javier Reyes, the university's interim chancellor, and Karen Colley acting provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. called the work stoppage "disappointing and not in the best interest of the university or our

"However, UIC fully respects the rights of its employees under the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act and other applicable laws," they

-C.L.



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People walked past luxury brands in SoHo last month. An economic downturn remains very possible. Yet in recent weeks, with inflation showing widespread signs of easing, a more cheerful view has begun to gain traction: Maybe a recession isn't inevitable after all.

Can we avoid a recession? Signs point to 'soft landing'

BY CHRISTOPHER RUGABER

For months, the outlook for the U.S. economy has been a mostly bleak one: Inflation hitting a four-decade high, consumer spending weakening, interest rates surging. Most economists penciled in a recession for 2023.

An economic downturn is still possible. Yet in recent weeks, with inflation showing widespread signs of easing, a more cheerful view has gained traction: Maybe a recession isn't inevitable after all.

One reason for the tentative optimism is evidence that an acceleration in U.S. wages, which has benefited workers but also heightened inflation, is slowing. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell has frequently pointed to fast-rising worker pay to explain why the Fed has had to raise interest rates so aggressively. Fed rate hikes, if carried out far enough and long enough, can weaken the economy so much as to trigger a recession.

In the meantime, the job market — the most important pillar of the economy remains remarkably sturdy.

These trends are raising expectations that the Fed might manage to engineer an often-elusive "soft landing," whereby the economy slows but doesn't go into reverse and unemployment rate rises slightly but stays low. It would still mean painful times for many people. But it wouldn't inflict the months from year-ago levels, according to

widespread unemployment that typically Adobe Analytics, particularly for computresults from a recession.

"All the signs are pointing to a higher, not a lower, probability of a soft landing," said Alan Blinder, a Princeton University economist who formerly served as vice chair of the Fed. "It may still not be more than 50-50. But 50-50 is looking better than it was a few months ago."

A number of factors

The most positive sign, Blinder said, is the ongoing slowdown in inflation. The inflation slowdown stems from a range of factors, including cheaper gas, the unraveling of supply chain snarls and smaller profit margins among many retailers.

The national average price of a gallon of gas was \$3.27 last week, far below the \$5 peak in mid-June. Average used car prices, which skyrocketed 37 percent in 2021, have dropped for five straight months. They're now 3 percent cheaper than they were a year ago. Clothing prices have declined in two of the past three months. Furniture prices have dropped for three straight months.

In the meantime, consumers are spending less, forcing many retailers to cut prices to pare their inventories of goods. Online prices have fallen for four straight ers, toys and sporting goods.

"The sooner the inflation rate falls," Blinder said, "the sooner the Fed will ease up, and therefore the less the chance of a recession."

All that said, there are plenty of threats to a soft landing. As China's economy reopens from its Covid lockdowns, it may start to absorb more of the world's oil supply. That could send U.S. gas prices up again.

And while layoffs remain historically low outside of technology companies, that trend could reverse if businesses become anxious again about the economic outlook. Congress may also struggle to raise the debt ceiling by this summer, which could cause economic turmoil, or a deep recession if they fail to do so.

But for now, a soft-landing scenario is beginning to play out.

Even as the central bank has jacked up its benchmark rate at the fastest pace in four decades, the economy has kept growing and businesses have kept hiring. In December, employers added a solid 223,000 jobs, and the unemployment rate dropped back to 3.5 percent, matching a

"The job market data is very supportive of the idea that the economy can ... slow without recession," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics.

Job cuts in tech sector spread, Microsoft lays off 10,000

BY MATT O'BRIEN

Microsoft is cutting 10,000 workers, almost 5 percent of its workforce, joining other tech companies that have scaled back their pandemic-era expansions.

The company said in a regulatory filing Wednesday that the layoffs were a response to "macroeconomic conditions and changing customer priorities.'

The company said it will also be making changes to its hardware portfolio and consolidating its leased office locations.

Microsoft is cutting far fewer jobs than it had added during the Covid pandemic as it responded to a boom in demand for its workplace software and cloud computing services with so many people working and studying from home.

Microsoft's workforce expanded by about 36 percent in the two fiscal years following the emergence of the pandemic, growing from 163,000 workers at the end of June 2020, to 221,000 in June 2022.

The layoffs represent "less than 5 percent of our total employee base, with some notifications happening today,"

CEO Satya Nadella said in an email to employees.

'While we are eliminating roles in some areas, we will continue to hire in key strategic areas," Nadella said. He emphasized the importance of building a "new computer platform" using advances in artificial intelligence.

He said customers that were accelerating their spending on digital technology during the pandemic are now trying to 'optimize their digital spend to do more with less.'

"We're also seeing organizations in every industry and geography exercise caution as some parts of the world are in a recession and other parts are anticipating one," Nadella wrote.

Other tech companies have also been trimming jobs amid concerns about an economic slowdown.

Amazon, Salesforce also cut

Amazon and business software maker Salesforce earlier this month announced major job cuts as they prune payrolls that

rapidly expanded during the pandemic lockdown.

Amazon said that it will be cutting about 18,000 positions. It's the largest set of layoffs in the Seattle company's history, although just a fraction of its 1.5 million global workforce.

Facebook parent Meta is laying off 11,000 people, about 13 percent of its workforce. And Elon Musk, the new Twitter CEO, has slashed the company's workforce.

Nadella made no direct mention of the layoffs on Wednesday when he put in an appearance at the World Economic Forum's annual meeting happening this week in Davos, Switzerland.

When asked by the forum's founder Klaus Schwab on what tech layoffs meant for the industry's business model, Nadella said companies that boomed during the COVID-19 pandemic are now seeing "normalization" of that demand.

Quite frankly, we in the tech industry will also have to get efficient, right?" Nadella said. "It's not about everyone else doing more with less. We will have to do more with less. So we will have to show our own productivity gains with our own sort of technology.

Microsoft didn't immediately respond to questions about where the layoffs and office closures would be concentrated. As of June, it had 122,000 workers in the U.S. and 99,000 elsewhere.

Associated Press business writer Kelvin Chan contributed

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- Satya Nadella, MICROSOFT CEO