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THIRD AVENUE STREET FAIR!

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Rebecca Seawright

ASSEMBLYMEMBER



Dear Friends and Neighbors,



Wishing all who observe Yom Kippur an easy and meaningful fast. G'mar Chatimah Tovah. May this Day of Atonement bring reflection and renewal.

As Chair of the Assembly Committee on Aging, I was delighted to join older New Yorkers, caregivers, and community partners at NYC Aging's Third Annual Healthy Aging Fair at Asphalt Green. More than 70 government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and health providers offered free screenings, wellness activities, and information about programs that help older adults remain healthy, active, and independent.

Today,we submitted testimony to the New York City Council urging the adoption of the new $75,000 income-eligibility threshold for the SCRIE and DRIE rent-freeze programs. Expanding these protections will help thousands more seniors and New Yorkers with disabilities remain securely in their homes and communities.

We celebrated New York's creative economy at Times Square Fashion Week and recognized the honorees whose leadership, advocacy, and philanthropy strengthen the fashion industry.

I invite you to read more about these activities, explore the resources and upcoming events featured in this week's newsletter, and visit us tomorrow at the "Shop Small Biz" Street Fair on Third Avenue. Our booth will be located between East 75th and East 76th Streets.

I invite you to join us at our upcoming events:

- Saturday, September 19 from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm- **"Shop Small Biz" street fair!** It runs for 20 blocks -- from 68th Street to 86th Street on 3rd Avenue. Our booth will be between 75th and 76th Streets.

- Monday, October 5 at 2:00 pm - **Planning Ahead for Your Pet** at our Community Office, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets). Call 212-288-4607 or email SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov to RSVP.

- Wednesday, October 7, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm – **Benefits Screening with LiveOn NY** at our Community Office, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets). By appointment only. Call 212-288-4607 or email **SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov** to schedule.

- Wednesday, October 21, from 2:00–6:00 p.m. — **Community Job Fair at Metropolitan Hospital**, 1901 First Avenue. Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright is proud to co-sponsor this event with State Senator José M. Serrano, connecting job seekers with employment opportunities and community resources.

- Friday, October 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. — No-Cost Community Shredding Event at Motorgate Turnaround, 688 Main Street, Roosevelt Island, NY 10044.

Our office is always just a phone call, email, or visit away.

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Promoting Healthy Aging at Asphalt Green



Assembly Member Seawright greets older adults at Asphalt Green. Click here.



Assembly Member Seawright joined NYC Aging for its Third Annual Healthy Aging Fair at Asphalt Green during National Healthy Aging Month and Falls Prevention Awareness Week.
The fair connected older New Yorkers and caregivers with more than 70 government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and health providers offering free screenings, wellness activities, and information about valuable programs and services.

As Chair of the Assembly Committee on Aging, Assembly Member Seawright commended NYC Aging Commissioner Dr. Lisa Scott-McKenzie for her leadership and continued commitment to helping older adults live healthy, active, and independent lives.



From left: Dr. Theodore G. Long, Senior Vice President and System Chief Medical Officer at NYC Health + Hospitals; Asphalt Green CEO Jordan Brackett; Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright; and older-adult advocate Peter Patch at NYC Aging's Third Annual Healthy Aging Fair.

CITY & STATE NEW YORK

The 2026 Manhattan Power 100 Names Seawright for Strong Advocacy as Aging Chair



Celebrating New York's Fashion Industry at Times Square Fashion Week



Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright joined fashion leaders, designers, advocates, and community members at Times Square Fashion Week to celebrate the creativity and economic impact of New York's fashion industry.

The Assembly Member presented New York State Assembly proclamations recognizing founder Dee Rivera and honorees Jean Shafiroff, Penny Crook, Terrence Coffie representing Comic Books for Justice, Nolé Marin, Richie Hosein, and Nicole Cornetti for their leadership, philanthropy, advocacy, and contributions to the industry.

Fashion is a vital part of New York City's economy, employing approximately 180,000 people, generating $10.9 billion in wages, and supporting more than 900 company headquarters across the city.

Seawright Testimony Submitted to City Council in Support of Expanding Rent Freeze Protections for Seniors and New Yorkers with Disabilities



Assembly Member Seawright's office joined advocates and government partners to call for the implementation of the newly expanded income eligibility limit.

Assembly Member Seawright helped secure an increase in the SCRIE and DRIE income threshold from $50,000 to $75,000 in the enacted New York State budget. Today, she submitted testimony to the New York City Council in support of the city's adoption of the new income threshold, which would allow thousands more eligible older New Yorkers and New Yorkers with disabilities to benefit from these critical rent-freeze protections.

"Every New Yorker deserves the opportunity to age in place with dignity and security," said Assembly Member Seawright. "This long-overdue change will help residents remain in their homes and communities despite rising housing costs. I urge the New York City Council to quickly opt into this expansion so eligible New Yorkers can access these important protections."

Celebrating National Assisted Living Week at The 80th Street Residence



Special Assistant Adam Lucey represented Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright during The 80th Street Residence's National Assisted Living Week celebration. He joined owners Wayne Kaplan and Larry Morehead, Executive Director Clare Shanley, and Director of Community Relations and Resident Services Netanya Catimbang to learn more about the residence's work supporting older adults experiencing cognitive change and their families.

Going Behind the Scenes at Carnegie Hall



Community Liaison Kevin Wu represented Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright during a behind-the-scenes tour of Carnegie Hall's historic catwalks. The visit provided an opportunity to learn about the complex infrastructure that supports one of New York's most celebrated cultural institutions.

Carnegie Hall representatives discussed proposed capital improvements to its fire-alarm and catwalk systems, which are intended to strengthen safety for performers, employees, and visitors.

Consider Our Office Your Resource

Energy Rebate Checks Coming to New York Households

Beginning September 21, New York State will mail one-time Protecting Our Wallets Energy Rebate (POWER) checks to eligible households to help offset rising utility and household costs. This relief was included in the State Budget and will reach approximately 8.2 million households statewide.

Eligible New Yorkers will receive:

- $200 for joint filers earning less than $150,000
- $150 for joint filers earning between $150,000 and $300,000
- $100 for single filers earning less than $150,000

No application or registration is required. Checks will be mailed automatically between September and December based on information from 2024 New York State resident income tax returns. Eligible recipients must have filed a timely return, been full-time New York State residents, met the applicable income requirements, and not have been claimed as a dependent.

Learn more about the POWER energy rebate checks.

Baby Safety Month: Tips to Keep Little Ones Safe



September is Baby Safety Month. The New York State Division of Consumer Protection is sharing important guidance to help parents and caregivers protect babies at home and on the go, including safe sleep practices, babyproofing, product-recall checks and proper car-seat use.

Download the Baby Safety Checklist



Spotlight on Aging: Met Council Senior Services

Met Council provides supportive services designed to help older New Yorkers remain safe, connected, and independent:

Geriatric Social Work Services: On-site case management for older residents of Met Council's inclusionary housing developments, including benefits assistance, long-term care planning, short-term counseling, referrals, workshops, and social activities.

- Elder Abuse Prevention: Assistance for older adults who have experienced financial exploitation, including help filing police reports, seeking orders of protection, accessing benefits, navigating court proceedings, and addressing urgent financial needs. To determine eligibility, call 212-453-9685 or email **elderjustice@metcouncil.org**.

- Senior Repair: Free minor home repairs for eligible low-income older adults, including installing grab bars, changing locks, repairing floor tiles, replacing doorknobs, and installing screens. To determine eligibility, call 212-453-9539 or email **Help@metcouncil.org**.

Learn more about Met Council and its services

MET COUNCIL
Feeding the hungry. Serving the poor.
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FREE HOME REPAIRS

Met Council's project *SenioRepair* enables New Yorkers 60 years and older stay safe at home

Services include installing and repairing:

- BATHTUB GRAB BARS
- LIGHT BULBS
- SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR
- SINKS AND FAUCETS
- DOOR LOCKS, CHAINS AND DOORBELLS
- HANDHELD SHOWERS
- WINDOW LOCKS AND SCREENS
- SINK AND TUB DRAINS
- WOOD RAILINGS
- HOLES, CRACKS AND DENTS IN WALL
- BROKEN TILES
- WATERPROOFING TUBS AND SHOWERS
- ELECTRICAL OUTLETS AND SWITCHES
- WINTERIZING WINDOWS, DOORS AND A/C UNITS



... and much, much more!

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS PROGRAM, YOU MUST

- Be 60 years or older
- Reside in NYC
- Show financial need

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL US AT:

Phone ..... *(646) 630-6832*
Fax ..... *(212) 202-5019*
Email: *cmacal@metcouncil.org*

Project SenioRepair is made possible through critical support from the New York City Council. Project SenioRepair is funded by the New York City Department for the Aging.



Rebecca Seawright
ASSEMBLYMEMBER

NO-COST NOTARY PUBLIC SCHEDULE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10AM-1PM	10AM-12PM	10AM-1PM	10AM-12PM	10AM-1PM

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING PHOTO ID AND YOUR WITNESSES IF YOUR DOCUMENT REQUIRES THEM

CUNY Application Fee Waived for NYC Public High School Seniors



New York City public high school seniors can apply to CUNY without paying the $65 freshman application fee from September 15 through November 16, 2026. Students and families are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity and begin exploring CUNY's colleges and programs.

Learn more and apply through CUNY

Upcoming Events

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Search and Care

PLANNING AHEAD FOR YOUR PET

PRESENTED BY ROBIN STRASHUN

Outreach, PET, Medical Escort and Volunteer Coordinator | Search and Care



WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Create an Advance Pet Plan and an alert wallet card
- Organize essential veterinary and caregiving information
- Identify trusted helpers and emergency backup arrangements
- Explore PET resources and eligibility-based financial support

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026 | 2:00 PM

District Office of Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright

1485 York Avenue, New York, NY 10075

Between East 78th and East 79th Streets

RSVP

seawrightr@nyassembly.gov | 212-288-4607

Pet owners of all ages are welcome.

Search and Care: 212-289-5300 | SandC@searchandcare.org | searchandcare.org



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NO-COST COMMUNITY SHREDDING 2026

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD
9 AM - 12 PM

MOTORGATE TURNAROUND
688 MAIN ST, ROOSEVELT ISLAND, NY 10044

NO NOTEBOOKS, BINDINGS, OR X-RAYS

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Upcoming Community Board 8 Meetings

Community Board 8 Manhattan
Your voice on the Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island

Community Board 8 Manhattan invites residents to participate in the following upcoming committee and task force meetings. All three meetings will be held in a hybrid format, with in-person and Zoom participation available.

Zoning, Development, and Housing Committee

Tuesday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m.
The committee will hear a presentation on the Fair Housing Growth Strategy Draft Report and the Mayor's Housing Plan.

Register for Zoom access.

Voting Reform and Charter Revision Task Force

Wednesday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m.
The task force will review proposed Charter amendments 1, 3, and 4 appearing on the November 2026 ballot and explain the effects of voting “Yes” or “No” on each proposal.

Register for Zoom access.

Youth, Education, and Libraries Committee

Thursday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m.
The committee will discuss local library initiatives and resources with representatives of the New York Public Library’s Webster Library.

Register for Zoom access.

Visit the **Community Board 8 Manhattan website** for meeting locations, agendas, updates, and additional events.

Volunteer with Green Park Gardeners NYC

Fridays at 9:00 a.m.
Alice Aycock Pavilion at East 60th Street
Help Green Park Gardeners NYC care for and beautify the public gardens surrounding the Queensboro Bridge. Community volunteers are welcome.

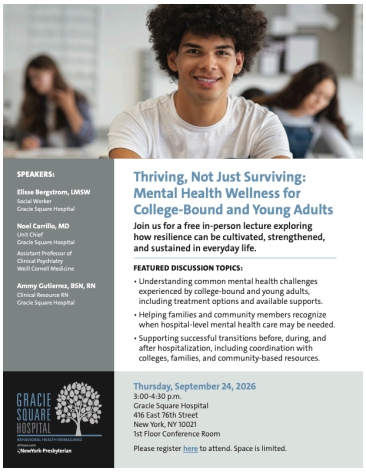
Learn more about volunteering.



Thriving, Not Just Surviving: Mental Health Wellness for College-Bound and Young Adults

Thursday, September 24, 3:00–4:30 p.m.
Gracie Square Hospital, 416 East 76th Street
This free, in-person program will explore resilience, mental health challenges facing college-bound and young adults, available treatment and support options, and successful transitions following hospitalization. Space is limited.

Learn more about Gracie Square Hospital.



Roosevelt Island Fall for Arts Festival

Saturday, September 19, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Meditation Lawn, Roosevelt Island
Enjoy live mural painting, music, children's activities, food vendors and more at the 21st annual Fall for Arts Festival. The event is free and open to the public. Rain date: Sunday, September 20.
Learn More



"Shop Small Biz" Street Fair

Saturday, September 19, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Third Avenue from East 68th to East 86th Streets
Support Manhattan's small businesses at this 20-block street fair featuring local shops, food and neighborhood activities. Visit Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright's booth between East 75th and East 76th Streets. The event is free, open to the public and will take place rain or shine.



69th Annual German-American Steuben Parade

Saturday, September 19, 2026 | 12:00 p.m.
Fifth Avenue from East 67th to East 86th Streets
Celebrate German-American heritage with thousands of participants, live music and colorful floats. Street closures will affect Fifth Avenue and nearby streets between East 67th and East 96th Streets.
The parade is free and open to the public. The Oktoberfest celebration following the parade in Central Park is a separate, ticketed event for which admission fees apply.



Learn More | Watch Online

Battle in the Margins

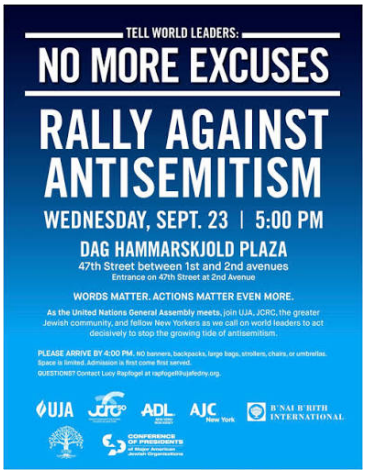
Saturday, September 19, 2026 | 3:00–6:00 p.m.
FDR Four Freedoms State Park, Roosevelt Island
This free theatrical program features three short plays exploring the lives and experiences of enslaved and free Black New Yorkers during the American Revolution. Check-in begins at 2:30 p.m. Advance registration is encouraged.

RSVP Here



Rally Against Antisemitism

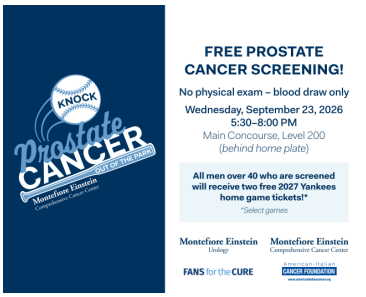
Wednesday, September 23, 2026 | 5:00 p.m.
Arrival requested by 4:00 p.m.
Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, East 47th Street between First and Second Avenues
Join ADL and other community organizations in calling on world leaders to take decisive action against antisemitism. Space is limited. Banners, backpacks, large bags, strollers, chairs and umbrellas are not permitted.



[RSVP to Join ADL's Group]

Free Prostate Cancer Screening at Yankee Stadium

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 | 5:30–8:30 p.m.
Yankee Stadium, 200 Level behind home plate
The American-Italian Cancer Foundation is offering free PSA blood tests and prostate-health information to eligible men age 40 and older who have not received a PSA test within the past 12 months and have never been diagnosed with prostate cancer.
Participants will receive admission to that evening's Yankees game and two complimentary tickets to a 2027 Yankees home game. Availability is limited and first come, first served. To request a referral, call Leron Wellington at 646-951-6069.



MTA "Meet the Primes" Networking Event

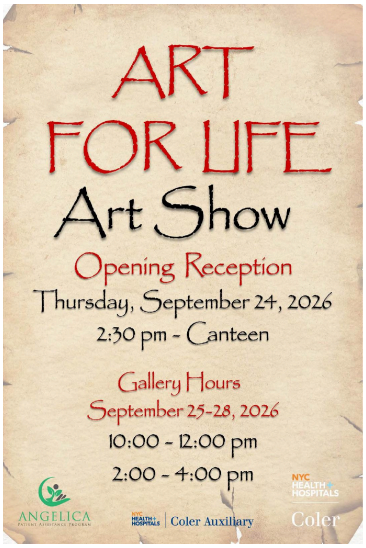
Thursday, September 24, 2026 | 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
CUNY Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue
M/WBEs, DBEs and SDVOBs can meet leading construction contractors, explore subcontracting opportunities on MTA projects and learn about business-development programs.

[Register Here]



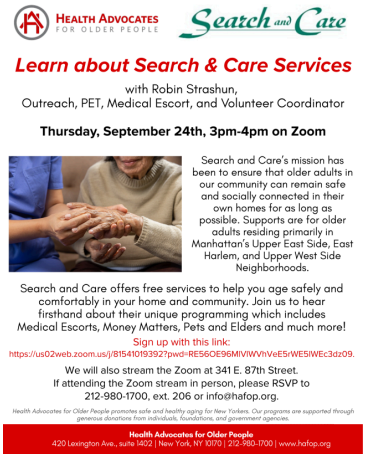
Art for Life Art Show

Opening Reception: Thursday, September 24, 2026 | 2:30 p.m.
Gallery Hours: September 25–28 | 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and 2:00–4:00 p.m.
NYC Health + Hospitals/Coler, Roosevelt Island
Join the Angelica Patient Assistance Program, Coler Auxiliary and NYC Health + Hospitals/Coler for the opening reception and gallery viewing of the Art for Life Art Show.



Learn About Search & Care Services

Thursday, September 24, 2026 | 3:00–4:00 p.m.
Virtual via Zoom | In-person viewing at 341 East 87th Street
Join Robin Strashun of Search and Care to learn about free services that help older adults remain safe, comfortable and socially connected in their homes.



[Join the Zoom Presentation]

To attend the in-person viewing, call 212-980-1700, ext. 206, or email **info@hafop.org**.

Election Security: What's the State of Play?

Thursday, September 24, 2026 | 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Virtual
State Senator Liz Krueger will host Derek Tisler of the Brennan Center for Justice for a discussion about election security and current protections for the midterm elections. A question-and-answer session will follow.



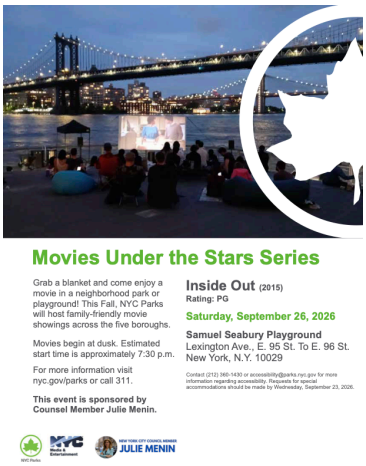
[Register Here]

The Role of Big Money in Politics

Tuesday, September 29, 2026 | 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Virtual
This town hall will examine corporate spending in elections and potential changes to campaign-finance laws. A question-and-answer session will follow.

[Register Here]

Movies Under the Stars: Inside Out



Saturday, September 26, approximately 7:30 p.m.
Samuel Seabury Playground, Lexington Avenue between East 95th and East 96th Streets
Bring a blanket and enjoy a free, family-friendly outdoor screening of Disney and Pixar's Inside Out. The event is sponsored by Council Member Julie Menin.

Visit NYC Parks for event information.

Older Adult Resource Fair



Thursday, October 1, 2026 | 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, 331 East 70th Street, Lower-Level Gym
Older adults and caregivers can meet representatives from 30 organizations and learn about community programs, services and resources. Advance registration for a one-hour time slot is required.

Register Here or call 212-490-9535.

Community Board 8 Manhattan Art Show on the East Side



Saturday, October 3, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
James Cagney Place, East 91st Street between Second and Third Avenues
Rain date: Sunday, October 4
Community Board 8 Manhattan invites neighbors to enjoy its Art Show on the East Side and celebrate the work of local artists.

Visit Community Board 8 for more information.

Events from Friends of the East River Esplanade



Latin Rhythms & Dance Featuring Rebolu

Saturday, September 26, 2026 | 1:00–4:00 p.m.
Andrew Haswell Green Park, East 60th Street and the East River
Enjoy a family-friendly afternoon of Afro-Colombian Caribbean music, dancing, crafting and children's activities. Complimentary frozen treats will be available while supplies last.

Learn More

East River Esplanade Fishing Clinic

Monday, September 28, 2026 | 5:00–7:00 p.m.

East 92nd Street on the Esplanade, north of the Marine Transfer Station
Join Friends of the East River Esplanade for an evening fishing clinic. Fishing rods will be available. Advance registration is requested.

Register Here

PowHer the Vote Virtual Event Series



Voting Integrity and Voting Rights
Tuesday, September 29, 2026 | 1:00–2:00 p.m.
This voter-education session will examine challenges to voting integrity and voting rights, separating rumors from reality.
Register Here

Child Care, the Affordability Agenda and Your Ballot
Tuesday, October 6, 2026 | 1:00–2:00 p.m.
Explore how child care and affordability policies may be affected by the upcoming election.
Register Here

The Reemergence of Pronatalism
Tuesday, October 13, 2026 | 1:00–2:00 p.m.
This session will examine pronatalism and its potential impact on gender and racial equity.
Register Here

Why True Affordability Requires Wage Justice
Tuesday, October 20, 2026 | 1:00–2:00 p.m.
Learn how wages, economic security and affordability intersect—and what these issues mean for voters.
Register Here

Affordability and Health Care
Tuesday, October 27, 2026 | 1:00–2:00 p.m.
The final session will explore healthcare affordability and policies that may be affected by the election.
Register Here

Community Health Series: Prostate Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment

Wednesday, September 30, 7:00–8:00 p.m.
Virtual seminar
Weill Cornell Medicine will present a free multidisciplinary discussion of prostate cancer diagnosis and treatment featuring specialists in urology, radiation oncology, and hematology-oncology.

Register for the virtual seminar.



NYC Aging Town Hall

Wednesday, October 21, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, 331 East 70th Street
Join NYC Aging, community leaders, older adults, and advocates for a presentation on the agency's Annual Plan Summary. Attendees will have an opportunity to share feedback about meals, services, and programs and offer ideas for improving services for older New Yorkers.

Visit NYC Aging for more information.



Cornell Tech Seeks Participants for Account Security Study

Researchers at Cornell Tech are seeking participants for a remote study about people's experiences with and preferences for online account security tools. The study will be conducted via Zoom and will use only test accounts created by the research team.

Participants will not be asked to access or share information from their personal accounts.
Participants who complete the study will receive a $25 gift card.

Sign up to participate

Please note: This study is conducted by Cornell Tech. Eligibility, scheduling, participation requirements and compensation are determined by the research team.



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