

Manny Cantor's Senior Advocacy Leadership Team Takes the Concerns of Our Seniors to City Hall

The Senior Advocacy Leadership Team took our campaign "Seniors Deserve Affordable Housing" and met with City Council Woman Margaret Chin in her office on Friday, June 30th. Sheila and Jose of our Advocacy Team were received very warmly and then met privately for over an hour with Ms. Chin in a face-to-face conversation that was very cordial, informal and informative. Our seniors' concerns over affordable housing were emphasized and the results of our campaign signed postcards were presented to her. As Chair of New York City's Council Committee on Aging, Ms. Chin responded enthusiastically to our campaign and said that our efforts contribute importantly to her committee's work. As Chair of the New York City Council Committee on Aging she assured us that the availability of affordable housing for seniors is a major concern and shared her efforts currently underway to secure additional senior housing in other areas such as in Spring Street between Elizabeth and Mott Streets where an effort is being concentrated to provide from 70 to 100 additional housing units that would be 100% for seniors and 100% affordable. This, of course was of great interest to our Advocacy Team as it dovetails with our current primary agenda point: to advocate for additional affordable housing for seniors in the Lower East Side and Chinatown. Ms. Chin promised us a visit to Manny Cantor in the not-too-distant future. ■

SALT Initiates Its Services for Housing Connect

As part of its work to provide assistance to our seniors through the application process of seeking affordable housing through the NYC Housing Connect website, the Senior Advocacy Leadership Team held its first assistance session on the fourth floor of Manny Cantor. The process of filling out the application involves the

creation of a personal and financial profile that once completed can be readily applied to any of the numerous affordable housing opportunities throughout New York City. The Senior Advocacy Leadership Team is offering its limited resources to help seniors who may need assistance in filling out and submitting their applications. At present, the SALT is paying its closest attention to the Essex Crossing currently under construction in our Lower East Side in the area bordered by Grand, Essex and Delancey Streets. Anyone interested in these services for assistance in filling out the on-line application for affordable housing may contact the SALT through the office on the fourth floor. Leave your name and telephone and you will be contacted. ■

The Weinberg Center Hosts Session With Columbia Aging Center

On Friday, June 23rd, Karen Taylor, Director of the Weinberg Center for Balanced Living, Older Adult Services, at Manny Cantor Center hosted a round-table conversation with seniors at Manny Cantor that was facilitated by Ms. Dorian Block, and Ms. Anna Chan, Associates, of the Robert N. Butler Columbia Aging Center to discuss the future facilities for seniors to be incorporated into the Essex Crossing development currently under construction in our Lower East Side adjacent to Grand, Clinton and Delancey Streets. The Senior Advocacy Team participated actively in this session where the other seniors also participated in providing input as to what services these facilities should provide for seniors. There were suggestions ranging from facilities that would encourage inter-generational activities between grandparents and grandchildren, to facilities for recreational physical activity and entertainment. ■ [看看反面 See Reverse Side](#)