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CM Crystal Hudson



Asm. Rebecca Seawright



DM Anne Williams-Isom



Sen. Cordell Cleare

Women have always been at the forefront of the fight for progress, making policy, breaking barriers, and ensuring communities thrive. This Women's History Month, we recognize four women who are driving change for older New Yorkers—Councilmember Crystal Hudson, Assemblymember Rebecca Seawright, Senator Cordell Cleare, and Deputy Mayor Anne Williams-Isom. Through their advocacy for older adults, they are helping to build a future where aging is met with dignity, care, and the support people need to live independently.

They've made a difference in state and local government. New York City Councilmember Crystal Hudson has made aging in place a key priority. She pushes for policies and resources that help older NYC residents stay in their homes and access the care they need in the communities they helped build. Assemblymember Rebecca Seawright, the newly appointed chair of the Assembly Committee on Aging, has worked diligently to pass laws that strengthen protections against elder abuse, expand healthcare access, and improve essential services for older

adults. State Senate Chair on Aging, Cordell Cleare is leading the fight for health equity, focusing on eliminating disparities and ensuring that every older New Yorker—regardless of background or zip code—gets the care and support they need. Deputy Mayor Anne Williams-Isom has been overseeing the city's expansive health and human services portfolio for the last three years, ensuring that agencies collaborate to bring integrated care to older adults to ensure that New York is a model age-inclusive City.

These incredibly talented and passionate public servants also work tirelessly to secure the resources to fully execute their visions—fair funding would ensure that financial support matches the needs of older residents. New York City is home to 44% of the state's 60+ population, yet for some programs, NYC Aging receives only 23% of the state's unrestricted funding for older adults. That disparity forces the city to make up the difference through local tax dollars, stretching services at a time when demand is increasing. Our agency is calling for a fair funding formula proportionate

to the city's population and unmet needs.

Women's leadership is transforming New York's aging field. The above-mentioned women—along with hundreds more across the city—are leading the charge but equitable resources and investments by the state government are needed to fully deliver for New York's older adults. This Women's History Month let's honor their work with the needed funding to serve New York City's growing 60-and-over population.



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