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# SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK

In the Matter of the Application of

LISA FLANZRAICH, BENAY
WAITZMAN, LINDA WOOLVERTON, ED
FERINGTON, MERRI TURK LASKY,
PHYLLIS LIPMAN, on behalf of
themselves and others similarly situated,
and the NYC ORGANIZATION OF
PUBLIC SERVICE RETIREES, INC., on
behalf of former New York City public
service employees who are now Medicareeligible Retirees,

Petitioners,

For Judgment Pursuant to CPLR Article 78

- against -

RENEE CAMPION, as Commissioner of the City of New York Office of Labor Relations, CITY OF NEW YORK OFFICE OF LABOR RELATIONS, the CITY OF NEW YORK,

Respondents.

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**NOTICE OF CROSS-APPEAL** 

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Petitioners hereby cross-appeal to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, First Department, from those parts of this Court's Decision and Order, dated March 3, 2022 and entered with the clerk via electronic filing the same day, which permit respondents to (i) impose a Medicare Advantage plan on petitioners unless they affirmatively opt out; (ii) impose a \$15 co-pay on petitioners as part of the existing "Senior Care" plan; (iii) diminish petitioners' vested healthcare benefits; or (iv) violate the Insurance Moratorium

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Law by providing petitioners who are retired school district employees with healthcare benefits that are inferior to those provided to their active employee counterparts, and from each and every part of those parts of the judgment.

A true copy of the March 3, 2022 Decision and Order is annexed hereto as Exhibit A and a copy of the Notice of Entry is annexed hereto as Exhibit B.

Dated: March 15, 2022 New York, NY

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# Supreme Court of the State of New York Appellate Division: FIRST Sudicial Department

Informational Statement (Pursuant to 22 NYCRR 1250.3 [a]) - Civil

Case Title: Set forth the title of the case as it appears on the summons, notice of petition or order to show cause by which the matter was or is to be commenced, or as amended.				For Court of Original Instance
LISA FLANZRAICH et al.				
- against -				Date Notice of Appeal Filed
RENEE CAMPION et al.				For Appellate Division
Case Type		Filing Type		
☐ Civil Action ☐ CPLR article 75 Arbitration	<ul><li>■ CPLR article 78 Proceed</li><li>□ Special Proceeding Oth</li><li>□ Habeas Corpus Proceed</li></ul>	Original Proceed  CPLR Article 78  Eminent Domain  Labor Law 220 or 1  Public Officers Law  Real Property Tax	220-b v § 36 Law § 1275	
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☐ Family Court	☐ Mortgage Foreclosure	☐ Miscellaneous		soner Discipline & Parole
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☐ Amended Judgement	$\square$ Finding	☐ Order & Judgment	$\square$ Ruling		
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☐ Decree	$\square$ Judgment	☐ Resettled Judgment			
Court: Supreme Cou	ourt: Supreme Court County: New York		⁄ork		
Dated: 03/03/2022		Entered:03/03/2022			
Judge (name in full): Hon. Lyle E. Frank		Index No.:158115/2021			
Stage: ☐ Interlocutory ■ Final ☐ Post-Final Tria		Trial: 🗌 Yes 🗏 No	If Yes: 🗌 Jury 🗌 Non-Jury		
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Description of Appeal, Proceeding or Application and Statement of Issues					
Description: If an appeal, briefly describe the paper appealed from. If the appeal is from an order, specify the relief					
requested and whether the motion was granted or denied. If an original proceeding commenced in this court or transferred					
pursuant to CPLR 7804(g), briefly describe the object of proceeding. If an application under CPLR 5704, briefly describe the					
nature of the ex parte order to be reviewed.					
By order dated March 3, 2022, the Supreme Court (1) ordered that enrollment in the Medicare Advantage Plan not begin until April 1, 2022, and that retirees be permitted to opt out for three months thereafter; (2) enjoined respondents from passing along any costs of the retirees' current plan to retirees					
and their dependents unless those costs exceed the H.I.PH.M.O. threshold, as provided by New York City Administrative Code Section 12-126; and (3)					
ordered that respondents ensure that all retirees and their dependents pay the deductible for only one plan for the calendar year 2022.					

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Issues: Specify the issues proposed to be raised on the appeal, proceeding, or application for CPLR 5704 review, the grounds for reversal, or modification to be advanced and the specific relief sought on appeal.

Did the Supreme Court err by allowing respondents to:

- (i) impose a Medicare Advantage plan on petitioners unless they affirmatively opt out;
- (ii) impose a \$15 co-pay on petitioners as part of the existing "Senior Care" plan;
- (iii) diminish petitioners' vested healthcare benefits; or
- (iv) violate the Insurance Moratorium Law by providing petitioners who are retired school district employees with healthcare benefits that are inferior to those provided to their active employee counterparts?

### **Party Information**

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3	Linda Woolverton	Petitioner	Respondent-Appellant
4	Ed Ferington	Petitioner	Respondent-Appellant
5	Merri Turk Lasky	Petitioner	Respondent-Appellant
6	Phyllis Lipman	Petitioner	Respondent-Appellant
7	NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees, Inc.	Petitioner	Respondent-Appellant
8	Renee Campion, as Commissioner of the City of New York Office of Labor Relations	Respondent	Appellant-Respondent
9	City of New York Office of Labor Relations	Respondent	Appellant-Respondent
10	The City of New York	Respondent	Appellant-Respondent
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