

# Rebecca Seawright

ASSEMBLYMEMBER



**SEAWRIGHT NO-COST  
PAPER SHREDDING**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 18  
9 AM - 12 PM @ 67/FIRST**



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Happy Fathers Day to the fabulous fathers and grandfathers celebrating this weekend!

I am proud to announce that my bill to improve quality of care by requiring reports to be provided to the legislature on staffing data and service needs, both regionally and statewide has passed both houses. The Commissioner of the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities will be obliged to detail personnel levels and other issues causing the continued displacement of individuals with developmental disabilities from state-operated facilities under its jurisdiction.

This week's decision in the Mifepristone case is correct but something we must reflect on. The fact that it was in the hands of the US Supreme Court in the first place is outrageous. This case was an attempt by anti-abortion extremists to ignore science and pursue an ideological agenda to ban FDA-approved abortion medication across the country. The anti-abortion medical providers who brought the case argued they had a right to challenge the FDA approval of mifepristone based on the speculative claim that they were injured because they may someday have to treat someone who has used FDA-approved mifepristone. The Court ruled that this argument was insufficient to challenge the FDA's regulation of a drug. Here in New York, the same anti-abortion movement that brought this challenge to the Supreme Court are trying to keep the NY ERA off the ballot. It demonstrates why it's so critical we pass the New York Equal Rights Amendment: to close dangerous loopholes in New York's constitution and protect our rights and reproductive freedoms—including abortion.

Wednesday, June 19 is Juneteenth, commemorating the end of slavery in the

United States. Please find information on Juneteenth celebrations enclosed in this report. As a reminder, our district office is closed on Wednesday, June 19 in observance of this legal federal holiday and will re-open on Thursday, June 20 at 9:30am.

The Summer Reading Challenge has begun! During summer break, we are encouraging students to read regularly for at least 15 minutes per day for 40 days to earn a New York State Excellence in Reading certificate!

Please join us for any of the upcoming events our office is pleased to sponsor:

- **No-Cost Community Shredding:** Tuesday, June 18 from 9:00am-12:00pm at First Avenue and 67<sup>th</sup> Street. No notebooks, bindings, or x-rays.
- **No-Cost Thursday Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Giveaway:** Thursday, June 20, from 12:00pm-2:00pm at the Office of Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets).
- **Virtual Town Hall on Good Cause Eviction Forum on New Protections for Market Rate Tenants:** Thursday, June 20 from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to our community office if we can be of assistance.

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**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**

**As Featured In...**

**OUR TOWN**   
*The local paper for the Upper East Side*

**Seawright, who represents Miller's UES neighborhood, is sponsoring a package of bills promoting e-vehicle safety**



"If that law had been in effect," Seawright said, there would be an increased penalty for the offender in the accident.

Several years ago, her own daughter was hit by a bicycle outside her local high school. Upon visiting Miller in the hospital, Seawright said, "I feel passionate that we need to pass this legislation."

The determined Rabbi, for his part, is onboard. "I'm doing everything that I can through this accident to be as activist as I can in order to correct this," Miller said.

Rabbi Michael Miller was on his way home from a Jewish heritage event when the reckless e-bike rider smashed into him, breaking his right leg.

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## Seawright Bill to Address Urgent Staffing Crisis for People with Disabilities Passes Both Houses

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright announced the passage of her legislation in both houses to require reporting by the Commissioner of the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) on staffing and other issues causing the continued displacement of individuals with developmental disabilities from state-operated facilities under its jurisdiction.

*"There has been a reduction in staffing at New York State agencies, including OPWDD, that negatively impacts the availability and continuity of services for New Yorkers with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as well as other vulnerable populations."*

*"This bill will help to improve quality of care by requiring reports to be provided to the legislature on staffing data and service needs both regionally and statewide. With the passage of this legislation, we take a big step forward, increasing transparency surrounding the closure of facilities and any reduction of services,"* said Assembly Member Seawright, who chairs the Assembly's People with Disabilities Committee.

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[Contact Our Office for Your Summer Reading Challenge Calendar](#)



## Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright

Dear Friend,

I'm sponsoring a reading challenge to encourage kids to read regularly during the summer break. Those who fulfill a pledge to read at least 15 minutes a day for 40 days will earn a **New York State Assembly Excellence in Reading certificate!** Here's how kids can participate:

- 1** Mark the calendar in this brochure for each day they read for at least 15 minutes, independently or with a reading partner, in July and August.
- 2** Once they have checked off 40 days or more, fill out the enclosed form and send it to my office.
- 3** I will send a New York State Assembly Excellence in Reading certificate to mark their accomplishment!

Reading can transport us to different worlds, keep our minds sharp and provide benefits beyond the summer months! This summer, let the adventure begin at your local public library. The New York State Libraries website ([nysl.nysed.gov](http://nysl.nysed.gov)) can help you find a library near you. Please get in touch with my office if you have questions or if I can help with any other issue.

Thank you, and happy reading,

Rebecca A. Seawright  
Member of Assembly



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## Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright: Supreme Court's Reckless Bump Stocks Decision Endangers the Safety of Our Families

Today, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a disastrous ruling that reversed the federal ban on bump stocks. This is an irresponsible and alarming decision that will make our communities less safe. And it's yet another example of this iteration of the Court's seeming indifference toward commonsense gun regulations.

Bump stocks can be used to replace the standard stock of a semi-automatic firearm, enabling it to fire at the rate of an automatic weapon. In recent years, we have seen mass shooters use this modification device on multiple occasions. The most horrific instance was the 2017 Las Vegas massacre, in which the shooter used bump stocks to modify his guns to fire rapidly, killing 60 people and injuring hundreds more in the deadliest shooting in our country's history. Today's Supreme Court decision recklessly increases the chances of something like this happening again.

Criminals seek out bump stocks solely to cause more carnage than they could with conventional firearms, and measures to keep them out of the wrong hands are crucial to protecting our communities. The Assembly Majority is committed to combating gun



violence in New York and ensuring our streets stay safe, which is why we banned bump stocks in our state. While some on the other side of the aisle value gun rights over the rights of people to not be murdered by them, I will always fight for stronger laws that crack down on gun violence in our neighborhoods.

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## Climate Change Superfund Act



We cannot wait to address our climate crisis. The devastating effects are already here. Assembly Member Seawright cosponsored and strongly supported the passage of the Climate Change Superfund Act to establish a climate change adaptation cost recovery program, ensuring big polluters pay their fair share of climate adaptation and mitigation costs (A.3351-B)

Intense heat waves impact our infrastructure while catastrophic flooding from frequent superstorms continues to create dangerous situations across the state. These extreme weather events are undeniably caused in part by human-caused climate change. The Climate Change Superfund Act would help cover the costs of much-needed climate adaptation infrastructure, including energy-efficient cooling systems and stormwater drainage systems, by allowing the state to seek compensation for damages from the past actions of polluters.

We've enacted several innovative solutions over the past few years to curb greenhouse gas emissions and help preserve our great state for future generations. However, while preparing for our climate future, we should not overlook the enterprises that contributed to the crisis threatening New Yorkers' lives and livelihoods. A handful of giant oil companies are responsible for most greenhouse gas emissions, so it makes perfect sense that they should bear some of the financial burden of climate adaptation.

By allocating at least 35% of program spending to disadvantaged communities, we are protecting the neighborhoods that remain disproportionately affected by climate change. We are always working on ways to address the climate crisis, but the burden should not be placed solely on everyday New Yorkers. Programs remediating environmental damage at the expense of the entities responsible have been in place for decades in New York with a long history of positive results. It's long past time to hold companies that made enormous profits from fossil fuels accountable for the damage they've done to our communities.

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## Jury of Our Peers Act

*Improving  
our criminal  
justice system by  
strengthening  
the jury pool*

Serving on a jury is one of the most important civic duties a New Yorker can partake in. Our democracy relies on juries comprised of a defendant's fellow citizens to ensure our judicial system provides justice. Unfortunately, in New York State, those with a previous felony conviction cannot serve as a juror even after serving out their sentence. This law goes against the principle that once someone has served their time, they should have the opportunity to fully contribute to their community, state and country – including participating in our judicial system. Denying these New Yorkers the chance to serve further marginalizes them and can perpetuate cycles of recidivism. It's also a form of discrimination that disproportionately affects people of color and low-income individuals. That is why Assembly Member Seawright cosponsored and voted in support of the Jury of Our Peers Act to remove this lifetime ban (A.1432-C).

Under the legislation, once someone has completed all sentencing requirements, including probation or community supervision, they can become eligible to serve as a juror again. This will help promote rehabilitation and integration into society while also providing a broader perspective on the judicial process that can help prevent wrongful convictions. We shouldn't indefinitely penalize people for their past mistakes. This legislation would help improve the justice dispensed in our court system and strengthen the size and diversity of our jury pool

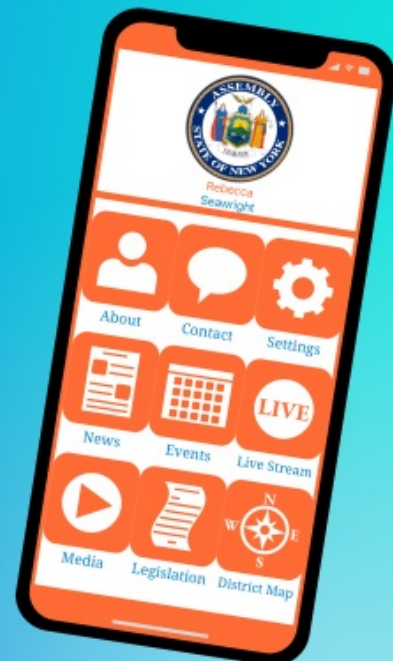
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## Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright's App is Live!

Stay Up-To-Date with the latest:

- News
- Events
- Legislation
- Livestream
- Media

Available on iPhone and iPad



**Rebecca**  
**Seawright**  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER

# NO-COST NOTARY

Monday - Friday

10am-12pm

1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)



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Summer Nutrition Assistance

# SUMMER EBT

A NEW WAY FOR FAMILIES TO COVER  
**GROCERY COSTS** WHEN SCHOOL IS OUT



## Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT)

Programs that Help Low-income New Yorkers Make Ends Meet. The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance supervises support programs for families and individuals.

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## Cooling Assistance



## Cooling Assistance Benefit - ACCESS NYC

Financial help to cover the cost and installation of an air conditioner or fan

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## Summer EBT Program





## LOCK YOUR EBT CARD

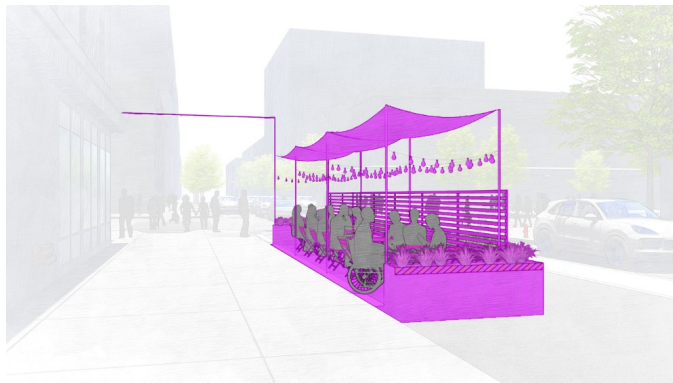
to Prevent Electronic Fraud with  
the **ebtEDGE App**



“Skimming” is when thieves scan a copy of your EBT card at a store – they can steal benefits even if you never lost your card. If you’ve lost SNAP or Cash Assistance benefits this way, go to <https://on.nyc.gov/benefitreplacement> to learn more and file a claim online.

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### August 3 Deadline for the Open Dining Program



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Outdoor Dining is Here to Stay in NYC!

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# 92ND STREET GREENMARKET

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## Juneteenth Celebrations

4th Annual Historic Harlem Parks Juneteenth Festival: Jackie Robinson  
Park



Saturday, June 15, 2024  
12:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Join NYC Parks for our FREE annual celebration of Juneteenth! Bring your family and friends to enjoy Music, Storytime, Double Dutch and Lindy Hop.

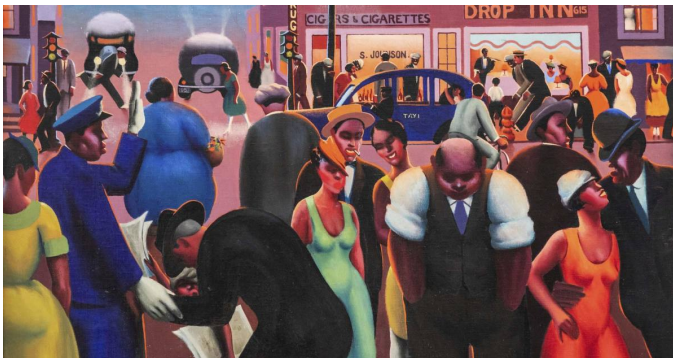
Location: Bandshell - Jackie Robinson Recreation Center in Jackie Robinson Park  
148 Street and Bradhurst Ave. ADA Access at 150 Street and Bradhurst Ave.

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## 2023 Juneteenth March 5K Run/Walk/Roll

JOIN us this Juneteenth, June 19th, for a Run/Walk/Roll/Chill event and fun atmosphere in Central Park!

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## The Harlem Renaissance and Transatlantic Modernism

Discover how Black artists portrayed everyday life in the early 20th century.

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## New York can make abortion protection permanent

For decades, anti-abortion extremists have systematically worked the court system and legal loopholes to ban abortion and take away our reproductive freedoms across the country. In 2022, their efforts succeeded nationally when the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, leaving every state vulnerable to the whims and ideologies of the politicians in power.

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## Highlights From the Supreme Court's Abortion Pill Ruling

The justices unanimously rejected a bid to sharply curtail access to a widely available abortion pill, finding that the plaintiffs did not have standing to sue.

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## The Supreme Court's abortion pill case is only a narrow and temporary victory for abortion

The decision is unanimous, but it leaves open two routes Republicans could take to pull mifepristone from the market.

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## Severe Thunderstorms Target NYC As Air Quality Alert Is Issued

Severe Thunderstorms Target NYC As Air Quality Alert Is Issued - New York City, NY - Thunderstorms and rain will move into the NYC area due to a cold front in the Northeast beginning at 9 p.m., according to AccuWeather.

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## New York City Charter Revision Commission

This website provides key documents from several recent charter revision commissions. The New York City Charter defines the organization, functions, and essential procedures and policies of our City government. Charter revision commissions are temporary commissions that review the entire Charter and put any proposals for its amendment before the voters.

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## Upcoming Events



**Rebecca**  
**Seawright**  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER



# NO-COST COMMUNITY SHREDDING

2024 UPCOMING DATES:

**TUESDAY, JUNE 18 - FIRST AVE & 67TH ST**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 - ROOSEVELT ISLAND**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29 - YORK AVE & 91ST ST**

**9AM TO 12PM**

**NO NOTEBOOKS, BINDINGS, OR X-RAYS**

**OFFICE OF NYS ASSEMBLY MEMBER REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**  
**1485 YORK AVENUE**  
**212-288-4607**  
**SEAWRIGHTR@NYASSEMBLY.GOV**

# Data for Democracy:

## The Essential Role of Guttmacher Evidence in a Post-Roe World

Tuesday, June 18, 2024 • 7:00–8:30 PM

New York Society for Ethical Culture, 2 W 64th St, New York, NY 10023

Also streaming live via Zoom

### PANEL DISCUSSION WITH



**Destiny Lopez**  
*Acting Co-CEO*  
Guttmacher Institute



**Kelly Baden**  
*Vice President for  
Public Policy*  
Guttmacher Institute



**Jennifer Driver**  
*Senior Director of  
Reproductive Rights*  
State Innovation  
Exchange



**Paula Avila-Guillen**  
*Executive Director*  
Women's Equality  
Center



**Candace Gibson**  
*Director of State Policy*  
Guttmacher Institute

## Data for Democracy: The Essential Role of Guttmacher Evidence Post-Roe

Center facts. Shape policy. Advance sexual and reproductive rights.

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Welcome! You are invited to join a webinar: One Year of Shield Law Providing: Triumphs & Tribulations. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email about joining the webinar.

Join Abortion Coalition for Telemedicine Founders along with other providers in a panel discussion on the last year of providing telemedicine abortions in states with restrictions and bans. We will review the impact of shield prescribing, implementation, legal and policy challenges and future initiatives.



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## Save the Date! Museum Mile Festival: Tuesday, June 18th from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Every year Fifth Avenue museums open their doors for anyone who'd like to come. We've been part of the tradition for years. Block90 is a great opportunity, not only for fun and festivities, but to welcome our neighborhood and our city into the church, and invite folks back for programming. Please be sure to save the date extend this invitation to family and friends!

Would you like to get involved in planning this fun event? Please email [DStefanizzi@heavenlyrest.org](mailto:DStefanizzi@heavenlyrest.org) if you are interested in volunteering. We could use help planning as well as in-person volunteers for the day of the event. Our volunteer kick-off meeting will be held Tuesday, May 28th from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm at CHR. We will meet in the Undercroft to brainstorm, make some signs, and put together some decor. Coffee and snacks will be provided! Please let us know if you plan to attend anytime during the 2-hour scheduled meeting time. If you prefer to volunteer only on the day of event only, please let us know!

We look forward to planning another creative community celebration! If you cannot make it to the kick off meeting on the 28th but still want to help, we will plan an additional meeting date in June.

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**PRIDE**

**CLOSING  
RECEPTION**

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 23**

**5:00 - 8:00PM AT RIVAA GALLERY**

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ROOSEVELT ISLAND GALLERY

RIVAA GALLERY: 527 MAIN ST, ROOSEVELT ISLAND, NY 10044



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12TH**



**JULY  
19TH**



**JULY  
26TH**



**AUG  
2ND**



**Rain dates: Friday, August 9th and Saturday, August 17th**



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# **OUTDOOR SUMMER MOVIE SERIES**

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Senator Krueger's  
Virtual Town Hall:

# Good Cause Eviction: New Protections for Market Rate Tenants

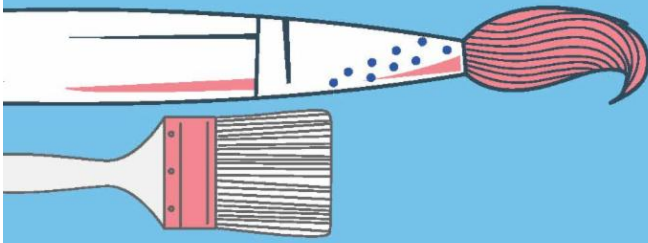
DATE: Thursday, June 20th  
TIME: 6:30pm – 8pm

Please REGISTER to attend at  
[www.tinyurl.com/Good-Cause-6-20-24](http://www.tinyurl.com/Good-Cause-6-20-24)



RSVP Here





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**Saturday, June 22, 2024**  
**11 am to 4 pm**  
Rain Date: June 23, 2024

# **ART SHOW**

## **on the East Side**

**James Cagney Place**  
**East 91st Street, Between 2nd and 3rd Avenues**  
**Presented by Community Board 8 Manhattan**





## Manhattan Community Board 8 Calendar

The Manhattan Community Board 8 (CB8M) represents the Upper East Side of Manhattan and Roosevelt Island. CB8M is comprised of 50 volunteer members who serve as advocates and service coordinators for the community and its residents, as well as help citizens resolve municipal service delivery complaints.

CB8M reviews and makes recommendations on various issues, including applications for Zoning Text Amendments, building variances and special permits, liquor licenses, sidewalk cafes and street fairs, changes to landmarked buildings or buildings in historic districts, traffic and transportation issues, and more.

Each month, CB8M committees meet to discuss and resolve issues in the community.

Full Board Meeting - 3rd Wednesday  
Land Use Committee - 2nd Wednesday  
Street Life - 1st Tuesday  
Transportation - 1st Wednesday  
Housing - 1st Thursday  
Parks - 2nd Thursday  
Landmarks - 3rd Monday  
Social Justice - 4th Monday  
Zoning and Development - 4th Tuesday  
Youth and Education - 4th Thursday

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## Service Advisories



### sanitation

No Trash, Compost or Recycling Collection on Juneteenth, June 19, 2024;  
Collection for all Wednesday Material Begins Thursday

The New York City Department of Sanitation announced that there would be no trash, curbside compost or recycling collection on Juneteenth, Wednesday, June 19, 2024.

- Residents who normally receive Wednesday trash, curbside compost or recycling collection should place their material at the curb Wednesday evening for collection beginning Thursday, June 20.

Please note that residents may experience collection delays, as is common after holidays. We appreciate patience as we work to collect the backlog of material.

For questions about Sanitation services and holiday schedules contact 311 or visit [nyc.gov/sanitation](http://nyc.gov/sanitation).

## In Case You Missed It: Past Editions Of Our Community Update

[Community Update: June 7, 2024](#)

[Community Update: June 3, 2024](#)

[Women of Distinction Special Report](#)

[Community Update: May 24, 2024](#)

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