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University Settlement appoints Joanna Weiner to its Board of Directors

New York, NY – Joanna Weiner (*Senior Counsel, NYC Health + Hospitals*) has been elected to University Settlement’s Board of Directors, the nation’s first settlement house announced today.

Joanna has worked as a health care lawyer for more than 20 years, serving as in-house counsel for non-profit hospitals and as outside counsel for a variety of not-for-profit health care entities. In her current role, she leads NYC Health + Hospitals’ health care regulatory practice.

A graduate of Harvard College, she received her J.D. from Boston University School of Law. Joanna lives in Brooklyn with her husband, two teenagers, and their dog; outside of work, she sings in a treble choir and serves on its board.

"We are grateful to welcome Joanna to our Board," said **Melissa E. Aase**, CEO of University Settlement. "Her insight into New York City’s healthcare systems will be directly relevant to many of our most important strategic goals, and I look forward to calling on her counsel."

"I am thrilled to join the board of an organization that makes a tremendous impact in the lives of thousands of New Yorkers every year," **Joanna** said. "For generations, University Settlement has listened and responded to the priorities of its neighbors, and I am looking forward to partnering with its leaders as we continue to build community strength in Brooklyn and Lower Manhattan."

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About University Settlement

University Settlement partners with 40,000 New Yorkers on the Lower East Side and in Brooklyn every year to build on their strengths as they achieve healthy, stable, and remarkable lives. For over 135 years, we've collaborated with our neighbors to pioneer highly effective programs that fight poverty and systemic inequality. Established in 1886 as the first Settlement House in the United States, we bring the values of that movement into the 21st century by meeting New Yorkers where they live, listening deeply to all perspectives, engaging with every individual holistically, and creating space for people to organize. Joining together with our neighbors to advocate for justice and equality, we help build community strength.

We work with New Yorkers of all ages. We infuse a commitment to civic engagement, equity, and communal action into each of our programs, which include early childhood education, mental health and wellness, benefits assistance and eviction prevention, adult literacy and education, healthy aging, community and recreation centers, performing and visual arts, and youth development.

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