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Mr. Newman was appointed by the Mayor to be a member of the 2003 Charter Revision Commission. Previously, he was Chair of the Board of Social Accountability International (SAI), an organization that establishes workplace standards around the world and monitors to ensure compliance. Presently, he is the Chair of the SAI Search Committee to replace their retiring founder/CEO.

He was a member of the National Governing Council of the American Jewish Congress, Vice President for Finance of the Board of the Jamaica Services Programs for Older Adults, the Commissioner of The Little Neck-Douglaston-Bay Village Little League for a half dozen years, and was a manager in that League for over twenty years, and appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly to be a member of the NYS Advisory Council for Municipal Lobbying.

Mr. Newman for a number of decades played a prominent role in a number of Congressional, Citywide, and Statewide political campaigns.

Steve and his wife Rosemary live in Douglas Manor. Steve has lived in Queens since 1952, when his family moved to Glen Oaks. They also own a townhouse in Vero Beach, Florida. Between them, Steve and Rosemary have five children, all of whom attended public schools. They have five grandchildren, all of whom are attending public schools. His daughter, Dawn, followed in her late mother's footsteps and was the PA President at P.S. 221Q. Three of the children and two of the grandchildren live in New York City, and the other children and grandchildren reside in the Washington, DC metro area.