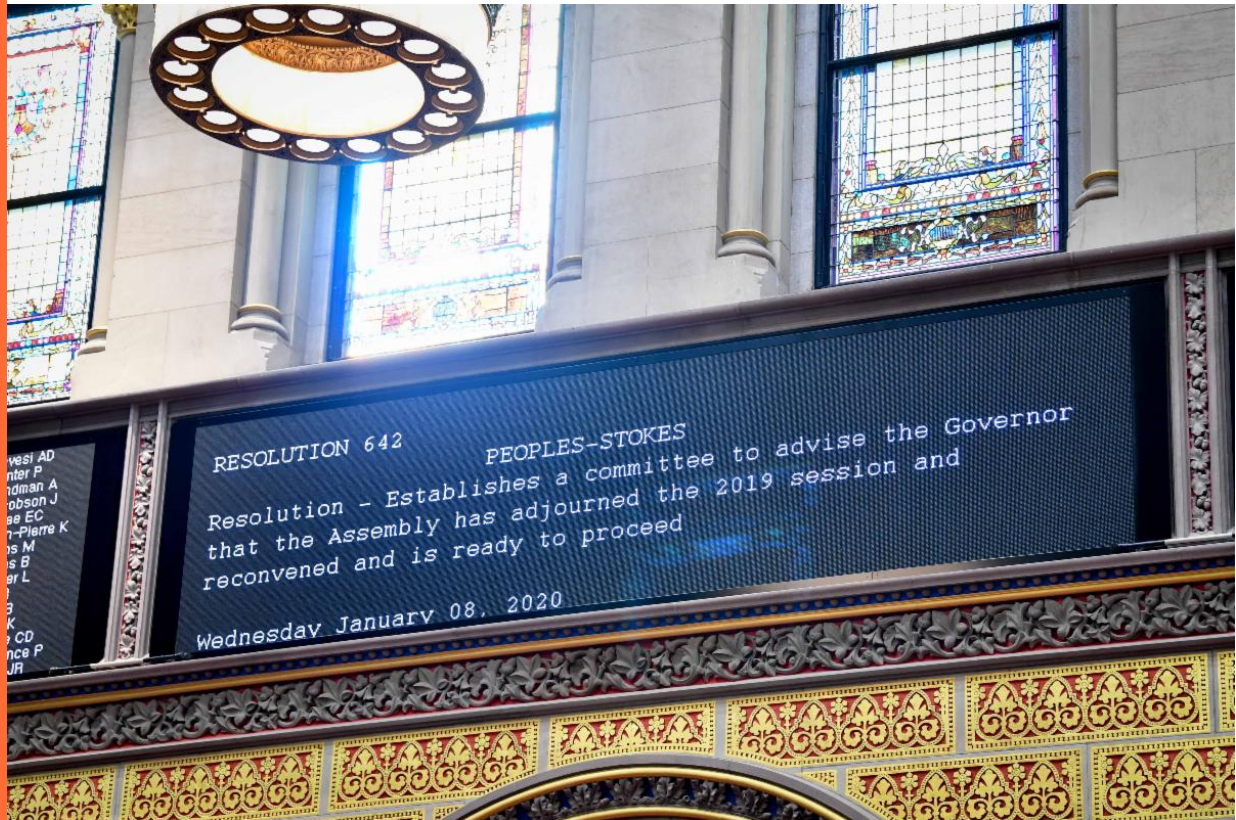


January 10, 2020

Rebecca Seawright



Dear Neighbor,

This week on January 8, 2020 the New York State Legislature opened proceedings for a new legislative session in Albany. We gathered with constituents, advocates, legislators, mayors, city and state officials, law enforcement, emergency responders, and faith leaders for the Governor's 2020 State of the State Address. The focus of the address was "progress."

We are proud of our work to get women on the agenda for 2020 as we are pushing to pass a first-in-the-nation inclusive Equal Rights Amendment to anchor our rights in our constitution, and outline initiatives to invest in women entrepreneurs and improve representation of women on corporate boards. Further, the Empire State Development's Division of Minority and Women's Business Development will be directed to establish a Statewide Integrated MWBE Application Portal. This will allow business owners to apply for any and all MWBE Certification programs in New York using one website and one common application.

New York is one of the most progressive states in the nation. We look forward to living up to our reputation and fulfilling the promise to uplift and unify in spite of the federal

climate. We are eager to make progress with legislation impacting the lives of my constituents of the Upper East Side, Yorkville and Roosevelt Island, and of the Great State of New York.

Stay up-to-date on community happenings by checking my [website](#), or by following me on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), and by liking my [Facebook](#) page. If our office may be of service, remember that we are just a call, email or visit away!

Sincerely,

Rebecca



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Opening Session 2020 in the Assembly



(Mike Groll/Office of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo)

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo delivered his 2020 State of the State address. The Governor's 2020 agenda focused on progress featuring initiatives like a domestic terrorism law to address the spike in hate crimes, a \$3 billion environmental bond act to fight climate change, legalize cannabis, and invest in historic infrastructure and economic development.

He outlines the ways in which the legislature will help middle class families including investment in the MTA's Capital Plan to provide reliable and accessible public transportation in New York City, an expanded free college tuition program, protections for gig economy workers, paid sick leave and tax cuts for middle class New Yorkers and small businesses.



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Former Congresswoman Liz Holtzman, Seawright's daughter Haley Hershenson, and Assembly Member Seawright.



CUNY Chancellor Felix V. Matos Rodriguez, Assembly Members Rebecca Seawright and Diana Richardson, and CUNY Trustee Sandra Wilkin.



Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Sandra Wilkin.



SUNY Student Assembly Director of Legislative Affairs Bradley Hershenson and his mom, Rebecca Seawright.



Haley, former intern with Senator Jen Metzger.



Speaker Carl Heastie presides over the Assembly Chamber with his daughter for opening day of session.



SUNY New Paltz student Haley and her mom, Rebecca Seawright.



Assembly session interns fill the gallery to view Assembly proceedings.

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Seawright Stands with UES Immigrant Business Owners

by Michael Rock January 7, 2020

Recognizing that luxury developers' work can harm the established community's well-being, Assemblymember Rebecca Seawright (D-Upper East Side, Yorkville) has prioritized protecting the neighborhood's established businesses from the excesses that have come from the new real estate.

"Small businesses are an integral part of the fabric of our community," said Seawright. "We deeply value the many entrepreneurial immigrants who contribute significantly to the luster and character that makes our communities vibrant and interesting.

Developers must understand that our hardworking shopkeepers and their employees seek to be treated fairly and with the respect they deserve."

Elaborating on her efforts to ensure the developers play fair, Seawright cited an October press conference where she urged Extell Development to combat various safety and sanitation hazards at its construction site on First Avenue between 79th and 80th Streets.

"I was pleased that Extell quickly responded and corrected the dangerous conditions," she recalled.



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Reconsidering Flight Rules for Sightseeing Helicopters



New York State Legislature
State Senate U.S. Senator
State Assembly U.S. Representative
State Assembly Member Dan Q. Quinn
State Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright
State Assembly Member Richard H. Gottlieb
State Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal

January 8, 2020

Steve Dickson
Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Administrator Dickson:

We write on behalf of our constituents concerned about the proliferation of daily sightseeing and charter helicopter flights over New York City. Over the years, a significant number of residents contacted our office with various concerns about the city safety corridor flights above residential buildings and public spaces. Their concerns relate to both safety and quality of life.

We are acutely aware of the risk of a catastrophic helicopter accident, especially since the June 10, 2019 helicopter crash in Midtown Manhattan. Unfortunately, that crash was not an isolated incident. Over the past 12 years, there have been six major crashes involving helicopters.

Current regulations are insufficient to ensure safety for those in and around New York City. For example, Central Park – one of the most-visited tourist attractions in the world – is surrounded by some of the most densely populated residential neighborhoods in the nation, with over half a million people living within a 10-minute walk of the park. Unfortunately, the potential for great harm does not hinder helicopters from flying over Central Park on a constant basis.

In addition to the preeminent safety concerns, the noise pollution created by sightseeing helicopters is particularly concerning. For example, residents around Central Park have reported that hearing helicopters can be heard as often as every ten minutes. It is an unsettling experience for residents to hear helicopters buzz, low-flying helicopters circling and hovering over their homes and recreational spaces.

Helicopters also require large amounts of fossil fuels. This is significant, since tourist flights out of New York City, despite being reduced by half in 2015, still amount to roughly 80 flights a day. This figure vastly overstates when flights out of New Jersey and Westchester are taken into account. Reducing sightseeing helicopters bound for New York City from all heliports (New York and New Jersey) would greatly improve the quality of life of New York City residents and tourists by decreasing both noise and



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Council Member Steve Lamm

On January 8, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright and Manhattan elected officials sent a letter to the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regarding constituent concerns for the proliferation of daily sightseeing and chartered helicopter flights over New York City. Concerns for the safety and quality of life of residents who experience the virtually non-stop flights over their residential buildings and public spaces. Considering the recent tragic helicopter accident on June 10, 2019, electeds sent the letter to request that the FAA impose special flight rules for all non-essential (sightseeing and charter) helicopters over the City of New York.

Join Your Local Community Board

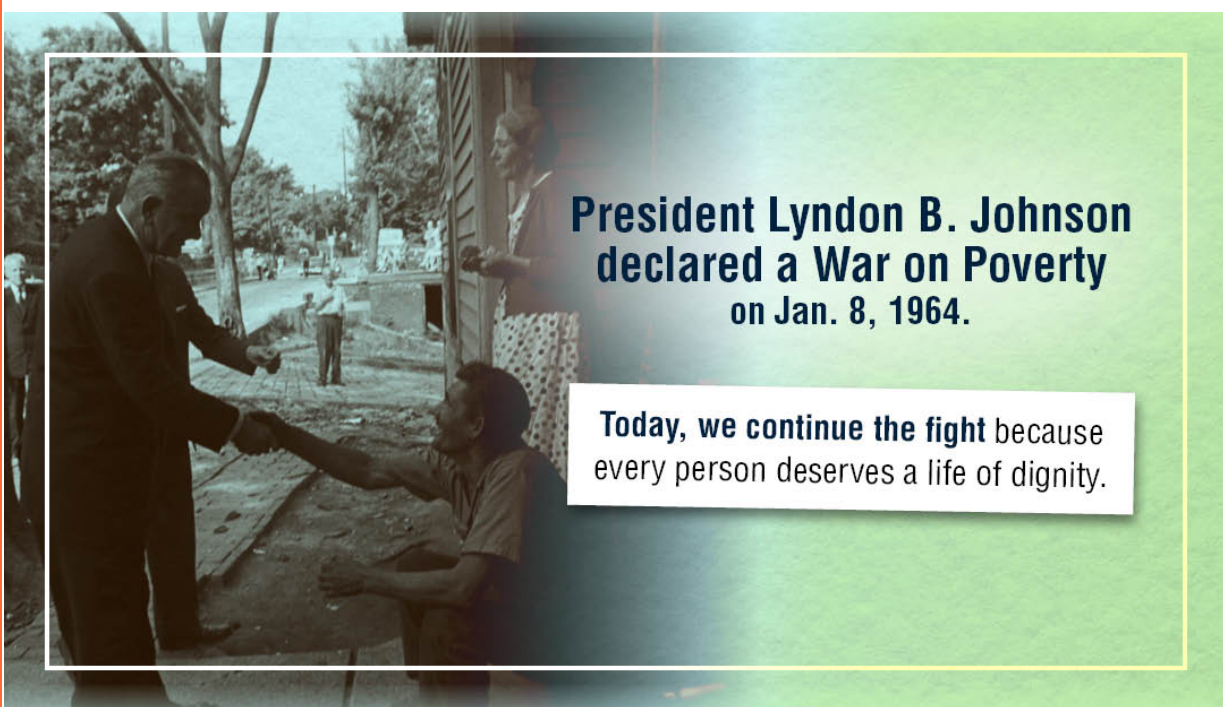
The Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer announced that Community Board applications are now available online at www.manhattanbp.nyc.gov/CBApply and paper applications are also available.

Please let our office know if you need a paper application. The deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m. on January 21st, 2020.

Community Boards are an advisory to local government and are composed of dedicated volunteers making the voice of their neighbors count!



Remembering the Declaration of the War on Poverty, January 8



**President Lyndon B. Johnson
declared a War on Poverty
on Jan. 8, 1964.**

Today, we continue the fight because every person deserves a life of dignity.

This administration today, here and now, declares unconditional war on poverty in America ... It will not be a short or easy struggle, no single weapon or strategy will suffice, but we shall not rest until that war is won. The richest nation on earth can afford to win it. We cannot afford to lose it. – President Lyndon B. Johnson

Since President Lyndon B. Johnson declared a War on Poverty in his first State of the Union Address, we continue to confront the barriers and injustices that stifle opportunities for far too many people. His declaration on Jan. 8, 1964, served as a catalyst for groundbreaking programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid, which continue to provide dignity and security for millions across our nation. Despite the current federal administration's efforts to slash funds for crucial anti-poverty programs, we must do even more to combat the inequality that threatens to undermine our democracy.

This legislative session, we will work to build on the meaningful steps we have taken and continue to fight for our communities. Last year, we passed a state budget that provided \$4.5 million for the Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative to continue its work tackling the root causes of poverty in our state.

Additionally, to ensure no one has to choose between caring for a loved one and putting food on the table, we helped pass a groundbreaking paid family leave law in 2017 that – once fully phased in – provides up to 12 weeks of paid leave for nearly all workers. In

recent years, we also raised the minimum wage, increased funding for our schools and expanded access to affordable health care.

Upcoming Events

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Monday, 13 January 2020 11.30am to 3.00pm

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Volunteer for hope 2020

Do you wish you could do more for New Yorkers sleeping on the streets and subways?

You can! By volunteering for HOPE, an annual survey of unsheltered New Yorkers.

**Jan. 27th, 2020
10pm to 4am**

To learn more about HOPE 2020 and to sign up to canvass the streets in the borough of your choice,

visit nyc.gov/hope or call 311.

One night makes a difference in helping your fellow New Yorkers come inside.

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