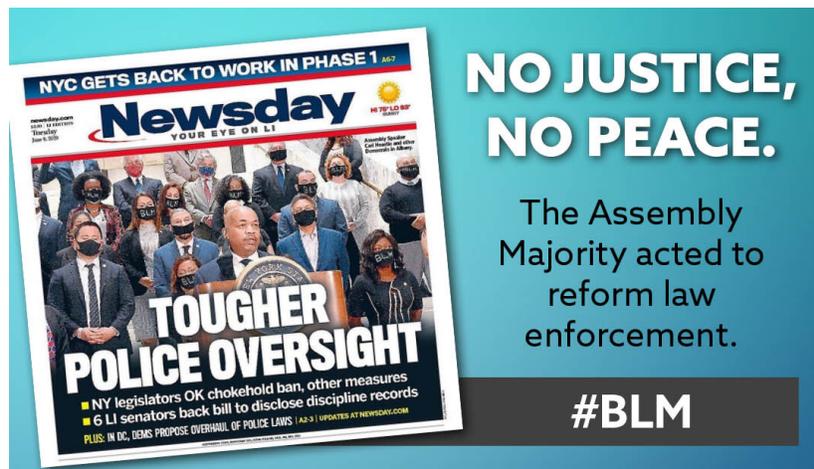


Rebecca Seawright



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This week, we started Phase One of reopening the New York City region. Thanks to New Yorkers' hard work and diligence, our region is moving ahead with the reopening process. We must still adhere to public health guidelines to ensure continued progress.

June is PRIDE month. I am a proud ally standing up for the rights and visibility of the LGBTQ+ community and fighting bigotry of any kind. We will never forget the lives lost, four years ago today, in the mass shooting of LGBTQ+ individuals at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida. We will be discussing LGBTQ+ activism and advocacy at Town Hall Tuesday on June 16 at 6:30 pm. In case you missed it, I am sharing this week's Town Hall Tuesday in this special report as we were honored to be joined by our New York State Attorney General Letitia James and other leaders in the fight for Human Rights across New York State.

We made history this week in Albany, passing sweeping police reforms with the "Say Their Name" package. Our actions will repeal a state law known as 50-a, which currently seals the disciplinary records of police officers. The package also bans police chokeholds, criminalizes false race-based calls to 911, and enshrines into law the designation of the New York State Attorney General as the special prosecutor in cases where police are accused of crimes. We have all heard the call of the peaceful protesters. We must all stand for genuine criminal justice reform and against bigotry and

discrimination.

The deadline to submit absentee ballots has been extended to June 23rd. To be counted, primary ballots must be postmarked by June 23rd. A previously issued Executive Order allows all New Yorkers to vote absentee in the June 23rd primary elections and ensures every New Yorker registered to vote receives a postage-paid absentee ballot application in the mail.

If you need information or assistance, please don't hesitate to contact our office. We regretfully have suspended in-person appointments and meetings, due to public health considerations. We are eager to continue assisting constituents by telephone and email. Please leave a message on our voicemail with your name, address, and phone number and our staff will return your call:

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Sincerely,

Rebecca

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REBECCA SEAWRIGHT
VIRTUAL TOWNHALL TUESDAYS



Pride Edition

LGBTQ+
ACTIVISM & ADVOCACY
JUNE 16 @6:30PM

(***Please Note New Start Time***)



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PUBLIC SPEAKER, LGBTQ+ ACTIVIST & ADVOCATE



MELISSA SKLARZ, SENIOR GOVT. REL. STRATEGIST
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REGISTER TO THE TOWN HALL HERE!

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ON 6/16**

In Case You Missed It (ICYMI): This Week's Tuesday Town
Hall on Human Rights



This week for our Virtual Town Hall Tuesday, we were honored to be joined by New York State Attorney General Tish James, Interim Commissioner Johnathan J. Smith of the Division of Human Rights, Director of Manhattan Community Service Center for New York City Commissioner on Human Rights Daryl J. Cochrane, Distinguished Lecturer and Rita E. Hauser Director of the Human Rights Program at Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College Jessica Neuwirth, and Anthony Browne, Hunter College Chair of the Department of Africana and Puerto Rican/Latino Studies.

SEAWRIGHT VOTES TO PASS COMPREHENSIVE POLICE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM LEGISLATION

Repeals 50-a, Bans Chokeholds, Criminalizes False Reporting, and Enshrines AG as Special Prosecutor in Police Misconduct Cases

Assembly Member Seawright announced the New York State Assembly has passed a comprehensive package of criminal justice reforms riding on the wave of outrage following the death of George Floyd at the hands of police.

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, a cosponsor of the reforms, noted that actions approved on Monday would repeal a state law known as 50-a, which seals the disciplinary records of police officers. The package also bans police chokeholds, criminalizes false race-based calls to 911, and enshrines into law the designation of the New York State Attorney General as the special prosecutor in cases where police are accused of crimes.

"We have all heard the call of the peaceful protestors. We must all stand for genuine criminal justice reform and against bigotry and discrimination," Assembly Member Seawright said.

"Like most New Yorkers and most Americans, I am deeply distressed by the shocking television images of violence in major cities across the country, including here in New York State. The violence against George Floyd and Breonna Taylor by law enforcement officials, which led to their heinous deaths, must be condemned. These are terrible tragedies on a long list of an even longer history."

Assembly Member Seawright thanked Speaker Carl Heastie for his leadership in quickly moving these proposals to passage in the Assembly. "We know our

work is not yet finished," said the Speaker. "We will continue fighting this week and beyond to improve police and community relations, and to create a more fair and equitable system for all people."

The legislation would also:

- mandate body cameras for all state police officers on duty.
- create the Police Statistics and Transparency (STAT) Act, which would require courts to compile and publish aggregate racial and other demographic information concerning arrests and court processing of lower-level offenses, including misdemeanors and violations. The bill also requires police departments to submit annual reports on arrest-related deaths to the Division of Criminal Justice Services, the governor and the Legislature.
- require state and local police and peace officers to report to a supervisor within six hours of the discharge of a service revolver under certain circumstances.
- amend the Civil Rights Law to affirm a person's rights in custody to prompt reasonable medical care.
- prohibit law enforcement officers from profiling based on race or ethnicity and create a statewide public database containing data on motor vehicle and pedestrian stops by police.
- allow any victim of racial or ethnic profiling, or the attorney general, to bring an action for damages or injunctive relief to stop improper profiling.

The Assembly Majority fought to increase **ACCOUNTABILITY IN LAW ENFORCEMENT**

- Repealed section 50-a to make police disciplinary records public
- Affirmed New Yorkers' right to film the police
- Required body cameras for state troopers
- Required reports after weapon discharge
- Made it illegal to call 911 when the call is motivated by bias
- Pushed to end racial and ethnic profiling
- Banned chokeholds and similar restraints
- Mandated recording demographic data in lower-level offenses
- Created the Office of Special Investigation to review wrongful death cases involving police officers
- Created the Law Enforcement Misconduct Investigative Office
- Required police to provide medical assistance to New Yorkers in custody

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RE-OPENING METRICS & GUIDANCE

New York City is in Phase One of Re-Opening

Reopening New York City: <https://forward.ny.gov/reopening-new-york-city>

Daily updates can be found here: <https://forward.ny.gov/percentage-positive-results-region-dashboard>

"NY Forward Reopening" Plan is available:

here: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/NYForwardReopeningGuide.pdf>

Phase One Overview:

Phase One industries include:

- Construction
- Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting
- Retail - (Limited to curbside or in-store pickup or drop off)
- Manufacturing
- Wholesale Trade

Re-opening refers to non-essential businesses and business activities. Essential businesses and business activities that are open will remain open.

As New York City enters phase one of reopening, Governor Cuomo announced that New York City is now eligible to resume elective surgeries and ambulatory care.

The MTA is continuing to take unprecedented steps to keep riders and workers safe, including cleaning and disinfecting trains and buses daily - the largest and most innovative cleaning effort in its history. Since May 6th, the MTA has performed 30,000 station cleanings and disinfections and 500,000 subway car cleanings and disinfections. The MTA is also piloting the use of proven UV light technology to clean subway cars and crew facilities.

NYC Small Business Services:

- PPE to small businesses: NYC SBS is providing 2 million pieces of PPE to small businesses citywide. NYC SBS is coordinating with 70+ BIDs, Chambers of Commerce and other neighborhood partners to distribute the 2M masks to small businesses. Find a distribution partner near you at <https://www1.nyc.gov/nycbusiness/article/free-face-coverings>.
- Small Business Restart Hotline launched on Friday, June 5th. To reach this hotline, please call 888-SBS-4NYC or 888-727-4692
- Small Business Emergency Grant Program: This grant is for small businesses who were impacted by looting and vandalism. City will begin by providing grants of up to \$10k, starting in the Bronx. To apply please call 311 or the SBS Hotline.
- Guidelines for small businesses: NYC SBS will be providing updated guidelines for small businesses as they reopen.
- NYC SBS Webpage: [nyc.gov/covid19biz](https://www1.nyc.gov/nycbusiness/article/reopening-guide) and reopening guide located here: <https://www1.nyc.gov/nycbusiness/article/reopening-guide>

NYC Department of Consumer & Worker Protection:

- NYC DCWP Worker Hotline launching today, Monday, June 8th. To reach this hotline, please call 311 and ask for "Worker protection hotline"
- NYC DCWP will offer free one-on-one financial counseling
- Palm Card Resource Guide will be available for all New Yorkers. NYC DCWP will be conducting outreach and a distribution plan is coming. The palm card can be found here: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/sbs/downloads/pdf/businesses/covid19/reopening/NYC-Business-Reopening-flyer-digital.pdf>
- NYC is extending licenses for business retailers
- NYC DCWP is committed to reducing fines, working with other agencies to ensure this

General Help:

- An updated Pandemic Benefits Guidance that includes information pertaining to who and what type of benefits are available: <https://access.nyc.gov/pandemic-benefits-guidance>
- One Pager for Workers: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dca/downloads/pdf/workers/NYC-Business-Reopening-WhatWorkersNeedToKnow.pdf>
- FAQs for Workers: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dca/downloads/pdf/workers/NYC-Business-Reopening-FAQ-Workers.pdf>

For help determining whether or not your business is eligible to reopen, use the reopen lookup tool. You can also scroll down to find the guidance for each phase.

New York Forward Business Reopening Lookup Wizard

Phase Two:

- o All Office-Based Jobs
- o Real Estate Services
- o Retail In-Store Shopping
- o Limited Barbershop and Hair Salon Services

Phase Three:

- o Restaurants/Food Services (Indoor and Outdoor)
- o Personal Care Services (Nail Salons, Massage)

Phase Four:

- o Arts/Entertainment/Recreation
- o Education

Upcoming Events

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HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

TUES. JUNE 23

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Public Notice

**New York State Attorney General Letitia
James**

Public Hearing Via Video Conference on Police/Public Interactions During Recent Protests

Wednesday, June 17th @ 11:00AM

The Office of the Attorney General has been designated by the Governor to investigate interactions between police officers and the public during recent protests.

Attorney General James will be holding a public video hearing to examine the nature and details of these interactions. Members of the public are invited to provide written testimony relevant to this investigation.

Oral testimony for the video hearing will be subject to hearing scheduling constraints and witness availability. To be eligible for providing oral testimony at the hearing, testimony must be submitted in writing by 5:00 pm on Monday, June 15th. Testimony may be submitted at the following web address: [**ag.ny.gov/hearing**](http://ag.ny.gov/hearing).

The Office of the Attorney General will review all testimony, both written and oral. Hearing will be viewable via the OAG website at: [**ag.ny.gov/livestream**](http://ag.ny.gov/livestream). This hearing is a public event and all testimony is subject to public disclosure. Members of the public can submit non-public complaints relevant to the Attorney General's investigation at: [**ag.ny.gov/nypd-protest-response**](http://ag.ny.gov/nypd-protest-response). Press Contact: [**NYAG.PressOffice@ag.ny.gov**](mailto:NYAG.PressOffice@ag.ny.gov)

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NYC COVID-19 Self-reporting Portal: [Link here](#) or call 311
DOHMH FAQ: [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
Face Covering Distribution: [Face Coverings Face Coverings](#)
Face Covering Tips: [helpful videos](#)
DACA Renewal Assistance: Call ActionNYC at 1-800-354-0365
Ferry Schedules: [Staten Island Ferry](#) / [NYC Ferry](#)
H+H Visitor Policy: [Policy to Reduce the Spread of Coronavirus](#)
Mental Health Hotline: 1-888-NYC-WELL or text "WELL" to 65173. [NYC Well](#)

Mental Health Online: [Support New Yorkers Can Access While Staying Home](#)
OATH: [Hearing Online](#)
Online English Classes: [We Speak NYC](#), [Register Here](#) or for information: [click here](#)
Online Marriage Licenses: [nyc.gov/Cupid](#) or [cityclerk.nyc.gov](#)
Animal Welfare FAQ: [COVID-19 and Animals FAQ](#)
COVID-19 Pet Owner Hotline: 1-877-204-8821
Pet Planning: [Get Prepared - Pets & Service Animals](#)
Map of Essential Construction: [Essential Active Construction Sites Map / FAQ](#)
Report Price Gouging: [DCA - COVID-19 Complaint](#)
Resource Guide for Immigrants: [Resources for Immigrant Communities](#)
Virtual Friendly Visiting Program for Seniors: Call 212-AGING-NYC

For Families

Activity Book for Kids: [Animals of NYC - Physical Distancing Activity Book](#)
Remote Learning: [NYC DOE Info Hub](#)
Fun at Home for Kids: [nyc.gov/funathome](#) or text “Fun” to 97743
School and Childcare for Essential Workers: [Regional Enrichment Centers](#)

How to Help:

How to Help: [Help Now NYC](#)
Companies with Supplies on Hand to Donate or Sell: [NYC Suppliers Page](#)
Companies Ready to Begin Producing Supplies: [COVID-19 Emergency Supply Sourcing & Manufacturing](#)
Donate PPE: [NYC Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) Donation Portal](#)
Donate Plasma: [New York Blood Center](#)
Food and Non-medical Donations: [DonateNYC](#), or call 833-NYC-0040

For Constituents in Need:

Benefits Available for New Yorkers: [AccessNYC](#)
Services for Folks in Need: [Assistance for Individuals](#)
Domestic Violence: [NYCHope](#)
Family Justice Centers: [Family Justice Centers](#), 24-hour DV Hotline: 1-800-621-4673
Financial Empowerment Guidance: [DCA - Free Financial Counseling](#)
Food Finder: [Food Bank NYC](#)
Grab & Go Meals for All: Location: [Free Meal Sites](#), or text “NYCFOOD” or “COMIDA” to 877-877
Hotel Isolation Referral Program: [nyc.gov/covid19hotel](#)
Peer-Peer Wellness Check for Veterans: [Mission: VetCheck](#)
People with Disabilities: @NYCDisabilities, 311 or visit <http://nyc.gov/disability> or via video phone: 646-396-5830
SNAP: [SNAP Benefits](#)
Student Loan Debt Tips During COVID-19: [NYC Consumer Affairs](#)
Unemployment Benefits: [NYS Department of Labor + NYC FAQ](#)

Businesses & Nonprofits:

Stop the Spread: [Stop the Spread of Coronavirus Flyer](#)
Facebook Grants for Small Businesses: [facebook.com/grantsforbusiness](#)
Guidance for Employers & Employees: [Update about Workplace Laws](#)
Non-Profit Providers: [FAQ for Nonprofit Businesses](#)
SBS Webinars for Small Businesses: [Register here](#)
Small Businesses: [Assistance & Guidance for Businesses](#)

Workers:

Citibike Free Year Membership for First Responders: [Critical Workforce Membership](#)
Freelancers in NYC: [File Workplace Complaint](#)
Hotels for Healthcare Workers: [NYC & Company](#)
Labor Issues: Call 311, or AG’s office: (212) 416-8700 or Labor.Bureau@ag.ny.gov
Paid Sick Leave: DOHMH [Frequently Asked Questions](#) / or call: 855-491-2667 or 311
State List of Essential Business/Services: [Governor Cuomo Guidance Under 'New York State on PAUSE'](#)
SBS: [Virtual Workforce One Center](#) or call 718-960-2458
TLC Driver Jobs: [NYC Food Delivery Driver Portal](#)
TLC [Driver Resource Center](#): legal services, financial counseling, and other referrals

Buildings & Residents:

NYCHA Residents: *NYCHA's journal + Hardship Rent Reductions + NYCHA COVID-19 FAQ + City Harvest Mobile Markets + Mayor de Blasio Announces New Plan to Combat COVID-19 at NYCHA*

Property Tax issues: *Department of Finance Benefits*

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