

Rebecca Seawright



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am proud to introduce a Virtual Communications Crime Accountability legislative package in the Assembly. Modern technology and online platforms like ZOOM have made it easier for all of us to stay in touch during this national crisis. As these platforms are becoming commonplace in households, we must ensure that the users are protected from so-called "ZOOM-bombing" by people with offensive and malicious intent. I look forward to garnering support for these important measures.

Our office joined George Collins, Director of the Monday Night Dinner program at the All Souls Church for their grab and go meals. We contributed New York State hand sanitizer and PPE to their efforts, and volunteered to distribute meals, hand sanitizer and masks.

This week, we hosted another face-covering distribution event. Over 300 face coverings and hand sanitizer were given to the community. This weeks Virtual Town Hall Tuesday was with the New York State Department of Financial Services, New York City Transit, and the IRS Office of the Taxpayer Advocate. On Tuesday, July 14, the Virtual Town Hall will be a Roosevelt Island community forum with Shelton Haynes, Acting President and CEO of the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC).

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Sincerely,

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ROOSEVELT ISLAND VIRTUAL TOWN HALL



**TUESDAY, JULY 14
7:00PM**

**ASSEMBLY MEMBER
REBECCA SEAWRIGHT**

**HOSTS A COMMUNITY
FORUM WITH**



SHELTON J. HAYNES

**RIOC ACTING PRESIDENT AND CEO
OF THE ROOSEVELT ISLAND
OPERATING CORPORATION (RIOC)**

Cosponsors:



US Congresswoman
Carolyn Maloney



New York State Senator
José M. Serrano



Council Member
Ben Kallos

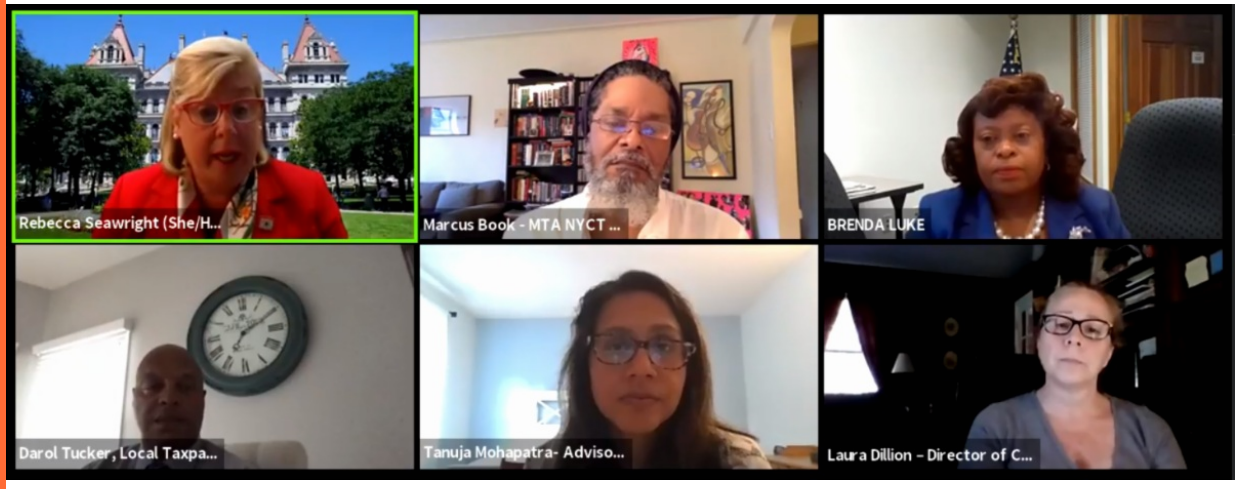
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REGISTER TO THE TOWN HALL HERE!

**CLICK HERE TO WATCH ON FACEBOOK LIVE @ 7 PM
ON 7/14**

In Case You Missed It (ICYMI): This Week's Tuesday Town Hall "Re-Opening Our Neighborhood: Part 2"



Seawright Introduces Virtual Communications Crimes Accountability Package

Bills to Combat ZOOM-bombing, Prevent COVID19 Scams, and Protect All Personal Identifying Information

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright has introduced a bill that would combat disruptions of online public meetings over streaming internet meeting services such as ZOOM and other platforms widely used. In the wake of the COVID19 pandemic, the need to communicate imposed a greater need to connect over virtual platforms such as ZOOM in order to work, attend classes, receive healthcare by tele-health, attend social gatherings, and meetings. ***"Modern technology and online platforms like ZOOM have made it easier for all of us to stay in touch during this national crisis. As these platforms are becoming commonplace in households, we must ensure that the users are protected from so-called "ZOOM-bombing" by people with offensive and malicious intent,"*** said Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright. The proposed amendment to the state penal law would criminalize any disruption of an online public meeting "when, with intent to cause public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm, without lawful authority, and acting through a computer service "the person disturbs any lawful assembly or meeting of persons open conducted through a computer service and opened to the public. Such an offense would become a Class B misdemeanor.

Assembly Member Seawright is also introducing Assembly bill A10725, joining Brad Hoylman, the Senate sponsor, in an expanded effort to fight online and telephone scams. This legislation is necessary to address those who are engaged in widespread efforts to defraud the public. The bill provides for appropriate penalties for large-scale fraudulent activity. ***"As we are suffering the fallout of the pandemic, New Yorkers are seeking relief with the unemployment system, medical and social services that they may have never sought out before. Individuals are taking advantage of vulnerable people at this time with the enticement of relief. We have heard of people peddling COVID19 treatment and cures as a way to scam people. It is unacceptable and needs to be penalized to the fullest extent of the law,"*** Seawright continued. Charging a person who is engaged in a scheme to defraud large groups of people out of relatively small amounts of money currently leads to multiple petit larceny counts, which is a class A misdemeanor. This legislation would provide more severe penalties to reflect the total dollars in the aggregate caused by a scheme to defraud.

Another area in which our laws lag is the protection of personal identifying information. The measure provides additional protection to protect personal identifying information,

computer data, or a computer program. In an age when private information is increasingly stored online, and goods and services are often purchased online with credit cards, safeguarding personal identifying information is essential. ***"There are so many portals and online platforms to be used in our modern society. Every exchange of personal identifying information, no matter how small, needs to be safeguarded. We have to be one step ahead of the cyber criminal looking for personal identifying information,"*** Seawright explained. Personal identifying information includes the traditional date of birth, driver's license number, social security number. It will now expand to protect computer system passwords, electronic signatures, fingerprints, voice prints, and retinal imaging. Charges would be expanded and range up to grand larceny in the first degree.

Seawright Statement on SCOTUS Ruling to Allow Employers to Deny Contraceptive Coverage to Women

"This week's Supreme Court decision is a huge setback for women and reproductive choice, allowing employers to deny women coverage for contraceptives because of their personal objections. Healthcare decisions should be between a patient and provider, not their employer.

I have spent my entire adult life championing women's rights. As the sponsor of an Equal Rights Amendment to our New York State Constitution, I am committed to safeguarding our rights. Last year, we made history in the New York State Assembly when we passed a package of legislation to protect access to women's health care that included the Reproductive Health Act, the Boss Bill as well as the Comprehensive Contraceptive Coverage Act. We know every woman should have full autonomy over her body and reproductive decisions.

While the federal government turns its back on women and their health, we will continue to defend the rights of women in New York State."

Monday Night Dinner At All Souls



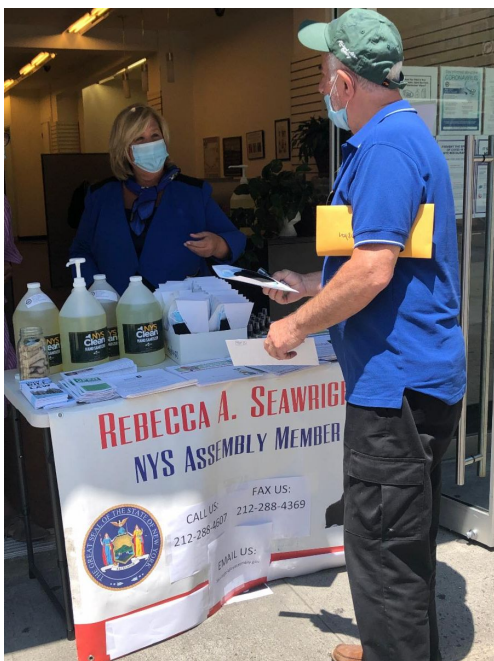
Assembly Member Seawright worked with All Souls Unitarian Church Monday Night Hospitality Director George Collins and volunteer Faith Fraser to provide hand sanitizer, masks and meals to the volunteers and guests.



District Office Mask Giveaway



On Thursday, July 9th Assembly Member Seawright handed out face coverings and hand sanitizer at the community office. Next week another giveaway will take place on Thursday with additional information below.



**ASSEMBLY MEMBER
REBECCA SEAWRIGHT
PROTECTIVE FACE
MASK GIVEAWAY**



**THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020
12:00PM-2:00PM**

**COMMUNITY OFFICE
1485 YORK AVENUE
(78/79 STREET)**

**RSVP: [CUTT.LY/AMRSFACE](https://cutt.ly/AMRSFACE)
MASKGIVEAWAY**

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TUES. JULY 21

HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

Get help navigating the housing court process, responding to notices, dealing with threat of eviction, getting repairs from negligent landlords, and advocating for your rights as a tenant in New York City!

**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY
AT 4:00 PM ATTORNEYS FROM
THE LAW OFFICES OF GRIMBLE
& LOGUIDICE, LLC WILL
PROVIDE ADVICE ON HOUSING-
RELATED MATTERS AT NO-COST
FOR CONSTITUENTS OF THE
76TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

**DUE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS, A
VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY WILL
HOST A ONE -ON-ONE PHONE
SESSION WITH ATTENDEES.**

RSVP REQUIRED:

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Stay informed about the CORONAVIRUS



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](#)
Tenants/Landlords: [COVID-19: FAQ for Residential and Commercial Buildings](#)

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