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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

On January 6, 2021, we marked the beginning of the Legislative Session. We are renewed in our commitment to stand up for constituents and all New Yorkers in the fight against COVID-19 and beyond! I am honored to have been appointed Chair of the New York State Assembly Task Force on Women's Issues and member of the Ways and Means Committee. I pledge to work tirelessly to build upon the progress we have made as we face the challenges ahead.

Sadly, we have all witnessed the domestic terrorist attacks in Washington, D.C. the first week of January. In New York, across the United States and the globe, we reject the acts of destruction and hate. New York State deployed its National Guard to aid in a peaceful transition of power. We condemn domestic terrorism and will not be intimidated. Democracy will prevail.

Our team invites you to a virtual swearing-in ceremony on Tuesday, February 9th at 7:00 pm. We will be joined by the sensational singer Marilyn Maye and Roosevelt Island Girl Scout Troop 3233.

Stay safe, wash your hands frequently, keep your social distance, and wear your face covering! Please don't hesitate to reach out to our community office if we can be of assistance.

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Sincerely,

Rebecca A. Seawright

New Yorkers can call the New York State Vaccination Hotline

**1-833-NYS-4VAX
(1-833-697-4829)**

to determine eligibility and to sign up for an appointment.

Or search for a New York City site here: <http://nyc.gov/vaccinefinder>

Seawright Passes Renter Protections

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright announced the passage of state legislation she co-sponsored that extends and expands protections for renters and small landlords facing financial distress caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Seawright said the COVID-19 Emergency Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2020 would temporarily stay evictions and residential mortgage foreclosures until May 1.

"More evictions will lead to more infections and more deaths. The devastating job and income loss, societal disruption, and business closings we've seen this year have made keeping a roof over New Yorkers' heads even more challenging. The lack of rental income hurts small property owners. They need our help. I am proud to have co-sponsored this legislation which benefits those most in need."

COVID-19 Rent Relief Application Extended through February 1, 2021

The COVID-19 Rent Relief Extension Program is open through Monday, February 1, 2021. Previous applicants will not have to reapply to be reconsidered. New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) will re-evaluate all applications that were previously denied using the new eligibility criteria. Visit hcr.ny.gov/RRP for more information. For help, please contact our office at 212-288-4607 or HCR's COVID Rent Relief Extension Program Call Center at 1-833-499-0318 or covidrentrelief@hcr.ny.gov.

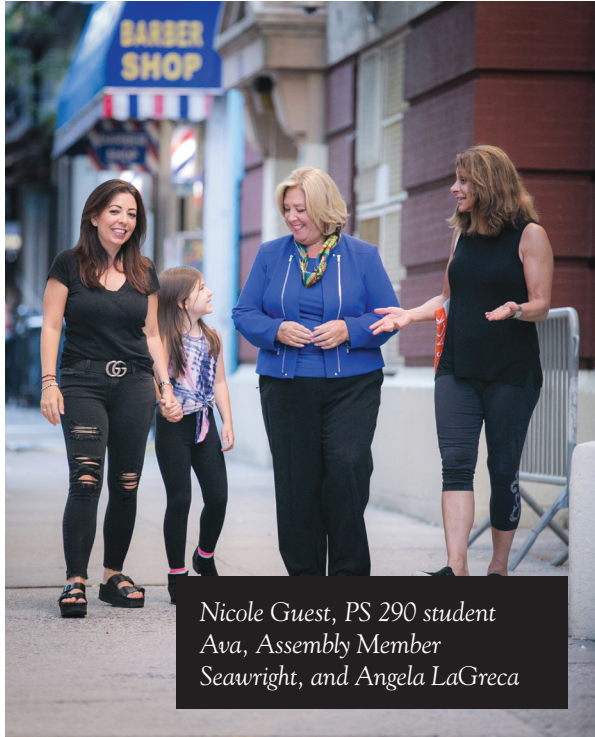
Seawright Distributes 7,000 N95 Masks to "High-Risk" Nursing Home Residents and Healthcare Workers



CEO of Protective Health Gear Brian Wolin, Assembly Member Seawright and the Doe Fund's Ozden Bolatginan.

With the long-awaited COVID-19 vaccination program advancing, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright lead a new distribution of 7,000 specialized masks to protect high-risk nursing home residents and healthcare workers at Mary Manning Walsh/Archcare Nursing Home, Lenox Hill Hospital-Northwell Health, and Memorial Sloan Kettering Medical Center on the Upper East Side, Yorkville, and Roosevelt Island. The Doe Fund's nationally recognized program to help formerly incarcerated and homeless men return to the workforce also received 1,000 masks.

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright Awards \$500,000 to Local PS 290 Manhattan New School



Nicole Guest, PS 290 student Ava, Assembly Member Seawright, and Angela LaGreca



Assembly Member Seawright with Principal Doreen Esposito, a parent coordinator and students from PS 290.

Funding New Laptops, Bottle Filling Stations, and Bathroom Renovations

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright presented a New York State Assembly grant in the amount of \$500,000 for technology upgrades and renovations. Working with Principal Doreen Esposito, Seawright allocated funding for the needs of the Manhattan New School to have new technology, bottle filling stations, and bathroom renovations.

In the age of COVID-19, it is critically important that all students have access to laptops to strengthen their communications skills, research, self-direction, and problem solving skills to work independently. “As a proud public school parent and former PTA activist, I understand the importance of funding for the classroom. Our students deserve to have the technology and resources to have the opportunity to learn, especially at a time when some students are learning remotely,” said Assembly Member Seawright. The grant will also provide for the installation of additional smart boards in classrooms.

The water bottle filling stations will present a healthy option for students to develop healthy habits at school. The bathroom renovations will include facilities with greater capacity, automatic flush toilets, and sink repairs to ensure a safe and sanitary school day.

Assembly Member Seawright is a member of the Education Committee in Albany, securing over \$12 million in funding to date for our public schools, parks, non-profits, and senior centers. Seawright has previously funded a green roof for the Manhattan New School, PS 290.

As Seen in the Washington Post:

“This is nothing more than clear and simple voter suppression. Voter suppression of senior citizens, voter suppression of people with disabilities and voter suppression of working women and men,” stated Rebecca Seawright.

10/30/2020



Upper East Side resident Jane Foss and Seawright calling on the Board of Elections to open another early voting poll site.

Seawright Secures Additional Early Voting Site at Marymount College

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright secured Marymount Manhattan College as an alternate early voting poll site for the final weekend of early voting after successfully obtaining an agreement from the New York City Board of Elections.

Assembly Member Seawright threatened litigation against the BOE to compel the city to open another voting site in the neighborhood. Seawright reached an agreement with the BOE, and Marymount Manhattan College President Kerry Walk opened her campus to a new early voting site on the Upper East Side.



Seawright stands with poll worker Judy Berdy.

Seawright Appointed Chair of New York State Assembly Task Force on Women's Issues



Seawright with her daughter Haley at the Capitol.

New York State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie appointed Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, a longtime advocate for women's rights, to chair the New York State Assembly Task Force on Women's Issues.

Seawright is the prime sponsor in the Assembly of legislation for an Equal Rights Amendment to the State Constitution. Now entering her fourth term representing the Upper East Side, Yorkville, and the Roosevelt Island, she has passed groundbreaking legislation such as laws that require health insurance policies to include 3-D mammography at no cost to the consumer.

Seawright also championed legislation, which was signed by the Governor, encouraged greater representation of women on corporate boards. She authored a law to promote greater consumer financial literacy.

"I'm thrilled and honored to be chairing this task force," Seawright said. "I am especially grateful to Speaker Heastie for this appointment and his longstanding leadership and support for women's issues. And I pledge to work tirelessly to build upon the progress we have made as we face the challenges ahead."

Seawright said she will "continue to be inspired to renew the movement for the federal Equal Rights Amendment to guarantee that our rights are anchored in our State and U.S. Constitutions."



New York State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie Announced Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright's Appointment to the Powerful Ways and Means Committee

The committee plays a pivotal role in the annual New York State budget process. The committee also examines all department budgets, appropriation requests, appropriation bills, and holds public fiscal hearings conducted jointly with the Senate Finance Committee.

"I am privileged to serve and grateful to Speaker Heastie for his trust," said Seawright. "New York State faces fiscal challenges not seen in more than a generation. The task ahead will not be easy as we work to defeat the COVID-19 virus and its fallout."

Seawright's Consumer Financial Literacy Bill Signed By Governor Cuomo



Seawright discussing her Equal Rights Amendment with East 79th Street Neighborhood Association President Betty Cooper Wallerstein.

Legislation Aims to Greatly Strengthen Consumer Awareness and Financial Education

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright's Consumer Financial Literacy bill (A.6070) has been signed into law. The legislation requires the New York State Department of Financial Services to provide, on the department's website, information to enhance consumer financial literacy and consumer awareness. Educational material will be provided on basic banking and personal financial management, how credit scores are determined, ways to establish good credit, and options for investing and increasing personal savings.

"New York is the financial capital of the world and represents 8% of the total U.S. gross domestic product. Our economy is only as strong as the collective financial health of individual consumers. As a result of the COVID pandemic, we are facing parallel health and economic crises. This legislation establishes basic consumer awareness and financial education for all New York State consumers. We want to empower consumers to fight the economic impacts of COVID-19," said Seawright.



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- Navigate and cut through bureaucratic red tape at state agencies
- Help with NYS unemployment insurance
- Receive no-cost housing advice from our Tuesday Housing Legal Clinic
- No-Cost Notary
- Weekly PPE Giveaways
- Virtual Town Halls with timely COVID-19 updates and guidance

Join our email list for weekly updates – send us an email at SeawrightR@nyassembly.gov to sign up!



You're Invited!

Swearing-In Ceremony for the Honorable Rebecca Seawright

Assembly Member for the 76th District

Featuring a performance by the sensational singer Marilyn Maye and Roosevelt Island Girl Scout Troop 3233!



Tuesday, February 9, 2021 • 7:00 pm
[Facebook.com/RebeccaASeawright/live](https://www.facebook.com/RebeccaASeawright/live)

Event is free and open to the public.
 RSVP by calling 212-288-4607 or emailing SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov.

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COVID-19 Legal Resource Hotline**
929-356-9582

New York City Health and Hospitals
1-844-NYC-4NYC

Pet Owners Impacted by COVID
1-877-204-8821

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311

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1-800-621-HOPE

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