

Rebecca Seawright



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

My mentor Sarah Weddington, the attorney who successfully argued Roe v. Wade had a woman's freedom on her mind and in her heart when she fought for our freedom and bodily autonomy 48 years ago. Women have a constitutional right to make decisions about their own bodies, and that choice must always be protected as provided under Roe and subsequent Supreme Court decisions. We take pride in the strength of our pro-choice legislation, enshrining and codifying a woman's right to choose in New York State. We must expand reproductive for all across our nation.

We have been inundated with calls and emails from concerned constituents who have not been able to make an appointment for the covid vaccination. Barriers to vaccination sites and limited supply are pressing issues surrounding vaccine access. We have joined forces with Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer on her COVID-19 Vaccination Task Force to streamline the delivery of this lifesaving vaccine in Manhattan. Additionally, we called on the Mayor and the Governor to establish a dedicated vaccination site for Roosevelt Island. The large network of distribution sites is ready to get more vaccines to New Yorkers, awaiting the supply from the federal government.

This Virtual Town Hall Tuesday on January 26 will feature Dr. Jeffrey Fisher of New York-Presbyterian, Weill Medical College- Cornell University, and Dr. Daniel J. Baker, the Medical Director of the Lenox Hill Hospital Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital.

Save the date for my virtual swearing-in ceremony on Tuesday, February 9 at 7 pm on facebook live featuring 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



*48th Anniversary of the
Roe v. Wade
Supreme Court Decision*

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 **ASSEMBLYMEMBER**



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VIRTUAL TOWNHALL TUESDAYS



COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION SESSION

JANUARY 26 @ 7:00PM



JEFFREY FISHER, MD, FACC
CLINICAL PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE

NEW YORK-PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL
WEILL MEDICAL COLLEGE- CORNELL
UNIVERSITY



DANIEL J. BAKER, MD, MBA
MEDICAL DIRECTOR

LENOX HILL HOSPITAL
MANHATTAN EYE, EAR & THROAT
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ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

**Virtual Town Hall Tuesday: COVID-19 Vaccinations
Information Session Part I**



On Tuesday, Assembly Member Seawright was joined by Health + Hospitals' Ambulatory Care Chief Dr. Anrew Wallach, Ophthalmologist and COVID-19 expert Dr. Peter Michalos, and Chair of the Assembly Committee on Health Dick Gottfried for a discussion on the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccination in New York City. Watch the full town hall [here](#).

COVID-19 Vaccination Information

Over seven million New Yorkers are now eligible for the vaccine. Eligible groups include doctors, nurses and health care workers, people age 65 and over, first responders, teachers, public transit workers, grocery store workers, and public safety workers.

[Visit the New York State Vaccine Site Locator](#)
Call 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829)

or

[Visit the New York City Vaccine Site Locator](#)
Call 877-VAX-4NYC (877-829-4692)

New York State and NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital launched a new vaccination site for eligible New Yorkers in Washington Heights. This new site, at Fort Washington Armory in Upper Manhattan, was made possible thanks to a partnership with Weill Cornell Medicine and Columbia University Irving Medical Center. The site is offering vaccinations to New Yorkers age 65 and up and appointments can be scheduled online through the NewYork-Presbyterian [Connect Online Patient Portal](#). Appointments are required.

[Sign up here to receive the latest information on the COVID19 vaccine.](#)

COVID-19 Updates and Resources

Renters Hardship Declaration

As a result of the rent relief legislation, cosponsored by Seawright and signed into law, renters who have lost income, are unable to pay increased costs or are unable to move without significant risk to their health or the health of a family member, can declare hardship and protect themselves against eviction until May 1, 2021. Tenants should sign and deliver to their landlord a hardship declaration form.

If you're behind on rent or at increased health risk from COVID-19, fill out the hardship

declaration form and get protected from eviction.

COVID-19 Rent Relief Extension Program

The COVID Rent Relief Extension Program will provide eligible households with a one-time rental subsidy that will be sent directly to the household's landlord. Applicants will not need to repay this assistance. The Covid Rent Relief Extension Program is not first-come, first-served. Applications will be accepted throughout the application period. HCR will prioritize eligible households with the "greatest economic and social need."

[Apply here for rent relief through February 1, 2021.](#)

Aid for Small Businesses



Small Business Relief

New York State is offering grant and loan programs and other assistance for small businesses affected by COVID-19.

Visit esd.ny.gov/covid-19-business-resources to learn more.

SBA Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)

Through the Economic Aid Act, you may qualify for 2.5x to 3.5x your average monthly payroll in a 100% forgivable, zero-fee loan.

SBA funding is one of the preeminent SBA loan packagers in the country. Over the prior ten-year period, we've facilitated over \$2 billion in loans, helped thousands of clients during the first round of the Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP"), and have facilitated many thousands more in the first 10 days of the second round.

You have access to PPP funds through SBA funding's exclusive partnership with a service provider offering the most streamlined solution available. This portal will also make it a lot easier for you when you're ready to apply for forgiveness.

- Program Highlights: Receive 2.5x your average monthly payroll costs in the one year prior to the loan or the calendar year (up to \$2 million). Hospitality businesses may qualify for 3.5x
- PPP is a 100% forgivable loan if you follow the guidelines
- Borrowers pay no fees

[Click here, add your basic contact information and be directed to the application.](#)

New York Forward Loan Fund (NYFLF)

The New York Forward Loan Fund (NYFLF) is a new economic recovery loan program aimed at supporting New York State small businesses, nonprofits, and small residential landlords as they reopen after the COVID-19 outbreak and NYS on "PAUSE." The NYFLF

targets the state's small businesses with 50 or fewer full-time equivalent (FTE) employees (90% of all businesses), nonprofits and small residential landlords who have seen a loss of rental income. The NYFLF is specifically timed to support businesses and organizations as they proceed to reopen and have upfront expenses to comply with guidelines (e.g., inventory, marketing, refitting for new social distancing guidelines) under the New York Forward Plan.

[More information can be found here.](#)

Budget Proposal for Small Business Relief

The **Pandemic Recovery and Restart Program** is a \$130 million proposal to help small businesses that were most impacted by COVID to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Program would establish three new tax credits and expand a fourth tax credit to help small businesses, arts and theatrical industries, restaurants, and other businesses to bring back jobs and help the economy recover faster.

[Read more about the Governor's proposal here.](#)

Raising the New York State Bar Restaurant Recovery Fund



The Raising the NYS Bar Restaurant Recovery Fund **provides restaurants and bars with up to \$5,000 in reimbursements for improvements or equipment** that helped them comply with COVID-19 restrictions. These expenditures must have been made on or after September 1, 2020.

To qualify, an establishment must:

- be a small, New York-based restaurant or bar that has been financially impacted by COVID-19
- have been in operation on or before March 1, 2019
- agree to comply with all state and local reopening guidelines

Apply here: nysrestaurantrecovery.fluxx.io/user_sessions/new

For more information, visit: esd.ny.gov/raising-nys-bar-restaurant-recovery-fund



Resources

- **Ritual ONE with PayPal** allows businesses to easily offer commission-free digital ordering. Businesses can receive Ritual for free through March 31, 2021, and access \$1 million in customer discounts.
- **Square** provides free education webinars and dedicated office hours to help business owners quickly launch a free e-commerce website.
- **Shopify**, an all-in-one commerce platform, is offering a 90-day free trial.
- **Etsy** is a marketplace that offers a variety of services that help sellers run their businesses, including payments, shipping and educational resources.
- **Clearbanc** is providing New York-based businesses with free valuation consultation and exclusive discounts.

To learn more visit:
esd.ny.gov/empire-state-digital

Health Insurance Open Enrollment

Open enrollment for uninsured New Yorkers is extended through March 31. As part of the State's ongoing response to the pandemic, the open enrollment period for uninsured New Yorkers is extended through March 31, 2021. New Yorkers can apply for coverage through the NY State of Health, New York's Official Health Plan Marketplace, or directly through insurers. Learn more *here*.

Scholarship Opportunity

The American Chemistry Council (ACC), American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE), The Chemours Company and HBCU Week Foundation recently announced the chemical industry's first collaborative equity, diversity and inclusion initiative aimed at creating pathways for more underrepresented groups to enter and succeed in the chemical industry.

The Future of STEM Scholars Initiative (FOSSI) provides opportunities for manufacturers, supply chain partners and other stakeholders to fund scholarships, create internships and facilitate mentoring and leadership training for students majoring in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

The application is available at <https://www.hbcuweek.org/scholarships-and-internships/> and the deadline to apply is February 15th, 2021. Again, thank you for your partnership. If

ASSEMBLY MEMBER

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HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

TUES. FEBRUARY 2

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

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!

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



**SCAN ME TO
RSVP!**

RSVP REQUIRED:

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The legal clinic is solely to provide guidance and advice from attorney's experienced in landlord-tenant law. The clinic does not guarantee a desired outcome and does not establish an attorney-client relationship. Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright does not represent or advise constituents in any legal matters.

RSVP to the Legal Clinic on 2/2

**ASSEMBLY MEMBER
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**PROTECTIVE
FACE MASK
GIVEAWAY**



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021
12:00PM-2:00PM**

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

SCAN ME TO RSVP!

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RSVP to the Face Covering Giveaway on 1/28

**CB8 Youth & Education Committee Meeting on the
New Admissions Landscape**

Monday, January 25, 2021
6:30 - 8PM

Online – Via Zoom

Agenda: 'The New Admissions Landscape' – DOE Middle Schools and High Schools

Lead Speakers:

Sadye Campoamor

Community Affairs Borough Manager

Division of Community Empowerment and Communications

New York City Department of Education

Elizabeth Rose, CB8 Board Member

Formerly, Deputy Chancellor of Operations, NYC DOE

CB8 Community: Please join us for this important and informative session on the The New Admissions Landscape – the DOE admissions policies and the processes for Middle Schools and High Schools, and how they impact school admissions for the Upper East Side.

Parents and students will receive suggestions and guidance on the strategies to employ, to improve the prospects for a favorable outcome – to research schools and decide what schools to apply for, given the current DOE admissions process.

Following an initial presentation on the status of DOE planning for re-opening, members of the community will be invited to submit their questions via chat regarding DOE plans for the fall.

Peter Patch, Chair, CB8 Youth & Education Committee
Taina Borrero and Rami Segal, Co-Chairs, Community Board 8

[RSVP Here](#)

Construction Advisories

MSK Overnight Work and Lane/Street Closure Advisory: 73rd/74th Streets., FDR Lane & Exit

Turner Construction received permits from the Department of Transportation (DOT) for overnight lane and street closures to complete activity along the FDR Drive, 73rd, and 74th Streets. The DOT has advised this work may only be completed at night to keep the community and workers safe from traffic. The overnight work is scheduled for [Saturday, January 23, 2021](#) through [Sunday, January 31, 2021](#). Each day beginning at 12:00 am, Turner's subcontractor Traffic Safety Services will install controls to close the 79th St entrance to Southbound FDR Dr., Southbound FDR Dr. Exit 13 and right and center lanes of FDR Dr. between 79th and 71st streets. 73rd St and access to Southbound FDR Dr. via 73rd St will remain open to traffic. Please see below for the overnight schedule for each day:

[Saturday 1/23/2020](#): 12am – 6am

[Sunday 1/24/2020](#): 12am – 7am

[Tuesday 1/26/2020](#) through [Friday, 1/29/21](#): 12am – 5am

[Saturday 1/30/2020](#): 12am – 6am

[Sunday 1/31/2020](#): 12am – 7am

Please call MSK's Construction Information Line at [212-639-4444](tel:212-639-4444) with any questions or comments.

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