

# Rebecca Seawright



April is

## National Autism Awareness Month

Our differences are  
our greatest strength.

**ACCEPT. APPRECIATE. INCLUDE.**

*Dear Friends and Neighbors,*

*April is National Autism Awareness Month. I am proud to co-sponsor a resolution in the Assembly to proclaim April as Autism Acceptance Month in the State of New York. The Autism Society of America began a nationwide awareness campaign in the early '70s that was adopted by Congress in 1984 and strengthened by the release of the autism awareness ribbon in 1999. Autism Acceptance Month continues those efforts to spread awareness and also promote acceptance and ignite change. Autism is the fastest growing developmental disorder in the United States. 1 in 54 children are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, totaling over 5 million young people and adults. This year we continue our efforts to build a better awareness of the signs, symptoms, and realities of autism, and to provide information and resources to communities.*

*Protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and get vaccinated. The City sites are open to walk-ins of any eligible age.*

*Join us for one of the events that I am pleased to sponsor:*

- *Tuesday, April 27 at 2:00 pm by telephone- **No-Cost Housing Legal***

**Clinic.** [RSVP here.](#)

- *Thursday, April 29, from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the District Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)- **No-Cost Face Covering Giveaway.** [RSVP here.](#)*
- *Thursday, April 29, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Zoom- **Virtual Knitting Social.** [RSVP here.](#)*
- *Tuesday, May 4, from **6:00 pm to 7:00 pm** (\*\*new time\*\*) on Facebook live and Zoom- **Town Hall Tuesday.** [RSVP here.](#)*
- *Tuesday, May 25, appointments starting at 9:00 am at the District Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)- No-Cost Mobile Scan Van Mammogram Screenings for Eligible Women. Make an appointment by calling 646-415-7932.*

*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.*

**Phone:** 212.288.4607

**Email:** [SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov)

*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca A. Seawright". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and 'S'.

# Rebecca Seawright



## NO-COST SCREENING MAMMOGRAMS FOR ELIGIBLE WOMEN

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021  
Starting at 9:00 am

MOBILE SCANVAN  
DISTRICT OFFICE  
1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)

By appointment: please call 646-415-7932

FOR WOMEN 40 AND OLDER WHO HAVE  
NOT HAD A MAMMOGRAM IN THE PAST  
YEAR

ALL insurance plans accepted  
Co-payments and deductibles are waived  
No-cost for uninsured women 40 and  
older

Funded by:  
CANCER SERVICES PROGRAM OF  
MANHATTAN & JUDGES and LAWYERS  
BREAST CANCER ALERT



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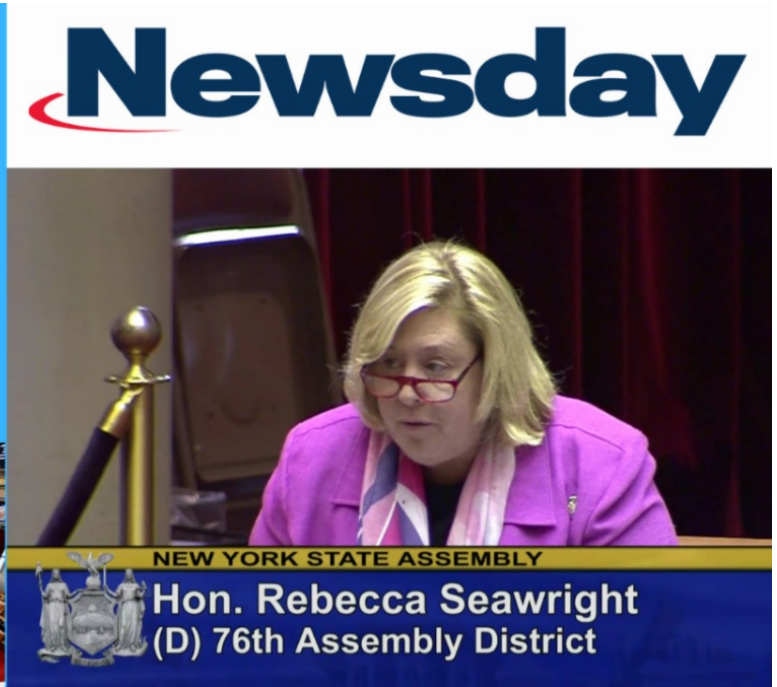


As Featured On The Cover Of ...

# Newsday

NY Weighs Making Sexual Harassment a Crime;  
Would Be Nation's First





"ALBANY — Sexual harassment is prohibited under state and federal law, but it's not a crime. Two bills in Albany would change that by creating the nation's first sexual harassment crime, punishable by jail time rather than fines or firing allowed under civil law."

[Read more in Newsday here.](#)



Seawright Introduces First-In-The-Nation Bill To

# Establish Statute to Convict Public Servants of Sexual Harassment

“As a former assistant district attorney, I feel that we need to define sexual harassment, update our statutes,” Seawright said.



"NEW YORK (CBSNewYork) — A state assembly member from *Manhattan* is seeking to create a first-in-the-nation bill that would increase the punishment for public servants convicted of *sexual harassment*.

They could receive a jail sentence instead of fines and the possibility of being fired, CBS2's political reporter Marcia Kramer reported Monday."

[See the full report from CBS 2.](#)

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## Seawright Passes Legislative Resolution to Recognize April 2021 as Poetry Month in New York State



NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY



HON. REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT  
(D) 76TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

*"It is so important for us to recognize the extraordinary legacy of American poetry, promote the works of modern poets, and the importance of poetry in children's education. I would especially like to recognize the late Florence Howe who was a native New Yorker, a graduate of Hunter College, a champion of the women's liberation movement, and the founder of the Feminist Press which made available "A Legacy of Writings By and About Women." She promoted republishing the works of authors including Zora Neale Hurston, Willa Cather, and Alice Walker.*

*New York is home to some of the most important poets: Walt Whitman, Emma Lazarus, Langston Hughes, Allan Ginsberg, Audre Lord, and Eileen Myles. As the birthplace of the New York School of Poets in the 1960s, New York is home to a movement like no other that revolutionized this art form. Poetry and activism have always converged in history during the abolition, suffrage, sexual liberation, and civil rights movements. We owe these poets a debt of gratitude and they should be recognized by the State of New York,"* said Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.

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## Seawright Statement on the Verdict of the Derek Chauvin Trial

*This week the verdict of the Derek Chauvin trial for the murder of George Floyd was a vital and profound step towards justice in America. It is, however, a beginning step towards genuine law enforcement reform to assure all of the citizenry that such tragedies will never happen again. We need to scrutinize the conditions that lead to the horrible abuse of power against people of color and in particular Black Americans. As we strive to eliminate the virus of the pandemic we must simultaneously eradicate the virus of racism. So let us view today's verdict as a new start, not the conclusion, to a new day in accountable police reform,"* said Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.

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Speaker Carl Heastie and Assembly Member Rebecca

# Seawright Announced the Passage of a Package of Bills to Combat Climate Change on the 51st Anniversary of Earth Day



## ...protecting our environment *for future generations*

- Establish zero-emission goals, including requiring 100% of new passenger cars and trucks sold in state to be zero emission by 2035 (A.4302)
- Prohibit the use of fracking wastewater on New York roads (A.903)
- Increase electric vehicle accessibility for more New Yorkers (A.3876)
- Prohibit hotels from providing small hospitality bottles for personal care products to help cut down on plastic waste (A.5082)

*"The Assembly Majority remains committed to protecting our environment and the health of all New Yorkers,"* said Speaker Heastie. *"The legislation passed in today's Earth Day package builds on the standards we set in the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act to ensure a safe and healthy environment for generations to come."*

*"We are committed to preserving our environment and our natural resources for generations to come,"* said Assembly Member Seawright. *"As the threat of climate change becomes more prevalent with each passing year, it's more important than ever to recognize Earth Day and do what we can to create a more sustainable future."*

The bills in the package create opportunities to reduce or eliminate these barriers and encourage the use of electric vehicles so that we can reduce dangerous emissions and preserve our environment for generations of New Yorkers.

Several large car manufacturers have already made commitments to drastically increase the production of zero-emission vehicles over the next two decades.

This year's state budget also makes critical investments in environmental conservation with the "Restore Mother Nature" environmental bond act, which will be voted on by New



Yorkers in 2022 and protecting farmlands, funding for clean water infrastructure and the state Environmental Protection Fund.

The Assembly has previously passed the historic Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act of 2019 (CLCPA), which sets goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase our use of renewable energy.

To help cut down on plastic waste that fills landfills and pollutes the environment, the Assembly passed legislation to ban hotels from providing small hospitality bottles for personal care products.

*"These measures are crucial steps toward building a brighter, more sustainable future for our families,"* said Seawright. *"But we know that our work is far from done."*

## In Case You Missed It: Earth Day Town Hall



This week's Town Hall Tuesday was a celebration of Earth Day with neighborhood environmentalists and preservationists. We were pleased to be joined by President of Carnegie Hill Neighbors Lo van der Valk, Friends of the East River Esplanade Board Chair Dr. Jennifer Ratner, CIVITAS Board Vice President Jim Tripp, and East 79 Street Neighborhood Association member Wendy Machaver. [Watch the full 46th Town Hall Tuesday here.](#)

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## Restoring Voting Rights



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The Assembly Majority passed a bill that **restores voting rights, advances social justice** and helps ensure all New Yorkers can fully participate in democracy.

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(A.4448-A)

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The Assembly has passed legislation that would restore voting rights to individuals released to parole supervision to facilitate community reintegration and participation in the civic process.

Seawright said *"I am proud to co-sponsor A4448 to restore the voting rights of formerly incarcerated New Yorkers. I hope this will be just the first of many steps in support of the formerly incarcerated and to overturn voter suppression of nearly 43,000 formerly incarcerated New Yorkers -- nearly three-fourths of whom are Black or Latinx who have completed their prison sentence."*

Today's legislation would restore voting rights to individuals released and under supervision, rather than delaying restoration of the right to vote for months or years until the person has been discharged from parole or reached the maximum expiration (supervision) date. Additionally, the legislation would establish requirements to ensure these individuals are notified that their voting rights are restored upon release.

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## COVID-19 Vaccination Information

**No Appointments Needed! All NYC-Run Vaccine Sites Now Take Walk-ins of Any Eligible Age.**

All New Yorkers 16 years and older are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. [Learn more here.](#)

**See how Excelsior Pass can help you be a part of NY's safe reopening.** To help revitalize New York's economy safely, the State launched Excelsior Pass—a free and voluntary platform for businesses & individuals that can be used to easily access secure proof of a recent negative COVID test or vaccination. [Learn more.](#)

[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)

**Vaccination Sites in the 76th Assembly District:**

**AdvantageCare Physicians - 215 East 95th Street, Manhattan, 10128**

**Lenox Hill Hospital - Einhorn Auditorium-** 131 East 76th Street, Manhattan, 10021(844) 919-8222

#### **Rite Aid Pharmacy**

1535 2nd Avenue, Manhattan, 10075

Site only serves those age 50 and older and/or P-12 school faculty and staff and childcare workers and/or those with eligible underlying conditions

#### **Walgreens/Duane Reade**

Sites only serves those age 50 and older and/or P-12 school faculty and staff and childcare workers and/or those with eligible underlying conditions

(800) 925-4733

1524 2nd Avenue, Manhattan, 10075

1328 2nd Avenue, Manhattan, 10021

401 East 86th Street, Manhattan, 10028

1111 3rd Avenue, Manhattan, 10065

1498 York Avenue, Manhattan, 10075

**Fully homebound New Yorkers who wish to receive an in-home vaccination:** Please [click here](#) or call 877-829-4692. You will receive a phone call to confirm your eligibility and schedule the appointment; on that call, please also make sure to request in-home vaccination for other eligible household members ([eligibility criteria listed here](#)). Please note that there is high interest in this program -- you will receive a call back.

**The Vaccine for All Corps is enlisting 2,000 New Yorkers to support City vaccination efforts across the five boroughs.** Hiring for the first tranche of these positions is live at [nyc.gov/vaccinejobs](http://nyc.gov/vaccinejobs). Healthcare experience is not required for many of the positions. Residents from NYC communities hit hardest by COVID-19 are especially invited to apply.

**Assistance with Pandemic-Related Funeral Expenses.** FEMA has announced that it will provide financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020. Additional guidance is being finalized and will be released as soon as possible. In the meantime, people who have COVID-19 funeral expenses are encouraged to keep and gather documentation. [Please check FEMA's website regularly for updates](#)

**Veterans:** VA New York Harbor is offering vaccinations to veterans 65 and older who are enrolled in VA Healthcare. [Click here](#) to learn more or call 1-877-877-9267.

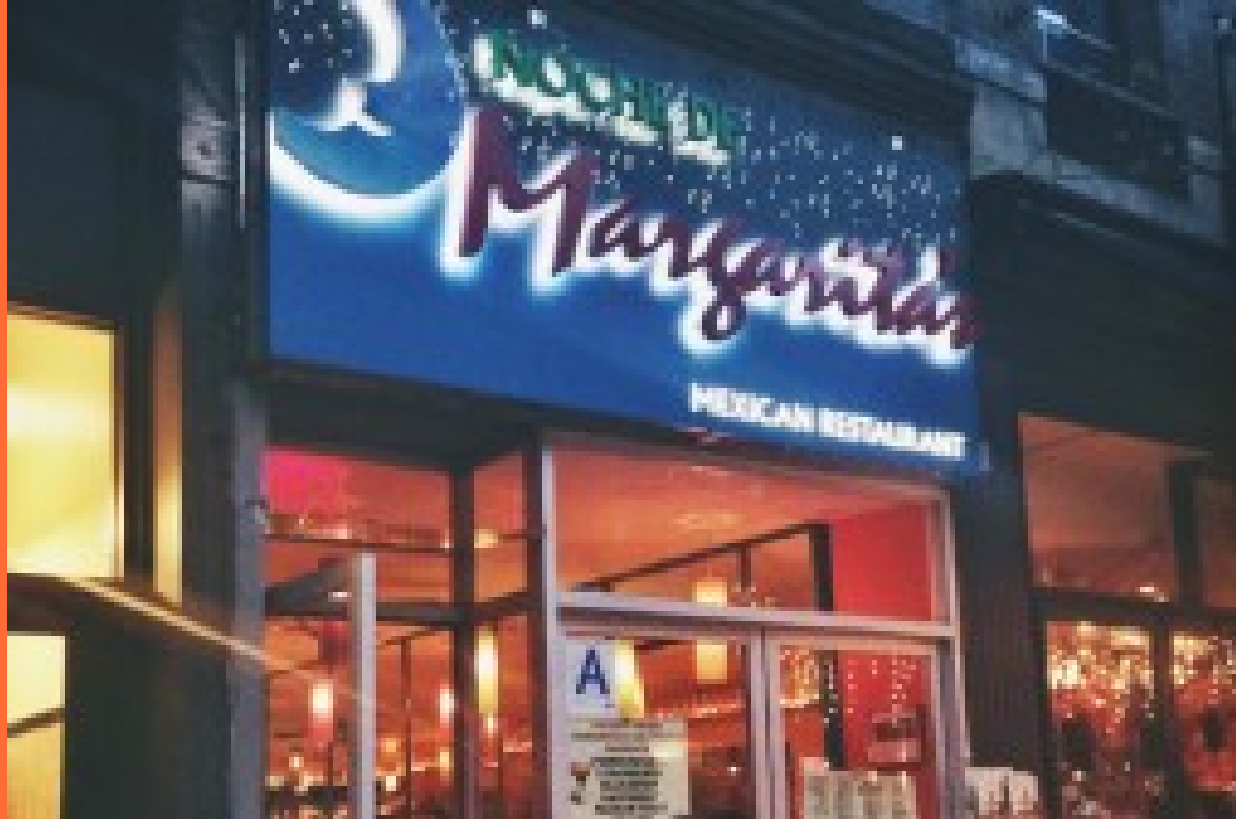
#### **Transportation for Seniors to Vaccination Appointments**

- New Yorkers age 65+ who make a vaccination appointment at a City-operated site will be asked if they need transportation to get to and from their appointment. Transportation is available if you: Have Access-a-Ride: (877) 337-20172.
- Have Medicaid-provided transportation: Use your regular contact number to schedule transport, or call (844) 666-6270.
- Are a homebound 65+ or disabled New Yorker who needs ambulette services: Call Hunter Ambulette at (718) 991-2211.

Anyone 65 and older who does not qualify for 1-3 above can schedule a free ride with Curb at (646) 349-0289.

## **Small Business Spotlight**

### **Noches de Margaritas**



Noches de Margaritas  
Family operated and excellent Mexican food!

1726 Second Ave. (89/90 Streets)  
(212) 289-5195

*Submit your favorite small business here to be featured in  
our next e-newsletter!*

## Upcoming Events

# Roosevelt Island

## #EarthLove Day



**Saturday, April 24, 10am-1pm**  
The Meditation Lawn (south of 501 Main St.)

Join us to celebrate kindness to the **Earth** and each other with **eco-friendly** activities and education including:

-  plogging (jogging/walking while picking up litter)
-  composting  pollinators  seeds & gardening
-  plus **sustainable** giveaways!

Bring your gently handled **books** for our free swap and your used **batteries** for drop-off!

Learn how to help Roosevelt Island stay **green** and **clean**!

Watch us on Instagram live [@rooseveltislandrioc!](https://www.instagram.com/rooseveltislandrioc/)



Roosevelt Island  
Operating Corporation





# National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

**Saturday, April 24**  
**10am-2pm**

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For more information and to  
find a collection site near you,  
please visit [DEATakeBack.com](http://DEATakeBack.com).

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Turn in your unneeded or expired  
prescription medication for  
safe disposal at the following  
Northwell Health collection site  
in Manhattan:

**Lenox Hill Hospital Einhorn Auditorium**  
131 E 76th Street  
(between Park and Lexington Aves)  
New York, NY 10075



**ASSEMBLY MEMBER  
REBECCA SEAWRIGHT**



**PROTECTIVE  
FACE MASK  
GIVEAWAY**



**THURSDAYS**

**12:00PM-2:00PM**

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

**OFFICE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER  
REBECCA SEAWRIGHT  
PHONE: 212.288.4607  
EMAIL:  
SEAWRIGHTR@NYASSEMBLY.GOV**

**SCAN ME TO RSVP!**



**RSVP to the Face Covering Giveaway on 4/29**



Assembly  
Member  
Rebecca  
Seawright

# VIRTUAL KNITTING SOCIAL

JOIN NEIGHBORHOOD  
KNITTERS FOR CRAFTING  
AND CONVERSATION

EVERY THURSDAY ON  
ZOOM  
**2PM-4PM**

ALL SKILL LEVELS  
WELCOME

Contact the Office of Assembly  
Member Rebecca Seawright  
Call: 212.288.4607  
Email: [SeawrightRaNYAssembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightRaNYAssembly.gov)

**RSVP for Virtual Knitting Social on 4/29**



**ASSEMBLY MEMBER**

**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**



# HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

**TUES. APRIL 27**

**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY  
AT 2:00 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:**

**CALL: 212-288-4607**

**EMAIL: SEAWRIGHTR@NYASSEMBLY.GOV**

*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 4/27**

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