

Rebecca Seawright



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

During Black History Month we reflect on the life of the trailblazing Marsha P. Johnson, a dedicated activist for gay liberation, who created a safe space for Black and Latino LGBTQIA+ youth in New York. Known as an outspoken advocate for gay rights, Johnson was one of the prominent figures in the Stonewall uprising of 1969.

This week, we submitted our priority budget letters to Speaker Carl Heastie. These are just some of the initiatives I am supporting:

- ***Equitable access to specialized cancer care (A7696) be included in Assembly Budget*** to assure individuals who are enrolled in Medicaid managed care, the Essential Plan, and individual and small group qualified health plans offered on the New York State of Health Exchange have greater access to National Cancer Institute designated cancer centers.
- ***\$1.5 million for Cornell University Cooperative Extension of NYC and the Action Research Collaborative*** to continue and expand vital programs that deal with Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP), 4-H/Youth Development, Parenting Education, Hydroponics/Aquaponics/Aquaculture, and the Farmers Market Nutrition.
- ***New York Stem Cell Science Program*** funding is set to sunset in 2025, by extending this program, every dollar invested will ensure New York State continues to lead in Stem Cell Research we must restore \$44.8 million in funding to the NYSTEM Program in the Assembly Budget.
- ***Funding Project ALS in the amount of \$2 million in the Assembly One House Budget*** to fund critical research happening at the Project ALS Therapeutics Core at Columbia University (the Core) to accelerate the development of promising new treatments for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

We will continue to provide updates through the budgetary process and details on the Assembly's one-house budget.

On Monday, February 21 our office is closed in observance of Presidents Day a legal government holiday. Our office will re-open on Tuesday, February 22 at 9:30am.

Please join us for one of the events we are pleased to sponsor:

- ***Thursday, February 24 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, February 24 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Zoom - **Virtual Knitting Social on zoom.** [RSVP here.](#)*
- *Tuesday, March 1 from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm - **No-Cost Housing Legal Clinic.** RSVP by calling 212-288-4607.*
- *Tuesday, March 1 at 6:00 pm - **Town Hall Tuesday** streaming on [Facebook live.](#) [RSVP here.](#)*

Please don't hesitate to reach out to our community office if we can be of assistance.

Phone: 212.288.4607

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Sincerely,



Schumer Speaks At Town Hall Tuesday On Aging Advocacy and Senior Citizen Benefits



In case you missed it: Senate Majority Leader Schumer stopped by our Town Hall Tuesday this week. Focused on senior citizens, our guest speakers were Kim Lerner, LMSW Director of Benefits

Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright

is seeking nominations for the 2022

WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARDS



Together, let's celebrate **Women's History Month** by recognizing the extraordinary women who are making our communities stronger.

Join us at the
**2022 Women of Distinction
Awards Ceremony**

held at

Zoom/FB.com/RebeccaASeawright
on Wednesday, March 16
at 7 pm on zoom.

RSVP for details

**Nominations must be submitted by 2/25/22
via email to seawright@nyassembly.gov.**

*For a nomination form or more
information about this or any
other community issue, contact*

**Assembly Member
Rebecca A. Seawright**

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Nominate a Woman of Distinction in our community

RSVP to the ceremony on zoom

Assembly Ways and Means Committee Member

NYS Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Answers Seawright Question on ID Theft Concerns



Seawright asked the DMV Commissioner about concerns from her district regarding fraud and identity theft. With people applying for the enhanced ID, she asked what is being done to protect the information that is being collected throughout the process.

The Commissioner expressed his concern and the ways that the Department of Motor Vehicles is responding and mitigating security concerns.

Seawright Questions Chairman Lieber on RI Tram OMNY Installation Delays and Reduced Fares



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As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, Assembly Member Seawright questioned the MTA Chair Lieber during the Budget Hearing on Transportation on the installation of OMNY on the Roosevelt Island Tram. She asked for an update on behalf of Roosevelt Islanders who would like to utilize the new system and the discounted rates. Additionally, she asked for an update on the installation of safety barriers on the platforms to prevent accidents and injuries.

The Chairman committed to working to get the OMNY installed at the RI tram and informed us of piloting platform improvements throughout the system.

Calling On The MTA To Restore M15-Select Bus Service Stop At 72nd Street



Assembly Member Seawright cosigned a letter with Senator Krueger calling on the MTA Chairman Lieber to re-establish the M15-SBS stop at 72nd Street. There used to be an M15 Limited stop there, but it was removed with a shift to the SBS system.

The area has a high bus-dependent population, infrequent local service, hospitals, and now a major subway stop. Now is the perfect opportunity to increase ridership by restoring M15 Select Bus Service at 72nd Street.

The implementation of the bus stop would make an important connection to the Second Avenue Subway Station. [Read the full letter here.](#)

Meeting With New York City Metro Chapter of the Climate Reality Project On Renewable Heat





An Environmental legislator, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright's team including Legislative Director Kevin Rogers and Albany Intern Evie Bombard met with the New York City Metro Chapter of the Climate Reality Project regarding the All-Electric Buildings Act & Codes Act. Seawright has signed-on to cosponsor the full renewable heat legislative package!

Seawright Cosponsors and Strongly Supports the New York Public Banking Act

**THANK YOU
ASSEMBLYMEMBER
REBECCA SEAWRIGHT**

FOR CO-SPONSORING THE

**NEW YORK
PUBLIC BANKING ACT**



Assembly Member Seawright cosponsors and strongly supports the New York Public Banking Act to create a safe and appropriate regulatory framework for municipalities seeking to establish public banks within its jurisdiction. The bill additionally would allow the Department of Financial Services (DFS) to issue special-purpose public bank charters.

**Rebecca
Seawright**
ASSEMBLYMEMBER

**NO-COST
THURSDAY
PPE
GIVEAWAY**



12:00PM - 2:00PM

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

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It's tax season. VITA and TCE sites can help you prepare and file your tax return:To learn more about eligibility requirements or to find a site near you, visit: www.irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-qualifying-taxpayers

Changes to tax credits mean more money for YOUR FAMILY when you file!

Earned Income Tax Credit. Child Tax Credit. Child and Dependent Care Credit. Claiming even one could return thousands of dollars to you in 2022. We'll help you get your money. If you earn \$72,000 or less, file for FREE with an IRS certified VITA/TCE volunteer preparer. [Learn more about NYC Free Tax Prep.](#)

Important information for the Excluded Workers Fund recipients:The NYS Department of Labor will mail 1099-G tax forms to all Excluded Workers Fund (EWF) recipients to the address listed on their EWF application. The information from this form must be included in tax filings for the 2021

calendar year. As you may know, payments from the EWF are considered taxable income. Although payments were mailed with state taxes already taken out, they may still be subject to federal income tax. For more information, visit dol.ny.gov/ewf.

MetroCards and OMNY: The MTA will launch a four-month pilot project to allow unlimited weekly rides using the new OMNY tap-and-go app— which, up until now, had no equivalent to an unlimited weekly Metrocard (or daily or monthly, for that matter). *Starting Feb. 28, from Monday to Sunday during each week of the pilot*, any subway or bus rider who uses the OMNY contactless payment system and takes 12 trips within that week— \$33 in fares— will automatically have free trips for the rest of that week. The week-long calendar rolls over every Sunday night.



When filing your taxes this year, remember to check if you're eligible for the property tax circuit breaker program.

The new tax credit provides an **up to \$350 credit** for homeowners who qualify for STAR, earn less than \$250,000 annually and spend more than 6% of their income on property taxes.

Passed as part of the 2021-22 New York State budget, the property tax circuit breaker program provides a tax credit that can help middle-class families save money on their property tax bills. Unlike STAR, the new program is a credit that New Yorkers must claim when they file their income tax returns.

PRESIDENT BIDEN'S AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

expanded access to two important tax saving programs for working families



Increased the Child Tax Credit to \$3,600 for children under 6 and \$3,000 for children ages 6-17. Half of the credit was provided in the form of advance payments in 2021 and the remainder of the credit must be claimed on a filer's 2021 taxes.



Expanded the Earned Income Tax Credit by increasing the maximum credit available to \$1,502 with no qualifying children and raising the income eligibility limit. The credit was also expanded to cover eligible workers 65 and older and younger workers ages 19-24 who are not part- or full-time students.

The American Rescue Plan expanded the Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit to help more Americans access the benefits they need to thrive. To learn more about these programs and

Black History in Museums and Galleries As Featured In Our Town



Black History in Museums and Galleries

February is a great time to be inspired and enriched by Black artists of the past and present, and New York's museums and galleries have extraordinary exhibitions on hand. Here are some highlights for Black History Month.

[Read more](#)

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Upcoming Events

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HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

TUESDAY MARCH 1

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AT 3:30 PM ATTORNEYS FROM THE LAW
OFFICES OF GRIMBLE & LOGUIDICE, LLC
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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!

**A VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY WILL HOST A
ONE -ON-ONE SESSION WITH
ATTENDEES.**

**DISTRICT OFFICE OF ASSEMBLY
MEMBER REBECCA SEAWRIGHT
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**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 for the legal clinic here



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Rebecca
Seawright

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RSVP for the Virtual Knitting Social



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