



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Hate has no place in New York State. As we are witnessing a rise in threats to Jewish & LGBTQ communities in New York and across the country, I thank and commend our Governor Kathy Hochul for supporting and signing our bill to mandate “anti-hate” training, education and counseling for every person convicted of a hate crime.

We invite you to a Holiday Open House on Tuesday, December 20 from 4pm-5pm at the District Office, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets). Consider donating a new and unwrapped gift to our toy drive for local kids.

Enclosed you will find information on bills taking effect in New York State and upcoming events.

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**



**Rebecca  
Seawright**  
ASSEMBLY MEMBER



INVITES YOU TO A

# *Holiday Open House*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

1485 YORK AVENUE (78/79 STREETS)

*Happy Holidays from Team Rebecca*  
*We look forward to celebrating with you!*



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**Seawright Hate Crime Bill Signed Into Law  
Mandating Counseling For Convicted Offenders**



Alarmed by the rise in hate crimes in New York, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright is taking action with new legislation and initiatives to stop the hate and promote tolerance, truth, and education.

Seawright is the prime sponsor of a new state law signed by Governor Kathy Hochul that compels all those convicted of hate crimes to undergo tolerance training as a condition of their sentence and rehabilitation.

*"Hate has no place in New York State. In response to the disturbing rise in hateful acts of violence, including attacks on my district office, I introduced Assembly Bill 1202 to mandate "anti-hate" training, education and counseling for every person convicted of a hate crime. I thank and commend Governor Kathy Hochul for signing this important legislation as we are witnessing a rise in threats to Jewish & LGBTQ communities in New York and across the country. We are mourning the victims of yet another violent shooting against LGBT individuals in Colorado Springs. Education is the antidote to hate and intolerance, and our legislation is key to keeping our communities safe. I am proud to stand united with Governor Hochul against the surge in hate crimes in our State of New York," said Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.*

*"Our hearts are broken after a weekend during which LGBTQ Americans were massacred and Jewish New Yorkers were targeted in horrific acts of hateful violence," Governor Hochul said. "New York belongs to the good, not those with hate in their hearts - we're taking bold action to reclaim our city and state from the haters, bigots and white supremacists. Domestic-based violent extremism is the greatest threat to our homeland security, and that is why we continue to remain laser-focused on combatting hate and keeping New Yorkers safe."*

Seawright is also a cosponsor of a new law that strengthens the New York State Education Department's power to improve Holocaust education in the classroom.

And earlier this year, Seawright helped secure a \$1.5 million grant to the Simon Wiesenthal Center to create a "mobile museum" to teach tolerance and combat antisemitism and other forms of discrimination. The state-of-the-art mobile education center will use an interactive theater and other technology to teach tolerance and combat all forms of discrimination by focusing on the Holocaust and the American civil rights experience as critical teaching moments.

The move to ramp up education and training to promote tolerance comes as the scourge of hate crime rises in New York City and across the nation.

According to the NYPD, Manhattan led the city's record rise in hate crimes last year with 199 bias incidents. Brooklyn was next with 119 hate crimes, followed by Queens with 102, the Bronx with 44, and Staten Island with 17. Overall, police recorded 524 hate crimes last year, up 98% from the 260 in 2020.

Incidents of bias crimes against Asians rose the most of any group, with 131 cases reported in 2021 compared to 128 in 2020. Crimes against Jews continued to lead the category with 191 incidents in 2021, up 40% from 128 in 2020.

FBI reports showed 6,121 incidents in 2016 and 7,175 incidents in 2017 (a 17 percent increase), making 2017 the highest year to date of reported incidents to the FBI since it began collecting data in 1995.

In August 2020, an individual targeted Seawright's storefront office on a busy Upper East Side avenue. The storefront office windows were splattered with white paint, and an anti-Semitic note was deposited at the entrance. Two more attacks followed at her nearby campaign office.

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## ICYMI: Rise Up with Rebecca Seawright The Pickleball Revolution



Join New York State Assemblymember Rebecca Seawright for a monthly television broadcast with an array of special guests. Watch the last Tuesday of each month at 8pm and first Sunday of each month at 6pm on MNN (Spectrum 34, 1993, 1995, RCN 82, FiOS 33).

On the next episode of Rise Up, Seawright talks with pickleball pros about how to get involved in this rapidly growing sport.

For more information on Manhattan Neighborhood Network: <http://www.mnn.org>.

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## Justice For Adult Survivors

# HELPING VICTIMS *SEEK JUSTICE:*

## THE ADULT SURVIVORS ACT IS IN EFFECT

A one-year lookback window is now in effect to give adult survivors of sexual offenses the ability to bring a civil lawsuit to hold perpetrators accountable, regardless of when the crime happened.

Assembly Member Seawright cosponsored and with the Assembly Majority championed the Adult Survivors Act to provide a legal remedy for New Yorkers who were time-barred from seeking justice in a court of law.

## State Eliminates Sales Tax On Diapers



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright cosponsored and strongly supported the DIAPER Act to eliminate sales tax from diapers. The sales tax exemption saves New Yorkers an estimated \$7 million dollars per year.

Diapers are a notoriously large and necessary expense for caregivers of newborns, toddlers and for adults suffering from incontinence. Infants require up to 12 diapers per day, at a cost of \$70 to \$80 per month per child. That's roughly \$930 per year, according to the National Diaper Bank Network.

## Upcoming Events



# Holiday Tree Lightings



## Roosevelt Island

Meditation Lawn 501 Main St

Friday, December 2nd 6:00 pm

## Carl Schurz Park

86th & East End Entrance

Sunday, December 4th 5:00 pm

 Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright

## Sanitation Winter Schedule



FYI: New York City Department of Sanitation kicked off its winter schedule; they're ready for snow around the clock. When it's not snowing, workers will collect more trash/recycling overnight, so be sure you put your items out by midnight of your collection day for pickup! More information: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/resources/press-releases/nyc->

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