



# Assembly Member REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT

## Reports To The People

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am proud to announce the passage of our Equality Amendment during a special session of the New York State Legislature, thanks to the support of our Governor Kathy Hochul, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins, Senator Liz Krueger and advocates. A constitutional amendment requires passage in two successive sessions of the Legislature before it can be on the ballot for New Yorkers to vote on the proposal. I am honored to serve as the lead sponsor in the Assembly and will fight for its second passage.

As the fight over abortion rights rages across the country, the Equality Amendment is the most meaningful action the legislature can take along with growing threats to LGBTQ individuals and the continued impacts of racism and racial violence.

In the special session, we also conferenced and passed legislation to assure New Yorkers that despite the dangerous and disturbing decision by the Supreme Court to dismantle our more than 100-year-old sensible concealed carry law, we will not accept tragedies like the racist shooting in Buffalo as the cost of access to firearms.

This fall, we held our Annual Wellness and Fitness Fair in Carl Schurz Park featuring a pickleball clinic and our new Manhattan Borough Parks Commissioner Anthony Perez. It was so enjoyable to meet so many new fellow pickleball lovers.

Please consider our office a resource. We host no-cost paper shredding events, housing legal clinics, sanitation forums and resource fairs. More information on what we have been up to is enclosed in this report.

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

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Sincerely,

  
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## Seawright Hate Crime Bill Signed Into Law Mandating Counseling for Convicted Offenders

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

*"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 and 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.*

Seawright is also a cosponsor of a new law (A.472-C) strengthening the New York State Education Department 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.

## Seawright Hosts Annual Wellness Fair Featuring a Pickleball Clinic



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright with the Manhattan Borough Parks Commissioner Anthony Perez and neighbors at the Annual Wellness and Fitness Fair featuring a Pickleball Clinic.

## Seawright Brings Mayor Adams to Roosevelt Island

*"I was pleased to bring Mayor Adams to visit Roosevelt Island and to hear from Islanders on the quality of life issues most important to them. We need medical facilities, a bank, and genuine opportunities for local residents to serve on the Island governing board, and for keeping Roosevelt Island in the Manhattan City Council district. The Mayor heard the concerns and was receptive to maintaining the Manhattan City Council district. We even discussed the desire for residents to make pickleball courts available!"*

Around the table were longtime Island activists including Margie Smith, Howard and Ellen Polivy, Loraine Altman, Sherie Helstein and Matt Katz, Senior Center Director Lisa Fernandez, Joyce Short, Community Board 8 Member Shari Wiener, Lynn Strong-Shinozaki, and Historian Judy Birdy.

*"This is an amazing community, an amazing space," said the Mayor. "As you continue to expand and grow, we need to make sure that those things that are important to the quality of life are looked at."*



Assembly Member Seawright and Mayor Adams fielded questions from Roosevelt Islanders and were joined by Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC) President Shelton Haynes.



## Seawright Hosted Fourth Annual Women In Service Awards Ceremony

In observance of Veterans Day, Assembly Member Seawright was proud to host the Fourth Annual Tribute To Women In Service Awards Ceremony in Central Park to honor the dedicated service of women veterans. Mayor Adams attended and presented a proclamation to declare November 9, 2022 as "Women In Service Day" in the City of New York.

## Rallying With Upper East Side to Protect Abortion Rights



Assembly Member Seawright held a rally for abortion rights in Carl Schurz Park.

## Seawright Earns 100% Environmental Rating

Seawright is proud to have just received a 100% score on the New York League of Conservation Voters Environmental Scorecard. The scorecard is an annual evaluation of State Legislators based on their support-or lack of support-for environmental legislation.

In addition to legislation, significant environmental achievements were made with the passage of the state budget this year including the \$4.2 billion Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act that passed this November on the ballot. It will improve water and air quality, create good-paying green jobs, shore up our communities from extreme weather, reduce emissions, and fund clean water infrastructure. Critically, the Environmental Bond Act prioritizes disadvantaged communities, requiring that at least 35% of funds be invested in underserved and overburdened neighborhoods.

# MNN Rise Up With Rebecca Seawright



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## Rise Up with Rebecca Seawright



Join New York State Assembly Member 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 6 pm on MNN (Spectrum 34, 1993, 1995, RCN 82, FIOS 33).

## Spotlight On The Community



Assembly Member Seawright with office volunteers Miles and Rohan on a Thursday for mask giveaway day.



Assembly Member Seawright and Mayor Adams Masquerade At The 83rd Street Halloween Block Party.

### Assembly Member Seawright Awards \$250,000 to Eleanor Roosevelt High School for Capital Improvements



Eleanor Roosevelt High School Awarded State Capital By Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright at its Annual Cultural Potluck Dinner.



Local trick-or-treaters at the Community Office Halloween Open House .

## Health Advocates for Older People Celebrates Healthy Aging



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright presented a proclamation to Health Advocates for Older People's (HAFOP) Chair of the Advisory Board Betsy Timberman, and Executive Director Nancy Houghton celebrating the work of HAFOP.

## Seawright Hosts Crime Prevention Forum at the 19th Precinct



This fall we held a Senior Citizen Crime Prevention Forum at the 19th Precinct. Crime prevention officers armed attendees with information on phone scams, identity theft and mail theft. Each attendee went home with a check-washing proof pen.

## Reduced Fare OMNY Update

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) announced that Reduced-Fare customers can now put their reduced fare benefit on any personal payment device compatible with OMNY. Seniors and people with disabilities who qualify for Reduced-Fare will now have more choices on how to pay their fare on public transit. Make the switch online at [omny.info](https://omny.info).

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David Hochberg receives his shot from Pharmacist Ilana Aminov.

## District Office Transformed Into Winter COVID19 Booster and Flu Shot Clinic

York Avenue's Drug Mart gave our neighbors a booster of protection against the flu and COVID19 at a series of no-cost clinics in our community office.