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Seawright
ASSEMBLYMEMBER



As Featured In ...

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Crains New York Business: *"Claims Of 'Chaos,' Corruption Engulf Roosevelt Island Governing Body"*

Seawright said, ***"Roosevelt Islanders deserve quality representation that is responsive and transparent. When I and other elected officials received an anonymous report from RIOC employees on March 21, 2022, I immediately referred the complaint to the New York State Inspector General for appropriate follow-up and action. Constituents consistently report that the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC) has been unresponsive in the day to day operations of the agency. The dysfunction and veil of secrecy cited throughout the pending lawsuit is distressing and unacceptable. I will continue fighting to ensure RIOC is held accountable and that the people of Roosevelt Island receive the services and attention they most assuredly deserve."***

[Read More](#)

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we concluded developmental disabilities month, the Assembly adopted our resolution to proclaim March 25, 2023 as Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day in the State of New York.

We passed legislation that I cosponsored and strongly supported to increase access to self-administered hormonal contraceptives. We reaffirmed our commitment in New York to protect and expand the right to reproductive health care and reproductive choice.

The budget negotiations continue as we have passed the April 1 deadline. The Assembly and Senate passed an extender bill to ensure there will be no disruption to state operations and essential services. We will keep you

updated on the final budget when it is adopted.

Chag Pesach Sameach to those who are celebrating Passover. Happy Easter to those celebrating this weekend! Wishing you all peace and joy this spring.

Join us for several upcoming events our office sponsors:

Virtual Tax Preparation Information Session- Monday, April 10 at 6pm on zoom and facebook live. [RSVP here.](#)

No-Cost Community Paper Shredding- Saturday, April 15 from 10am-2pm in front of Chase Bank (79/York). No books, bindings or x-rays are permitted.

2023 Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony - Wednesday, May 10 from 6:00pm-8:00pm at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center Zuckerman Auditorium, 417 East 68 Street (York/First Ave.).

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

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Sincerely,



REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT

**Seawright Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day Resolution Adopted
By Assembly**



Seawright Introduces Victoria Schneps In Assembly Chamber

*Founder Of "Life's WORC" To Support Individuals With Intellectual
Disabilities and Autism*



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright at her desk in chamber with her special guest Victoria Schneps, Founder of "Life's WORC." Schneps was instrumental in advocating for the civil rights of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and the closing of Willowbrook State School.



Victoria Schneps and Governor Kathy Hochul discuss wage enhancement for Direct Support Professionals.



Senate Finance Chair Senator Liz Krueger, Victoria Schneps, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright and Senator Toby Stavisky.



Victoria Schneps, Senator Michael Giannaris, and Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright at the Capitol.

The Assembly Recognizes Seawright's Introduction Of The Communications Workers Of America (CWA) SUNY Graduate Students



Keith, Sof Voet, Shirley Jin, Assembly Member Pat Fahy, Pete Tedeschi, Bradley Hershenson, Sri Peddi and Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.



Click the image above for the full introduction on the floor.



CWA Local 1104 Graduate Student organizers Pete Tedeschi, Sri Peddi, Bradley Hershenson, Shirley Jin, Keith, and Sof Voet.

Legislative Women's Caucus Celebrates Seawright Nominee Kathy Jolowicz For Women's History Month



This week the Assembly passed an official resolution to honor each of the Assembly Member's Women's History Month Honorees.

Join us on May 10 to honor women who live and work in the 76th Assembly District for an awards ceremony celebrating their contributions and achievements in New York.

Assemblymember Rebecca A. Seawright





Kathy Jolowicz

WOMEN'S
HISTORY
MONTH
CELEBRATION



New York State Legislative
Women's Caucus

"There never will be complete equality until women themselves help to make laws and elect lawmakers." - Susan B. Anthony



Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright
invites you to the

2023 WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARDS CEREMONY

Co-sponsored by:



Wednesday, May 10, 2023

6:00pm-8:00pm

MSK Zuckerman Auditorium
417 East 68 Street (York/First Ave.)

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



To RSVP, or more information about this free event or any other
community issue, contact Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright at
212-288-4607 or seawright@nyassembly.gov.

SUNY Chancellor John King, Governor Hochul, Majority Leader
Andrea Stewart Cousins & NYS Office of General Services (OGS)
Commissioner Jeanette Moy Hosted Celebration of Women's History
Month At The Chancellor's Residence



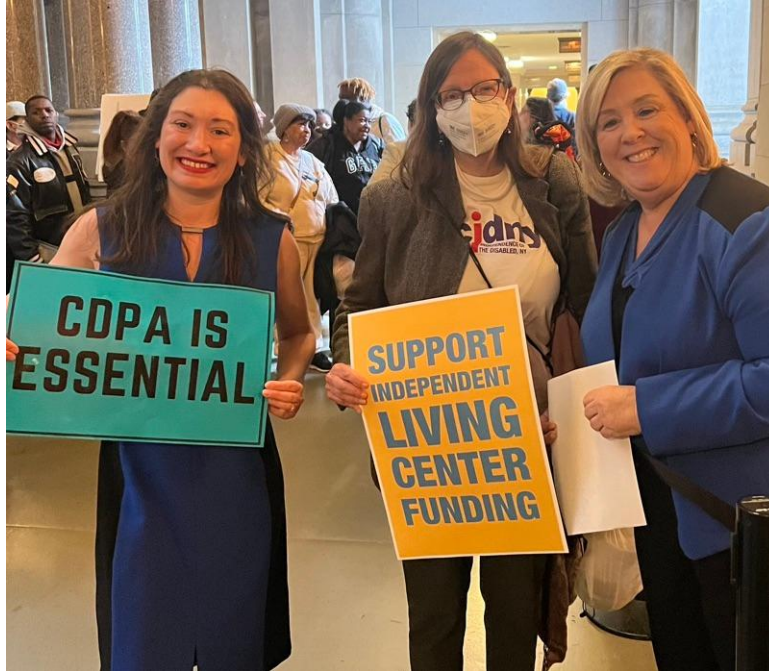
Left to right: Assembly Members Jessica Gonzales-Rojas, Karen McMahon, Donna Lupardo, Chantel Jackson, Yudelka Tapia, Pat Fahy, OGS Commissioner Jeanette Moy, SUNY Chancellor John King, Senator Roxanne Persaud, Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, and Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.

New York State Developmental Disabilities Council Discussed Inclusive Housing & Technology Support Services

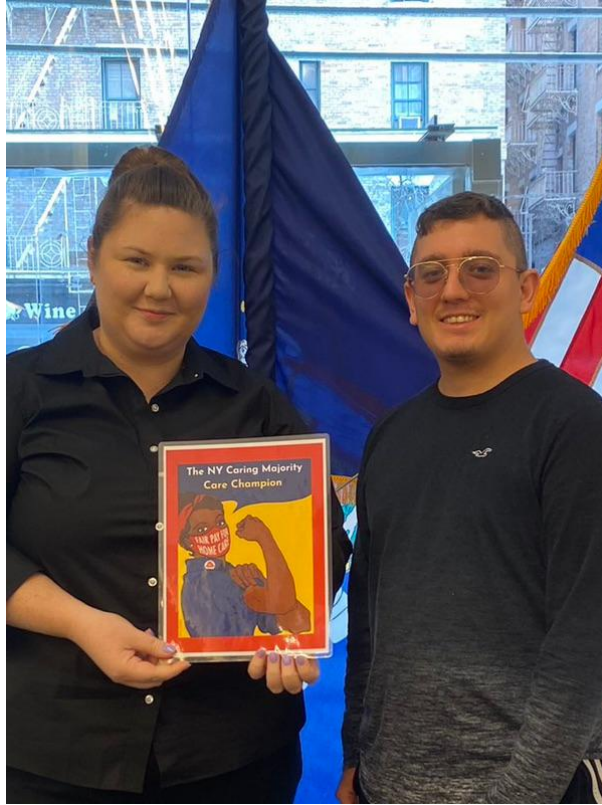


New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council Federal Liaison Jennifer Goldman, Caucus Chair Shameka Andrews and Graduate Intern Danielle Chan met with Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.

**Advocates Tell Disabilities Committee Chair Rebecca Seawright
Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Is Essential!**



**The "Caring Majority" Advocates Awarded Seawright The
"Care Champion Award" For Fighting For Fair Pay For
Homecare Workers**



Courtney Ferrissey, Chief of Staff to Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright receives the award on Seawright's behalf from Joseph DiBenedetto.

Seawright Packs And Distributes Passover Care Packages With Met Council





Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, former City Council Member and Met Council CEO David Greenfield, and Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine.



In Case You Missed It (ICYMI):

**Rise Up With Rebecca Seawright
Featuring Vote Equality's Kati Hornung**



Join New York State Assemblymember Rebecca Seawright for a monthly television broadcast. The above links to the episode in March 2023.

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).

Consider Our Office A Resource!

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**LEARN ABOUT
FREE TAX PREPARATION
AND FINANCIAL COUNSELING**

Join Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (DCWP) representatives for a discussion about:

- NYC Free Tax Prep: free filing options for New Yorkers earning \$68,000 or less.
- NYC Financial Empowerment Centers: free one-on-one professional financial counseling for all New Yorkers

**A VIRTUAL INFORMATIONAL
SESSION ON ZOOM**



MONDAY, APRIL 10

6:00 PM



**JOIN US!
WATCH LIVE ON FACEBOOK:
FACEBOOK.COM/REBECCAASEAWRIGHT**

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NO-COST COMMUNITY SHREDDING

**SATURDAY, APRIL 15
10 AM - 2 PM**

**1495 YORK AVENUE
(IN FRONT OF CHASE BANK
80/79 STREETS)**

**NO NOTEBOOKS, BINDINGS,
OR X-RAYS**


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State, Federal and Private Grants Information

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY Speaker Carl E. Heastie



GRANTS ACTION NEWS



Information on available state, federal and private grants

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Read about the grants available to New Yorkers in the Grants Action News Report [here](#).

Community Calendar



FREE - SAT., APRIL 15th
Noon - 1:30 PM

Join iDig2Learn for
A Walk amongst the Trees at Lighthouse Park
on Roosevelt Island with Arborist Schuyler Borden



Photo: Schuyler Borden / Rocky Mountain Juniper - Carbondale, Colorado

Schuyler is a certified **Arborist** & holds a Masters of Forestry Degree from Yale School for the Environment. Originally from Farmington, CT., Schuyler has **lived on Roosevelt Island** for 3 years and can't wait to talk about his flora friends.

FREE - RSVP "TREES" TO:
IDIG2LEARN@GMAIL.COM

Rain Date: April 16th / Noon - 1:30 PM

iDig2Learn is a project of Open Space Institute, a nonprofit 501(c)3 public charity.

Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Stakeholder Meetings

- **Autism Spectrum Disorders Advisory Board: April 14, 2023**
- **Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council (DDAC): April 25, 2023**
- **Family Support Services Committee (FSS) Committee: April 26, 2023**

All dates are subject to change. For the latest, most up-to-date information about public meetings, please always check [the Public Meetings page on the OPWDD website here.](#)

The New York Society Library

53 East 79th Street, New York, NY 10075

MARCH 1 — DECEMBER 31, 2023
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



*Quack!
Quack!*

The Wonderful World of Robert Quackenbush

For information about programs for school groups,
please contact jaddona@nysoclib.org.

This exhibition is generously supported by a gift in memory of Susan Goodstein Lerner.

Roosevelt Island Farmers Market

The Wengerd Farms Farmer's Market (7 AM – 3 PM) and the Big Reuse Food Scrap Drop-Off (9 AM – 2 PM) returned to their spring/summer location at Good Shepherd Plaza on Saturday, April 1st.

Friends of the East River Esplanade Events

Let's Go Birding

Sunday, April 16, 10-12 pm
84 St & East River Esplanade

An experienced representative from NYC Audubon guides and helps identify fleeting,

feathered friends at the beginning of spring! Great fun for kids and parents to learn together and for anyone who loves birds or just wants something different to do outdoors! RSVP to: ExecutiveDirector@EsplanadeFriends.org

City Nature Challenge with Billion Oyster Project

Saturday, April 29, 10 am - 2 pm
90th St Ferry Terminal

EsplanadeFriends partners with Billion Oyster Project in a national competition between cities in the annual CITY NATURE CHALLENGE. Thousands of people across the country will engage in friendly competition to see which city can identify the most species. This is a great opportunity to get up close and personal with oysters and learn about their origins and how they safeguard our rivers.

East River Event Series Live Music

Saturday, May 6, 1-4 pm
Andrew Haswell Green Park (60th St & East River Waterfront)

Local fan favorite French Cookin' Blues rocks the afternoon away! Free A La Mode ice cream giveaways and fun spring Craft Studio activities for the little ones.

Construction Updates

Reconstruction of York Avenue Combined Sewer and Water Main



You can view the construction update from the New York City Department of Design and construction [here](#).

Employment Opportunities

Deadline Extended

START YOUR CAREER HERE

Look no further! The 2023 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) is now accepting applications. Get paid.

VISIT [NYC.GOV/SYEP](https://nyc.gov/syep) TO LEARN MORE.

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