



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This week I was proud to accept the InterAgency Council of Developmental Disabilities Agencies Legislative Champion Award. I am proud to be fighting for legislation to support the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities communities.

My legislation updating outdated and offensive language to person-first inclusive language passed both houses. Currently, New York law uses hurtful and outdated language, such as "mental retardation" and "mentally retarded" to refer to New Yorkers living with intellectual disabilities. Though such terms were previously used in a clinical setting, these words are now used as insults in daily jargon, as well as to mock and degrade those living with developmental disabilities. This bill will bring us into compliance with federal standards.

June is PRIDE month. I was proud to join Governor Hochul as she announced her appointment of Seth Marnin as the first transgender judge in the State of New York and the United States. I urged Hochul to make this historic appointment by writing a letter of support. Equality New York presented me with a progressive pride flag for our work on legislation for intersex awareness in healthcare, LGBT curriculum in schools, and other equality measures.

The Assembly passed the Clean Slate bill I am pleased to cosponsor and support. By removing the cloud of a prior conviction from forever hanging over the heads of so many New Yorkers, we can provide a stable foundation for reentry into society, allowing people to rebuild their lives and ultimately contributing to safer communities.

We look forward to seeing you at some of our upcoming mobile district office hours including on Roosevelt Island at a Health, Wellness and Disabilities Fair on Thursday, June 15 at the Good Shepherd Plaza from 10:30am to 1:00pm.

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

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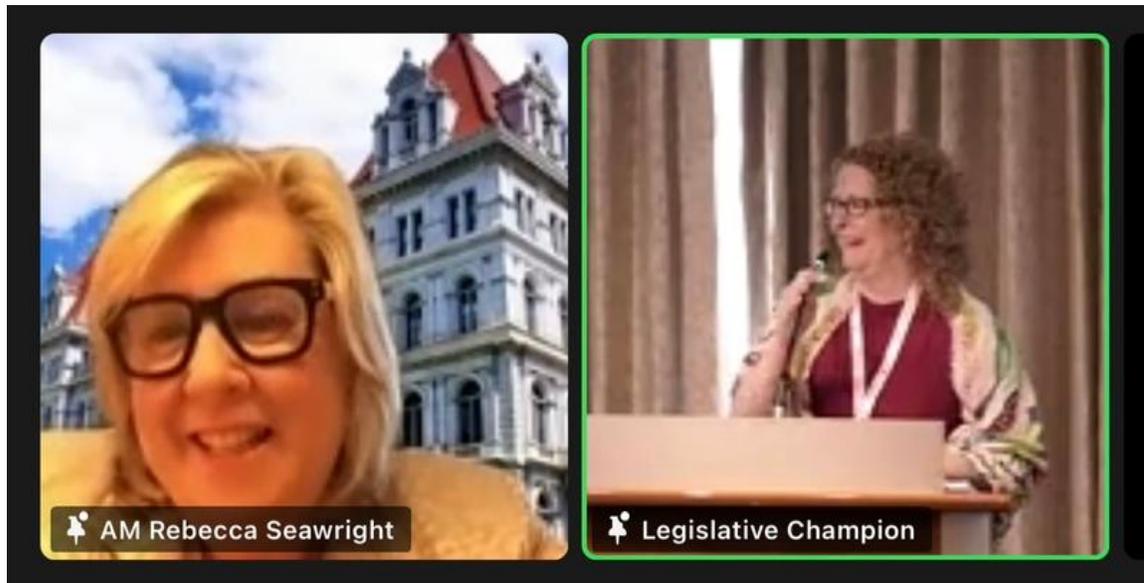
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Sincerely,

Rebecca A. Seawright

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InterAgency Council of Developmental Disabilities Agencies Awards
Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright With Legislative Champion
Award



“As Chair of the People With Disabilities Committee, I proudly sponsored the package creating and improving support systems to empower people to live as independently as possible while ensuring more equitable access to services. Growing up I had an aunt with severe challenges. While she had the support of a loving family to care for her needs, we learned first-hand how important and essential professional support is to the well-being of those so dear to us. But as we know, that’s not true for every family, or for every New Yorkers with I/DD. Together, we need to work to fund a workforce to serve New Yorkers with I/DD. We must invest more in providers whose services offer a critical lifeline to New Yorkers with complex needs. I dedicate this award to the late Judith Heumann, the mother of the disability rights movement who passed earlier this year. Her struggle to advance the rights of people with disabilities was pivotal in securing civil rights protections for people with disabilities,” said Seawright.

Seawright Legislation Updating Outdated & Offensive Language For
People With Intellectual/ Developmental Disabilities

LEGISLATIVE ALERT: SEAWRIGHT BILL PASSES BOTH HOUSES



Assembly Member Seawright's bill updating New York's laws to replace the terms "mentally retarded" and "mental retardation" and variants thereof with "developmentally disabled" and "developmental disability."

Currently, New York law uses hurtful and outdated language, such as "mental retardation" and "mentally retarded" to refer to New Yorkers living with intellectual disabilities. Though such terms were previously used in a clinical setting, these words are now used as insults in daily jargon, as well as to mock and degrade those living with developmental disabilities.

Congress passed "Rosa's Law" in 2010, which removed the terms "mental retardation" and "mentally retarded" from federal health, education, and labor statutes. Now New York's laws will reflect people-first and inclusive language.

By substituting these outdated and degrading phrases with people-first language, such as people with developmental disabilities throughout our laws, New York has taken a meaningful step toward encouraging inclusion, acceptance, and respect for people living with intellectual disabilities across our state and nation.

Seawright Celebrates Appointment of the First Transgender Judge in the State and the United States to NY Court of Claims



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright joined Governor Kathy Hochul's PRIDE reception where she announced the historic appointment of Seth Marnin to the New York State Court of Claims, which would make him the first trans judge in the state and the first trans man to serve as a judge in the United States. Seawright supported Seth Marnin by writing to Governor Hochul urging her to make this historic appointment.



Seawright with Kim Hill, New York State's Chief Disability Officer.



Seth Marnin and Rachel Tiven.



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Glen Cove City Councilwoman Marsha Silverman, Assembly Member Tony Simone, Justin Sanchez, Chief of Staff to Senator Nathalia Fernandez and UFT President Randi Weingarten at the PRIDE reception.

**Equality New York Presented Seawright With LGBTQ Champion For
Legislative and Budgetary Support of LGBTQ New Yorkers**



Executive Director of EQNY Amanda Babine, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Melissa Sklarz, and Ace Sutherland.

Team Rebecca Provided COVID Tests and Community Resources at First Avenue Street Fair



Team Rebecca: Jacob, Harley, Tatyana, Miles, Flor de Maria and Jay.



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright (right) and her nephew Chase (left).



Courtney, Barbara, Tatyana and Flor de Maria.



Activist Ben Akselrod



Local Democratic Club Four Freedoms shares information on voter registration.



Doris Theiler, a neighbor, enjoyed the fair.

Seawright Votes In Support of Clean Slate Passage



Assembly Member Seawright today voted to support the passage of the Clean Slate Act (A.1029-C).

When an individual convicted of a crime has served their time and paid their debt to society, their past should not impede their future and prevent them from full participation in society. If we want people to re-engage with society, we cannot put up roadblocks to prevent them from accessing a healthy support system.

This legislation would automatically seal certain criminal records from public access after a required waiting period with a clean record – three years after conviction or release from jail for a

misdemeanor and eight years after conviction or release from prison for a felony.

To protect public safety and ensure we are sealing the records of people who have truly committed to turning their lives around, there are instances where people will not be eligible for sealing. We must recognize the importance of second chances and empower people to contribute positively to our society.

Seawright Snapshots



Assembly Member Seawright's nephew Chase from Texas visited the Assembly Chamber. He has his sights on Albany Law School.

She welcomed Chase and her son Bradley to the People's house and the Speaker extended them the privileges of the floor.

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Baby Daniel, Member of the Baby Caucus, and Assembly Member Rodneyse Bichotte working late into the night through the last evenings of session.



Seawright Supports Friends of the East River Esplanade

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright awarded Friends of the East River Esplanade with \$20,000 for community programming, concerts and fun times on the esplanade.



Dr. Jennifer Ratner, Board Chair of Esplanade Friends, hosted its annual benefit thanking volunteer gardeners and supporters this



Manhattan Borough Parks Commissioner Anthony Perez spoke on the importance of a collective effort to maintain and beautify our

week.

parks and waterfront.

Consider Our Office A Resource!

Upcoming Mobile Constituent Service Hours



Thursday, June 15 from 10:30 am- 1:00 pm- The Roosevelt Island Health and Wellness Disabilities Fair at the Good Shepherd Plaza

Saturday, June 17 from 11:00 am- 4:00 pm- Roosevelt Island Day at the Meditation Lawn and Blackwell Plaza
(Please note that this event was postponed from June 10 to June 17)



WEEKLY E-NEWS

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Upcoming Events



GROWN NYC

94th STREET GREENMARKET

94th STREET & 1st AVENUE

MANHATTAN

Buy fresh, locally-grown
vegetables, fruits, and more
at this farmers market.



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for daily producer
attendance

SUNDAYS
9AM - 4PM

JUNE 18 - NOVEMBER 19



Cash, SNAP/EBT, Debit/Credit, Healthfirst OTC Plus and Humana Healthy Options insurance
(select plans), WIC & Senior FMNP coupons, and Greenmarket Bucks accepted.

Spend \$2 in SNAP/EBT/P-EBT, get bonus \$2 Health Buck, up to \$10 per day.

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Roosevelt Island Day Rescheduled For June 17



Roosevelt Island
Operating Corporation

Roosevelt Island Day

Saturday, June 17th

Location: Meditation
Lawn & Blackwell Plaza

When:
11:00 am - 4:00 pm

FREE! Bring Your Family & Friends!



Bouncing Houses, Carnival Games, Food Trucks, Fun Giveaways,
LIVE DJ, Photobooth, Face Painting, Clothing Drop-Off,
Community Tables & More!

Roosevelt Island Health, Wellness and Disabilities Fair

HEALTH, WELLNESS AND DISABILITIES FAIR

VENDORS

114 PRECINCT CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER
ACCES-VR- TRANSITION AND
VOCATIONAL SERVICES
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION NYC
AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION
ASSURANCE WIRELESS
CARE NYC
COMMISSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF METROPOLITAN
NEW YORK (EFMNY)
EPRA
FIDELIS
FOOD BANK- SNAP & NUTRITION
HEALTHFIRST
HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
INCARE
LEAN ON ME SENIORS LIVES MATTER TOO
LUPUS FOUNDATION OF AMERICA, NYC
MANHATTAN CONNECT
MAYORS OFFICE FOR PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES
NYP/W CORNELL/ENT
NYPL
NYRR
OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH
RIRA COMMUNITY EMERGENCY COMMITTEE
SHARE (CANCER)
SLOAN KETTERING
VISIONS
VNSNY HEALTH

LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Liz Krueger
- Mark Levine
- Rebecca Seawright

FITNESS DEMOS

- 10:30 Strength and Stretch with NYRR Grace and Sid
- 11:30 Mindful Meditation & Chair Yoga with Jax Schott
- 12:15 Standing Pilates Stretch with Barbara Parker

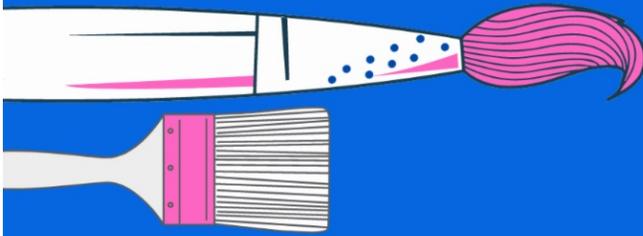


**THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023
1030-1PM
GOOD SHEPHERD PLAZA**

**Senator Krueger's Virtual Town Hall
New Technology to Support
People with Hearing and Vision Loss,
PLUS
an Overview of the MTA's New OMNY Payment System**

Thursday, June 15
10 am – 11:45 am
On Zoom and Facebook Live

[Register here](#)



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Saturday June 17
11 am to 4 pm
Rain Date: June 18th

Celebrating
ART
& CRAFTS
on the East Side

James Cagney Place
East 91st Street, Between 2nd and 3rd Avenues
Presented by **Community Board 8 Manhattan**



Manhattan Community Board 8 Calendar

The Manhattan Community Board 8 (CB8M) represents the Upper East Side of Manhattan and Roosevelt Island. CB8M is comprised of 50 volunteer members who serve as advocates and service coordinators for the community and its residents, as well as help citizens resolve municipal service delivery complaints.

CB8M reviews and makes recommendations on various issues, including applications for Zoning Text Amendments, building variances and special permits, liquor licenses, sidewalk cafes and street fairs, changes to landmarked buildings or buildings in historic districts, traffic and transportation issues, and more.

Each month, CB8M committees meet to discuss and resolve issues in the community.

Full Board Meeting - 3rd Wednesday
Land Use Committee - 2nd Wednesday
Street Life - 1st Tuesday
Transportation - 1st Wednesday
Housing - 1st Thursday
Parks - 2nd Thursday
Landmarks - 3rd Monday
Social Justice - 4th Monday
Zoning and Development - 4th Tuesday
Youth and Education - 4th Thursday

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