



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As Chair of the Assembly People with Disabilities Committee I am holding a joint Assembly Hearing on the issues facing the workforce for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities at Hunter College CUNY on Tuesday, December 19 at 10am. I look forward to hearing each witness testimony to better inform our work for the upcoming legislative session and more importantly the budget. We must ensure the recruitment and retention of skilled caregivers, securing the future viability of the workforce.

I was honored to keynote a disability rights event for Life's WORC this week, recognizing special families and Direct Support Professionals who know first-hand the difficulties of living with challenges and the relief that comes when services arrive!

Please consider donating to our toy drive through December 21 for Asylum seeker families in our neighborhood and the New York Center for Children. The collection site is at our district community office, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets).

Our office is hosting a Holiday Open House on Thursday, December 21 from 4pm-5pm at the district community office. Enclosed you will find the flyer and link to RSVP.

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

Chair of the Assembly People with Disabilities Committee

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright to Chair Joint Hearing on Workforce Shortages in New York State at Hunter College CUNY on 12/19 at 10am



Despite the fact that employment in the health care sector is projected to grow at a faster rate than the average for all occupations in the next decade, several positions in health care, including our mental health and services for people with disabilities, are facing dramatic staffing shortages.

Provider agencies for people with developmental disabilities have reported increased vacancy rates for direct support professionals and an impact on availability of services. The result has been a lack of access to services, long waiting lists, and an increase in consequences associated with unmet treatment needs for individuals at risk of, or diagnosed with, mental health conditions, physical, intellectual, or developmental disabilities, or other medical conditions.

More information on the hearing can be found by [clicking here](#). The event will be livestreamed and can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

Seawright Keynotes Life's WORC Gala Benefitting People with Intellectual and Developmentally Disabilities



Joan MacNaughton, Farzana Niemann, Assembly Member Jodi Giglio, Life's WORC Board Chair Lynne Koufakis and Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.

Life's WORC's hardworking Direct Support Professionals and one of their residents presented Assembly Member Seawright with an award and flowers for her work in fighting for the Direct Support Wage Enhancement legislation.



UES Chabad Held 17th Annual Menorah Lighting in Carl Schurz Park

The event brought UES residents together on the Carl Schurz Promenade to "Unite to Light For Israel."



Assembly Member Seawright presented a proclamation to Carly in February 2023 declaring Cancer Awareness day at her school, Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Seawright Nominee Carly Weiss, Eleanor Roosevelt HS Student, Selected by State Education Commissioner as one of Twenty New York Students Considered for Presidential Scholar Distinction

Assemblymember Rebecca A. Seawright said ***"I am proud to have nominated Carly Weiss, an outstanding high school senior in my district to receive the Presidential Scholar distinction. She has been selected by Commissioner Betty Rosa as one of twenty students from New York to the Commission on Presidential Scholars and the U.S. Department of Education. Carly Weiss deserves strong consideration for the Presidential Scholar distinction."***

News You Can Use



Quiet, Please: New York's 'Noise Cameras' Are Listening

Arline Bronzaft, an environmental psychologist and noise pollution expert who has studied noise in New York City for decades, said the deafening sounds that roar out of some vehicles can seriously harm mental and physical health.

Few people have done more to try to turn down the city's volume than Ms. Bronzaft, 87. She has been advising mayors, subway administrators and other officials since the 1970s, when she completed a

widely publicized study that determined that schoolchildren in classrooms next to train tracks in Inwood performed worse than those in quieter classrooms.

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A Winter Wonderland Takes Shape Each Year Inside An UES Garage

In each of the 12 years that he has worked there, Sanchez, 52, has built ornate Christmas displays inside the subterranean garage, to the delight of neighborhood kids and the people who populate the more than 500 apartments in the building above him.

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Freeze Your Rent!

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Eligible New Yorkers with disabilities and older New Yorkers can stop their rent from increasing with the City's Rent Freeze program.

Call PEU's Rent Freeze Hotline at 929-252-7242.

NYC Mayor's Public Engagement Unit
Rent Freeze



Freeze your rent! Why wait when you can start saving? Call the Rent Freeze Hotline at 929-252-7242. Learn more: nyc.gov/FreezeYourRent

Contact our office for an application or if you need assistance.

Funded Clean Water Infrastructure

Every New Yorker should have access to safe, clean water. Earlier this week, \$479 million in grants were awarded to help us achieve that goal! Some of this funding is part of the \$4.2 billion Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act that will safeguard drinking water, save New Yorkers money and create tens of thousands of jobs.



**Rebecca
Seawright**
ASSEMBLYMEMBER

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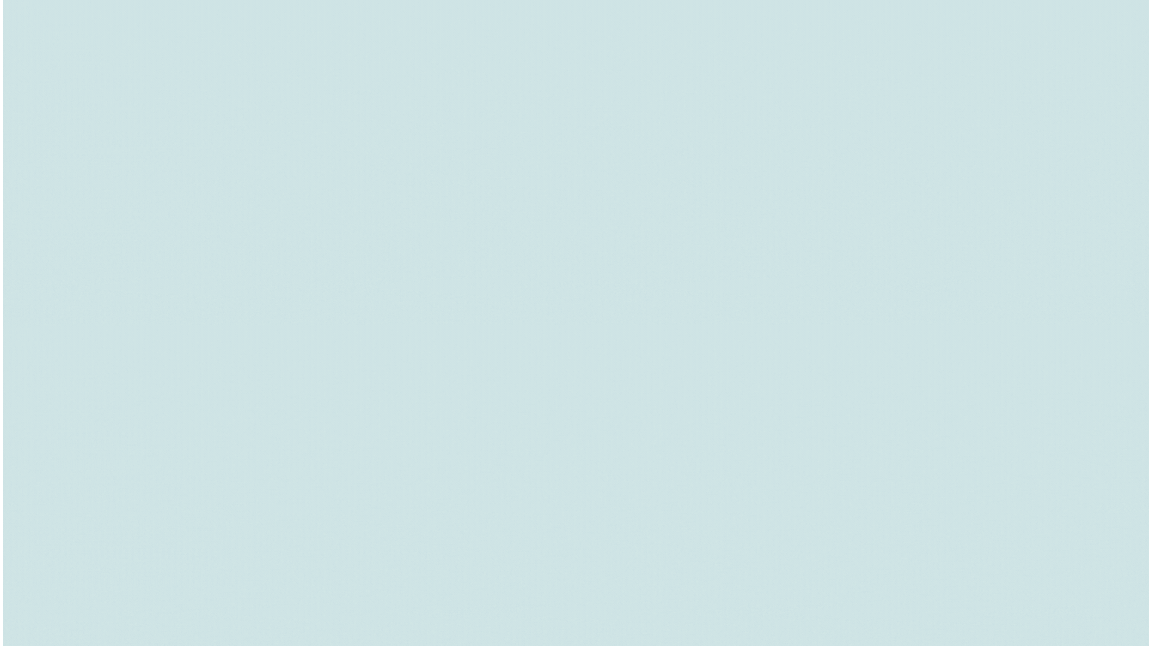


12:00PM - 2:00PM

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Upcoming Events



ASSEMBLY MEMBER
**REBECCA
SEAWRIGHT'S**

**HOLIDAY
OPEN
HOUSE**



**THURS. DECEMBER 21
4:00PM-5:00PM
COMMUNITY OFFICE
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For more information contact the
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RSVP to the Holiday Open House



**Rebecca
Seawright**

ASSEMBLYMEMBER

**Toy
Drive**



Accepting Donations Through

Thursday, December 21

Please donate new, unwrapped toys for local children. Donations will be made to Asylum seeker families in our neighborhood & The New York Center for Children

Drop-off Location:

Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright
1485 York Avenue, New York, NY 10075

Call 212.288.4607 or email SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov for more information.

Greenmarket and Farmstand

Every Friday: The Lenox Hill Farmstand
First Avenue & 70th Street, 11:30am-5:30pm

Every Saturday: 82nd Street/St. Stephen's Greenmarket
82 Street between First & York Avenues, 9am-2:30pm

Roosevelt Island Disabled Association Food Pantry

Every Friday: Roosevelt Island Disabled Association Food Pantry
546 Main Street, Roosevelt Island, 4:00pm-6:00pm



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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In Case You Missed It: Past Editions Of Our Community Update

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