

# Rebecca Seawright

ASSEMBLYMEMBER



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

In New York eligible voters can register to vote until October 26 to vote in the November 5 general election. You can check your voter registration status [here](#). As Lead Sponsor of the **Equal Rights Amendment** to the New York State Constitution, now known as ballot “**Proposal 1,**” remember to flip your ballot and cast your vote for this important constitutional amendment. More information on the registration deadlines for the November election is enclosed in this report.

I am proud to support the work of the Bottomless Closet non-profit organization by awarding \$50,000 in funding to empower New York City women who are seeking employment and need interview coaching and professional workwear.

We celebrated a very special New Yorker and my dear friend Helene Goldfarb this week at Hunter College -her beloved alma mater-- as she turns 95. Helene has dedicated her life in service to education and volunteer service, notably to the Hunter College Foundation, the Feminist Press of CUNY, the Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, and more. She received honors from our office, Governor Kathy Hochul, and the Hunter College President Dr. Nancy Cantor.

The Sheriff’s Office continues to shut down unlicensed cannabis retailers thanks to the State legislation we passed in the budget this session. Just this week four more locations were shut and their products seized.

Please join us for an event we are pleased to sponsor:

- **Community Board 8’s Women and Families Committee presents a public forum on New York State’s Equal Rights Amendment: What to Know Before you Vote in November-** Wednesday, September 25 at 6:30pm, on zoom.
- **Thursday face mask giveaway-** Thursday, September 26 from 12pm-2pm, at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets).
- **Live music, free ice cream, and fun for kids with the Friends of the East River Esplanade-** Saturday, September 28 from 1pm-4pm, at the Andrew Haswell Green Park at 60<sup>th</sup> Street and the East River waterfront.

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

Phone: 212.288.4607

Email: [SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca A. Seawright". The signature is written in a cursive style.

**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**

**Seawright Awards \$50,000 to Bottomless Closet Empowering New York City Women Job Seekers**



*Yvonne Cassidy, Development Officer, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Sheila Lambert, founder and Chair Emeritus, Melissa S. Norden, Executive Director.*

Assembly Member Seawright presented the Bottomless Closet organization with an award of \$50,000 to support its mission to guide disadvantaged New York City women to enter the workforce and achieve success.

**Helene Goldfarb Celebrated for Her Lifetime of Achievements and Service to New York at Hunter College on Her 95th Birthday**



*Helene is photographed here with her flowers and proclamation from Assembly Member Seawright. (Left to Right): Seawright staff Courtney Ferrissey and Flor de Maria Eilets, Helene Goldfarb, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, and Bradley Hershenson, Community Board 8 Member.*

The Hunter College Foundation, elected officials, community leaders, academics, friends, and family gathered in celebration and gratitude for Helene D. Goldfarb's service to New York. Notably, she received special recognition from Governor Kathy Hochul, Hunter College President Dr. Nancy Cantor, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, and Senator Liz Krueger.

Born on September 24, 1929, in the Bronx, Helene graduated from Newtown High School in 1947 in Queens. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts from Hunter College, Class of 1951, and her master's in education from New York University, Class of 1953 in Manhattan. She went on to become an accomplished science teacher and a beloved guidance counselor until her retirement in 1995, Helene D. Goldfarb dedicated her life in service to education.

Helene has held distinguished leadership positions in academic, cultural, and political organizations including the Alumni Association of Hunter College, Hunter College Foundation, The Scholarship and Welfare Fund of the Alumni Association of Hunter College (S&W Fund), the Feminist Press at CUNY, and the Lenox Hill Neighborhood House.



*John McClement, a Community Board 8 member, and Flor de Maria Eilets, Special Assistant to Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.*

As Featured In...

## East Side Feed

**“We have called for and accompanied the Sheriff’s office for the inspection and closure of unlicensed smoke shops across the district,” Assembly Member Seawright shared with East Side Feed.**



## Four Illegal UES Smoke Shops Get Raided, Closed | East Side Feed

More unlicensed smoke and cannabis shops on the Upper East Side have been recently shuttered as part of the city's ongoing efforts to weed out illicit sellers.

[Read More](#)

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## Constituent Jordan Stein Featured in Arlene Kayatt's Column



## Still Thriving after 100 Years Inside Grand Central Terminal

Grand Central Optical inside the storied terminal has been offering fast and convenient service for 100 years. And it is still family-run as it battles the big eyeglass chains.

[Read More](#)

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## John Jay Park Renovations Unveiled



John Jay Park renovations are completed including improved and accessible basketball and tennis courts, a rebuilt walkway, new benches, and a drinking fountain.

Cutting the ribbon on the renovations (from left to right) were Judy Schneider, Co-Chair of the Community Board 8 (CB8) Parks and Waterfront Committee, Valerie Mason, CB8 Chair, Council Member Julie Menin, Tricia Shimamura, Manhattan Borough Parks Commissioner, Jacob Plottel, Special Assistant For Community Relations for the Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, and Maille Romulus, Community Liaison for Council Member Julie Menin.

## Consider Our Office Your Resource

### Voter Registration Deadlines

Last Day to Register to Vote	October 26
First Day of Early Voting	October 26
Last Day of Early Voting	November 3
Election Day	November 5 (Polls are open from 6am to 9pm)
Deadline to request an absentee or early mail ballot (online)	October 26
Deadline to request an absentee or early mail ballot (in person)	November 4
Deadline to return an absentee or early	November 5 (by mail)

Have questions about voting in New York State?

Visit the State Board of Elections website to learn about eligibility requirements:  
<https://elections.ny.gov/>

Check your registration status: <https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/>

Request a ballot: <https://elections.ny.gov/request-ballot>

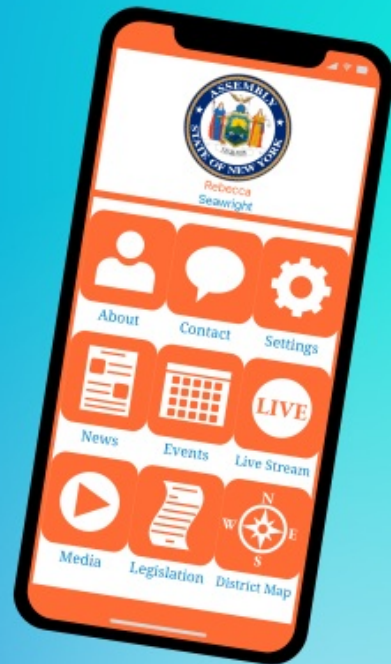
Find your polling place: <https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/>

## Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright's App is Live!

Stay Up-To-Date with the latest:

- News
- Events
- Legislation
- Livestream
- Media

Available on iPhone and iPad



**Rebecca**  
**Seawright**  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER

# NO-COST NOTARY

Monday - Friday

10am-12pm

1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)



**ASSEMBLY MEMBER**

**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**



# HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY**

**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY  
AT 3:30 PM ATTORNEYS FROM  
THE LAW OFFICES OF GRIMBLE  
& LOGUIDICE, LLC WILL  
PROVIDE ADVICE ON HOUSING-  
RELATED MATTERS AT NO-  
COST FOR CONSTITUENTS OF  
THE 76TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

Get help navigating the housing court process, responding to notices, dealing with threat of eviction, getting repairs from negligent landlords, and advocating for your rights as a tenant in New York City!



**SCAN ME TO  
RSVP!**

**A VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY WILL  
HOST A ONE -ON-ONE SESSION  
WITH ATTENDEES.**

**RSVP REQUIRED:  
CALL: 212-288-4607**

**EMAIL: SEAWRIGHTR@NYASSEMBLY.GOV**

*The legal clinic is solely to provide guidance and advice from attorney's experienced in landlord- tenant law.  
The clinic does not guarantee a desired outcome and does not establish an attorney- client relationship.  
Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright does not represent or advise constituents in any legal matters.*

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# STOREFRONT BUSINESS SURVEY



The Manhattan Chamber of Commerce is conducting a brief survey to better understand the needs of storefront business owners in Manhattan. The survey asks 10 simple questions about foot traffic and customer spending. It will only take four minutes to complete.

Please take the survey here: <https://tinyurl.com/StorefrontsSpeak>

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# RESPUESTA RÁPIDA

NYS MWBE Certification Initiative



Division of Minority and Women's Business Development



“Respuesta Rápida” – the NYS MWBE certification process has been streamlined, and New York State is here to help minority and women businesses complete their applications for MWBE certification with the State of New York.

Starting 9/16/24 through 10/31/24, applicants will have the option of working with the **Entrepreneurial Assistance Center (EAC)**, **Small Business Development Center (SBDC)**, or **Empire APEX Accelerator** to complete their DMWBD certification application. Participants in DMWBD's Respuesta Rápida may receive their determination in as quickly as 90 days.



**For questions or for more information call 212-803-2414.**

#### Disclaimers:

Participation in DMWBD's Respuesta Rápida program does not guarantee MWBE certification with New York State. To qualify for certification, a business must meet the requirements set forth in Executive Law Article 15a, and Title 5.

Applicant must respond to the Division's request for clarifying information and/or documentation within 5 business days of receipt of request

A Division of Empire State Development



COVID-19 Testing

U.S. households will be eligible to order 4 free COVID-19 tests at COVIDTests.gov. The COVID-19 Tests will detect current COVID-19 variants and can be used through the end of the year.

Read More

## Upcoming Events

Join Us for a Public Forum:

**Wednesday, September 25, at 6:30 pm**  
**on Zoom**

### New York State's **EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT**

*What to Know **Before** You Vote on It in November*

Expert Speakers:



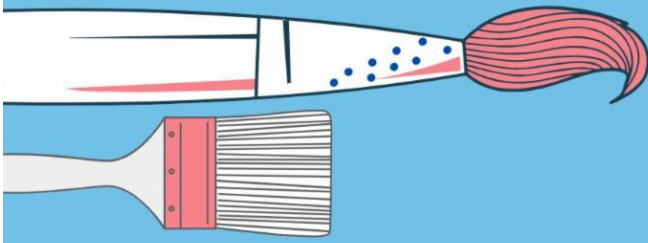
***Carolyn Maloney***, Former Congressmember and Founder, Sign4 ERA;  
***Rebecca Seawright***, Member, New York State Assembly;  
***Kimberly Wolf Price***, Chair, Women in Law Section, NYS Bar Association.  
***Katherine Franke***, Professor, Columbia University Law School; Director,  
Columbia Law's Center for Gender & Sexuality Law.



Please visit <https://forms.gle/CXqaph8cfXEbqtUX9>, or scan the QR code on the left, for access to the Zoom meeting.

Sponsored by Community Board 8 Manhattan, this virtual forum is free and open to the public.

RSVP



 [cb8m.com](http://cb8m.com)

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**Saturday, September 21,  
2024**

**11 am to 4 pm**

**Rain Date: September 22, 2024**

# **ART SHOW**

**on the East Side**

**James Cagney Place**

**East 91st Street, Between 2nd and 3rd Avenues**

**Presented by Community Board 8 Manhattan**





Give a **little** time.  
Make a **BIG** impact.

## Deliver Joy to an Older Neighbor!

Volunteer for DOROT's Rosh Hashanah Package Delivery

**Sunday, September 22, 2024**

When you volunteer to deliver a holiday package and connect with an older neighbor for a visit or call, you can make their day—and yours!

*Pre-registration and valid U.S. government-issued photo ID are required.*

### How it works:

- 1 Register at [dorotusa.org/package-delivery](https://dorotusa.org/package-delivery)
- 2 Pick up a package and get matched with an older adult
- 3 Deliver the package to the home of an older adult
- 4 Connect for a visit or friendly call!

**Sunday, September 22**  
**10:00 AM - 12:30 PM**



**171 W 85th Street • New York, NY 10024 • [dorotusa.org](https://dorotusa.org)**

DOROT's Rosh Hashanah Package Delivery was generously endowed by Mrs. Bella Wexner to honor her parents Lena and Harry Cabakoff. We are also grateful to the estate of Sanford H. Goldstein and NewYork-Presbyterian for their support of DOROT's Package Delivery programs. Thank you to Moise Safra Center for hosting DOROT's East Side Package Delivery.



Health Advocates for Older People and  
Carnegie Hill Neighbors  
*invite you to join us*



## Fall Equipment Fair

Thursday, September 26  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

1326 Madison Ave., @94 St.  
Lower Level

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***Increase your mobility and comfort!***  
***Stop by for a selection of useful items, all free of charge such as:***

Canes  
Disposable briefs  
Shower chairs  
Raised toilet seats  
Chucks disposable bed covers, and more!

***All items are subject to availability and are in as is condition.***

Here is what participants have to say:

*"Thank you for the cuff crutches to alleviate my painful steps."  
"Thank you for the walker. ...It made a world of difference and I am so glad to have it. I think it's wonderful that you have medical equipment to give people."*

**For more information, contact Health Advocates at  
212-980-1700 or 212-831-1700.**

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Health Advocates for Older People promotes safe and healthy aging for New Yorkers. Carnegie Hill Neighbors is dedicated to improving the quality of life and amplifying voices to advocate for our community. Health Advocates Equipment Donation is supported through public and private grants and donations. Visit [www.hafop.org](http://www.hafop.org) to learn more and get involved.

**Health Advocates for Older People**  
420 Lexington Ave., suite 300 | New York, NY 10170 | 212-980-1700 | [www.hafop.org](http://www.hafop.org)

# Senator Krueger's *Virtual* Older Adult Roundtable Series Session V – Advocacy Issues that Impact You

At this event we'll discuss three key initiatives of concern to older New Yorkers. The first is a unique partnership between Cornell University and LiveOn NY that will study the impact of climate change on older adults. The second will explore efforts to reduce the wait list for services required to support you as you age in place. And finally, we will share tools to allow you to better assess the reliability of election-related information and ultimately help you to make the best decisions about the future direction of New York and the nation.



**Liz Krueger**  
STATE SENATOR | 28th District



**DATE: Thursday, Sept. 26th**  
**TIME: 10am – 11:30am**

Go to:

**[FACEBOOK.COM/STATESENATORLIZKRUEGER](https://www.facebook.com/STATESENATORLIZKRUEGER)**

**REGISTER at [www.tinyurl.com/9-26-24-Older-Adult-Roundtable](http://www.tinyurl.com/9-26-24-Older-Adult-Roundtable)**



## JOIN E72NA's COMMUNITY MEETING

### Public Forum on Bail Laws and Bail Reform: Learn the Facts about New York's Criminal Justice System

Join the E72NA for an in-depth discussion of the history of New York's bail laws including bail reform and its impact on crime:

**DATE:** Monday, September 30th  
**TIME:** 6:30 – 8:30PM  
**PLACE:** CHIOTES HALL at THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
337 E. 74 TH STREET (BETWEEN 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> AVES)

- 1. Keynote Speaker:** Ames Grawert, Senior Counsel and the John L. Neu Justice Counsel at the Brennan Center for Justice
- 2. Panel Discussion: Q&A**  
Michael Alcazar, Professor John Jay College of Criminal Justice and former NYPD Detective  
Kalle Condliffe and Jennifer Hose – Legal Aid Society  
Nick Viest, President, Police Community Council, 19th Precinct

**Q&A:** Bring your questions to get answers from these expert community resources!

The event will be in-person and will also livestream on our Facebook page, here's the link or scan it on your phone here:



**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!**

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# REGISTER FOR A SUNY COLLEGE FAIR!

WHICH SUNY ARE YOU?

SUNDAY  
SEPT  
**29**  
1:00 PM

## LONG ISLAND

Farmingdale State College  
Nold Athletic Complex  
Farmingdale, NY

MONDAY  
SEPT  
**30**  
4:00 PM

## NEW YORK CITY

Jacob K. Javits Convention Center  
Exhibit Hall 1E  
New York, NY

MONDAY  
OCT  
**7**  
6:00 PM

## SYRACUSE

Onondaga Community College  
SRC Arena and Events Center  
Syracuse, NY



Register at: [suny.edu/fairs](https://suny.edu/fairs)  
or call: 1.800.342.3811



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IN-PERSON EVENT FOR ADULTS 60+  
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2ND, 2024  
2:00PM - 3:00PM



Brick Church 62 E 92nd St  
Between Park and Madison Ave.  
(3rd Floor)



For more information:  
Contact Jacob at (212) 289-5300 ext. 218

**RSVP required as seating is limited!**



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