



MY OFFICE IS HERE TO HELP!

Assembly Member **Rebecca A. Seawright**



Consider our office a resource!

- **No-cost notary service**
- **Tuesday biweekly housing legal clinic**
- **Apply for State and City benefits like the rent freeze program**

Helpful Resources

Residential households in the U.S. are eligible for another order of free at-home tests. Visit special.usps.com/testkits to order your test kits. Each order includes individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests (COVIDTests.gov has more details about at-home tests, including extended shelf life and updated expiration dates)

To report non-emergency city complaints, call 311. Save your record number and follow up with our office if the complaint is unresolved.

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Dear Neighbor

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you once again for placing your trust in me. I deeply appreciate your continued support of our work in the State Assembly over the past 10 years. I look forward to representing you in 2025 as we build a safer, fairer, and more affordable New York.

As the lead sponsor of the Equal Rights Amendment in the Assembly, I am immeasurably grateful and thankful to voters across the state for approving the addition of the Equal Rights Amendment into the New York State constitution. With this change, our constitution protects all New Yorkers from discrimination on the basis of sex, sexual identity, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, ethnicity, age, disability, pregnancy, and pregnancy outcomes. Finally, after decades of tireless work by activists, legislators, and voters like you, New York is one big step closer to fulfilling the promise of liberty and justice for all. We did it together!

We want to hear from you! What priorities should we focus on in the 2025 legislative session? As always, our office is just a call, email, or visit away!

The Center for Family Support Honors Seawright for Her Commitment As Chair of the Assembly People With Disabilities Committee

Assembly Member Seawright stated her commitment to work on the most pressing issues to the care of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. She said, "In our state budget, I am pressing for higher and higher Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA) so provider agencies can recruit and retain critical staff. We're fighting for a Direct Support Wage Enhancement, so DSPs earn a living wage, recognizing their enormous contributions and living costs."





Assembly Member Seawright Recognized on City and State's Manhattan Power 100 List

City and State wrote that among the Assembly Member's accomplishments, "Seawright has co-sponsored the Equal Rights Amendment, got two disability rights bills signed, and has been pushing a package of electric scooter safety bills."

Tune Into MNN for Rise Up with Rebecca Seawright



You can view the program on the last Tuesday of the month at 8 pm and the first Sunday of the month at 6 pm on MNN (Spectrum 34, 1993, 1995, RCN 82, FiOS 33).

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

(Left to right) Yvonne Cassidy, Development Officer; Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright; Sheila Lambert, founder and Chair Emeritus; and Melissa S. Norden, Executive Director.

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



Seawright Helps Secure \$2 Million for Mobile Museum of Tolerance Touring Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island Schools

Simon Wiesenthal Center's Executive Director Rabbi Meyer H. May and Assembly Member Seawright discussed the importance of bringing the Mobile Museum of Tolerance to students in our community.

The first-of-its-kind in the United States, the Mobile Museum of Tolerance is a free, traveling, mobile education center, utilizing innovative technology and interactive lessons to bring a message of tolerance directly to communities across the United States.



Assembly Disabilities Chair Rebecca Seawright Rallied to Register New York Voters with Disabilities

In 2022, only 50.8% of eligible people with disabilities voted, and 14% reported struggling to vote. That's three times more than voters without disabilities. Based on estimates, 2.2 million voters with disabilities faced challenges in 2022.

The coalition of students with disabilities (pictured here) includes CUNY Votes, the CUNY Office of Disability Programs, the New York Coalition of Students in Higher Education with Disabilities, the CUNY Coalition for Students with Disabilities (CCSD), the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), the Viscardi Center, Quality Services for the Autism Community (QSAC), the



CUNY Graduate School and University Center, the CUNY Graduate Center, and the NY State Disability Services Council.



Seawright Joined Dr. Chris Rosa for a Tour of the School Named for Presidential Advisor and Disability Rights Activist Dr. Henry Viscardi, Jr.

Assembly Member Seawright (center) is photographed here with Dr. Chris Rosa (right), a Viscardi student (left), and Chair of the Board of Trustees Beth Daly (back right).

Henry Viscardi Jr. (1912-2004) was an American disability rights advocate who championed the cause of equality and employment of disabled people in the workforce. In 1952, on Eleanor Roosevelt's advice, he founded Abilities, Inc. which has now expanded to the Viscardi Center – a non-profit organization and global leader advocating for the empowerment of people with disabilities.

Assembly Member Seawright Visited and Toured the Oldest School for the Deaf in New York, the Lexington School for the Deaf, Founded in 1864

Pictured here are (left to right) Lexington staff members Jane Moran, Adele Agjn, Queens College President Frank H. Wu, Assembly Member Seawright, Interim Superintendent and CEO Seth Bravin, Patricia Schonfeld, and QC Vice President for Communications and Marketing and Sr. Advisor to the President Jay Hershenson.



Community Office Held No-Cost Glucose, Blood Pressure Screenings, and Flu Shots!

Office volunteer Barbara Mandel got her blood pressure screening at no cost. The District Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright held a no-cost glucose and blood pressure screening event in partnership with Drug Mart.

Seawright Earned 100% on New York League of Conservation Voters Environmental Scorecard

NYLCV-supported budget measures included:

- \$400 million for the Environmental Protection Fund, without raiding the fund to pay for agency staff;
 - \$500 million for the Clean Water Infrastructure Act;
 - RAPID Act to expand clean-energy transmission capacity;
 - Sammy's Law, which allows NYC to lower speed limit to 20 mph on certain streets;
 - Authorization for the MTA to waive penalties for fare evasion if the offender instead enrolls in the Fair Fares program;
 - Stronger enforcement of illegal license plate covers to help ensure effective implementation of the congestion pricing program in New York City;
- A needs evaluation for highway and depot electric vehicle charging infrastructure;
 - Clarification that Bond Act grant funding for electric school buses will not impact a school district's transportation aid; and
 - The creation of a Zero-Emission School Bus Resource Center within NYSERDA.



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Thousands of Pounds of Paper Shredded at Seawright's No-Cost Community Shred-A-Thons!

Hundreds of our neighbors came to Shred-A-Thons throughout the year to recycle their old documents, disposing of them into the Department of Sanitation's shredding truck. Shredding documents helps to prevent identity theft and data breaches.

