



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As the holiday season surrounds us with joy and reflection, I want to extend my heartfelt wishes to you and your loved ones. May this season be filled with warmth, good health, and happiness that carries into the new year.

This season also reminds us of the importance of community and standing together. I was deeply saddened by recent acts of antisemitic violence, including attacks on Jewish communities at Bondi Beach and Brown University, and I stand in solidarity with the Jewish community.

In recent weeks, I had the pleasure of visiting The Bristol at York Avenue, meeting with residents to discuss community issues and share tips on staying safe during the holidays.

I commend Governor Hochul for reaching an agreement to make medical aid in dying available to terminally ill New Yorkers, legislation I proudly co-sponsored and supported.

Starting January 1, 2026, the minimum wage in New York City will increase to \$17 per hour, a step toward a more equitable city.

Save the date: our next no-cost paper shredding event will be on Saturday, January 10 at the 82nd Street Greenmarket from 10 a.m.–1 p.m.




Our Community Office will be closed from Monday, December 22, through Friday, January 2, in observance of Christmas and New Year's, legal government holidays. We will reopen on Monday, January 5, at 9:30 a.m.

From our team to yours, happy holidays! Wishing you peace, love, and joy in the season and the new year.

Sincerely,

Rebecca A. Seawright

REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT



**ONE GREAT WAY TO
START
2026
SHRED-A-THON!!**


SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH

**82ND STREET GREEN MARKET
BETWEEN FIRST & YORK AVE**

10 AM - 1 PM

NO NOTEBOOKS, BINDINGS, OR X-RAYS

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Statement by Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright on Recent Acts of Antisemitic Violence

"I am deeply saddened and outraged by the recent acts of violence targeting the Jewish community, including the brutal attack on Jews celebrating Hanukkah at Bondi Beach in Sydney and the shooting at Brown University. These horrific incidents underscore the very real and growing threat of antisemitism, here in the United States and around the world.

The Bondi Beach attack, which claimed the lives of fifteen people—including a child and a Holocaust survivor—struck at the heart of Hanukkah. This holiday symbolizes the Jewish people's enduring fight for the right to live openly and safely as Jews. The shooting at Brown University is another devastating reminder that antisemitic hatred can erupt in places meant to be centers of learning, dialogue, and community.

When Jews are targeted for simply being Jewish, it is an attack on the fundamental values of freedom, dignity, and safety that we must all defend. These acts of violence reverberate deeply within New York's Jewish community and beyond.

I stand in solidarity with Jewish communities everywhere and mourn with the families and loved ones of the victims. I also wish to recognize the extraordinary courage of Ahmed al-Ahmed, whose heroic actions at Bondi Beach saved lives.

We must continue to speak out clearly and unequivocally against antisemitism in all its forms and remain united in our commitment to ensuring that every person can live, learn, worship, and gather without fear."

Assembly Member Seawright Visits The Bristal at York Avenue



Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright recently visited The Bristal at York Avenue, meeting with residents for an engaging discussion about community issues and her work in the Assembly.

Residents asked questions on topics such as public safety, housing, healthcare, and support for local small businesses. As the holiday season approaches, she warned residents about common holiday scams and offered tips on how to stay safe while shopping and managing finances during the busy season.

Seawright Commends Governor Hochul on Announcing Agreement on Medical Aid in Dying

Governor Kathy Hochul announced an agreement with the Legislature to make medical aid in dying available to terminally ill New Yorkers with less than six months to live. This follows months of careful deliberation with bill sponsors, advocacy organizations, and everyday New Yorkers who shared deeply personal experiences. The bill, with agreed-upon amendments, will be passed and signed in January, and the law will take effect six months later.

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, a strong co-sponsor and supporter of the legislation, commends Governor Hochul for her leadership in bringing this important measure to fruition. ***"This legislation provides terminally ill New Yorkers with the dignity, autonomy, and compassion they deserve at the end of life,"*** said Assembly Member Seawright.

The legislation includes important protections to ensure that patients are making voluntary, informed decisions, and that doctors and health care facilities are prepared to administer medical aid in dying responsibly. Key safeguards agreed upon include:

- A mandatory five-day waiting period between when a prescription is written and filled.
- Oral requests for medical aid in dying must be recorded by video or audio.
- A mandatory mental health evaluation by a psychologist or psychiatrist.
- Prohibiting anyone with a financial interest in the patient's death from serving as a witness or interpreter.
- Limiting access to New York residents.
- Requiring initial physician evaluations to occur in person.
- Allowing religiously-oriented home hospice providers to opt out.
- Violations of the law will be treated as professional misconduct.
- The law will take effect six months after signing, giving health care facilities time to prepare and implement necessary regulations.

This landmark legislation reflects New York's commitment to giving terminally ill residents autonomy over their final days while ensuring robust protections for patients, families, and medical professionals.

New Minimum Wage Coming Into Effect



To help ease the financial crunch caused by the rising cost of living, the Assembly Majority helped enact a multi-year increase to the state's minimum wage. On Jan. 1, the minimum wage will increase to \$17 per hour in New York City, Long Island and Westchester County, and \$16 per hour everywhere else. We'll never stop fighting to lift up working people and make New York a more equitable, affordable place to call home.

Help Count Our Neighbors Experiencing Homelessness HOPE Survey 2026

In January 2026, the NYC Department of Homeless Services (DHS) will conduct its annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE) survey, and community participation is essential.

On Tuesday, January 27, 2026, volunteers will work alongside outreach teams across all five boroughs to help count New Yorkers experiencing street homelessness. From approximately 10:00 PM to 4:00 AM, participants will canvass their own neighborhoods to help ensure the City has accurate data to better deliver services and connect vulnerable New Yorkers to safe, stable housing.

Just one night of volunteering makes a meaningful impact. We encourage you, your staff, and members of your network to participate and help spread the word.

Learn more and sign up at: nyc.gov/hope

Consider Our Office **YOUR** Resource

2026 New York City Parking Calendar



[Download the NYC Parking Calendar](#)

**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
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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!

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



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Upcoming Events

Wildlife Conservation Society PRESENTS

WCS YOUTH JIVE

JOB, INTERNSHIP & VOLUNTEERING EXPO



BRONX ZOO | NEW YORK AQUARIUM | CENTRAL PARK ZOO | PROSPECT PARK ZOO | QUEENS ZOO



14–26 year old attendees will be able to...

- Learn about the many jobs*, internships, and volunteer positions at WCS' 5 NYC Zoos & Aquarium

**jobs are for 16+*

- Connect directly with hiring managers and make a good first impression

Can't make it in-person?
Register to access digital resources instead.

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026

Bronx Zoo

Registration required. Timed entry.

<https://bronxzoo.com/jive>



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