

# Rebecca Seawright



*Dear Friends and Neighbors,*

*Have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend and take a moment to remember those who have served and those who serve today to protect our country and our freedom.*

*I am proud to announce that the Speaker has appointed me to the Assembly Workgroup on Sexual Harassment to review and address the scourge of harassment in the workplace. In the Assembly, we also passed a legislative package to support individuals with disabilities in the workplace on Legislative Disabilities Awareness Day.*

*Substantial relief for tenants and landlords is on the way. The application portal for the state's Emergency Rental Assistance Program is set to open at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, June 1. The application will be available here. Please contact the state assistance hotline at 844-691-7368 or our office if you need support at 212-288-4607.*

*The City's primary election is on Tuesday, June 22. Early Voting takes place between Saturday, June 12 and Sunday June 20. There is no voting the Monday, June 21 before Election Day on June 22. In this election, we will have the opportunity to use Ranked-Choice Voting (RCV) to rank candidates for Mayor; Public Advocate, Comptroller; Borough President, and City Council in order of our preference on our ballots. If you want to learn more about Ranked-Choice Voting, join our Town Hall Tuesday on June 1 at 6 pm featuring Susan Lerner, Executive Director of Common Cause. Send us any of your questions about the RCV system and have them answered at the town hall. More information on this and other events that I am pleased to sponsor:*

- *Tuesday, June 1 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Facebook live and Zoom- **Town Hall Tuesday on Ranked Choice Voting.** RSVP here.*
- *Thursday, June 3, from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the District Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)- **No-Cost Face Covering Giveaway.** RSVP here.*
- *Thursday, June 3, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Zoom- **Virtual Knitting Social.** RSVP here.*

- *Tuesday, June 8 at 2:00 pm by telephone- **No-Cost Housing Legal Clinic.** [RSVP here.](#)*
- *Saturday, June 12- **Save the Date! No-Cost Paper Shred-a-thon at Roosevelt Island Day!***
- *Sunday, June 20 from 10:00 am- 2:00 pm at the 92nd Street Greenmarket- **No-Cost Paper Shred-a-thon.***

*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





**Rebecca  
Seawright**  
ASSEMBLY MEMBER



**TOWN HALL TUESDAY:  
A RANKED CHOICE VOTING  
INFORMATION SESSION  
FEATURING**



**SUSAN LERNER**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

 **Common Cause**

New York

**JUNE 1 @ 6:00PM**

JOIN US! WATCH LIVE ON FACEBOOK:  
[FB.com/RebeccaASeawright/live](https://www.facebook.com/RebeccaASeawright/live)

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

CALL 212.288.4607 or  
EMAIL  
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RSVP and Submit Your Question

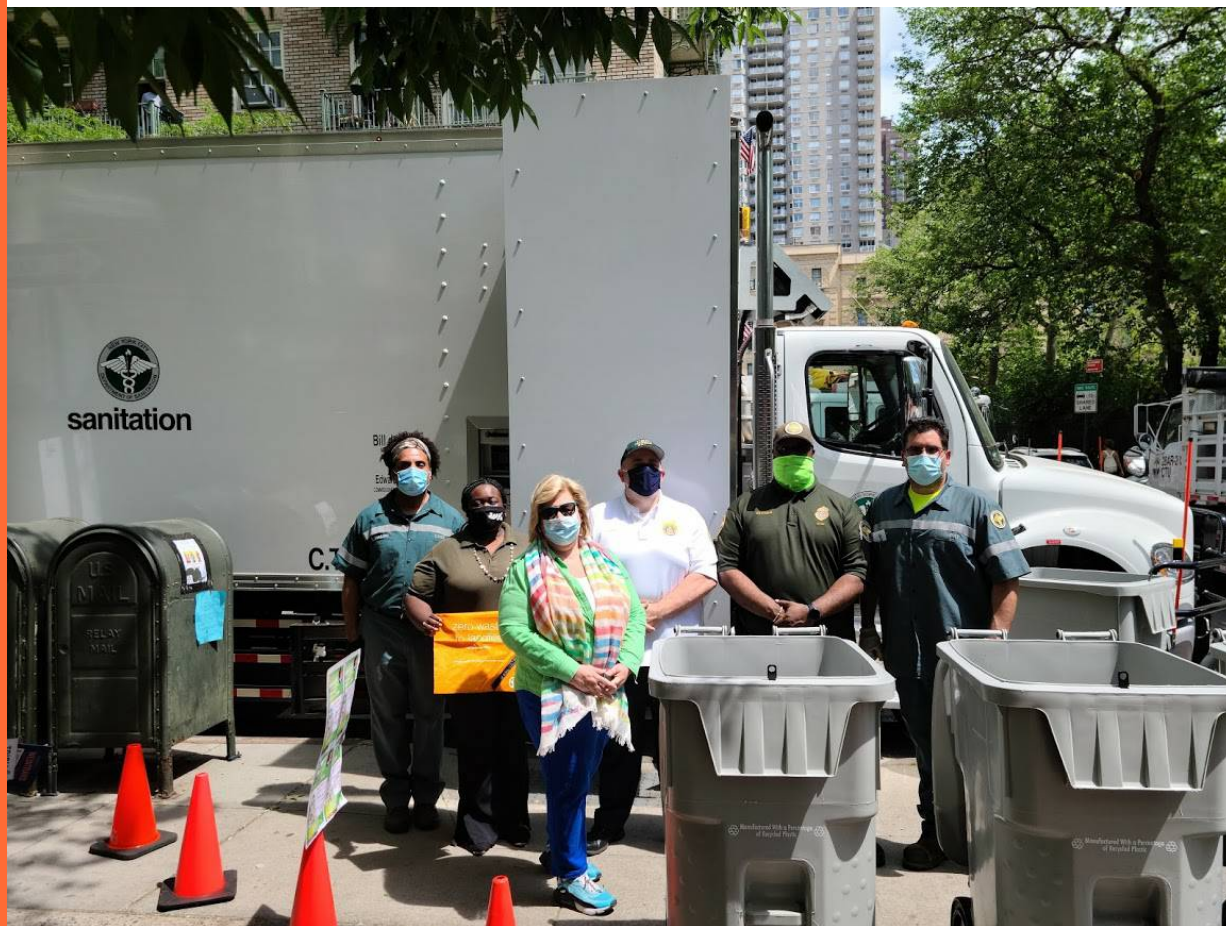
**Back By Popular Demand!  
Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright's  
Community Shred-a-thon  
With Sanitation Commissioner Grayson**

**Neighbors Took Advantage of No-Cost Paper**



# Shredding

## Next Stop: Roosevelt Island Day!



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright and City Sanitation Commissioner Ed Grayson joined forces to mark the return of the highly popular "Community Shred-a-thon" after a one-year absence during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Residents and constituents seeking protection from identity theft have made the "Community Shred-a-thon" among the most popular of the many services offered by Assembly Member Seawright.

***"With the annual tax season at an end, we're pleased to partner with Sanitation Commissioner Grayson and respond to the many requests that we have received,"*** said Assembly Member Seawright, adding that the service provides a safe and secure way to dispose of paper documents containing personal information. She noted that the event carries environmental benefits as well as environmental.

***Sanitation Commissioner Grayson said, "New Yorkers trust the Department of Sanitation to remove their refuse and recycle, and through this partnership with Assembly Member Seawright, they can feel confident that their important documents will be safely shredded before being recycled, thus protecting both their identities and the environment."***







**Rebecca**  
**Seawright**  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER



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# NO-COST PAPER SHRED-A-THON

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

MOTORGATE  
TURNAROUND  
688 MAIN STREET

Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright  
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**Seawright Rallies to STOP THE TOWER!**

**300 Upper East Siders Joined Elected Officials to  
Stop the Blood Center Tower**



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright joined with her colleagues Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, State Senator Liz Krueger, Council Members Ben Kallos and Keith Powers, and Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer with over 300 Upper East Side residents to "stop the tower." Community groups and students and families from the Julia Richman Education Complex spoke out in strong opposition against New York Blood Center and Longfellow's 334 foot commercial tower proposal.

The proposed Blood Center Tower would be the first violation of R8B zoning, which set a 75' height limit on midblock buildings throughout the Upper East Side, in the more than 35 years since this zoning was enacted for the very purpose of protecting the residential character of the midblocks in the community.

*"The proposal makes a mockery of our hard-fought and sensible zoning rules that protect midblock locations from massive towers, oversaturation, and unnecessary intrusions that threaten our health and safety,"* said Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.

Community Board 8 held a special meeting of the board this week where Seawright expressed her opposition to the rezoning application again, and a resolution of disapproval was passed.





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## Speaker Heastie Appoints Seawright to Workgroup on Sexual Harassment

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright has been appointed to the Assembly Workgroup on Sexual Harassment to review issues of sexual discrimination in the workplace and strengthen employee safety.

Seawright serves as the chair of the Assembly Task Force on Women's Issues and is the author of two bills that would subject state employees and members of the Legislature



found guilty of sexual harassment to fines and criminal sanctions, and other penalties.

*"I am grateful to Speaker Heastie for this important role in seeking practical solutions to the scourge of sexual harassment,"* said Assembly Member Seawright.

*"Unfortunately, we hear stories all too frequently that demonstrate workplace harassment is still prevalent in many workplaces,"* said Speaker Heastie. *"Employees deserve protections and are entitled to work in safe environments. I am confident that the members of this workgroup will carefully review current issues facing our workforce and present meaningful recommendations for our conference to consider."*

Speaker Heastie first convened the workgroup in 2018 to examine various sexual harassment issues and policy responses. That same year, the Legislature enacted several measures to combat sexual harassment in the workplace, including mandating that all employers in New York State have a sexual harassment policy, employee training, and a transparent complaint and investigation process.

In 2019, the Legislature held hearings to receive testimony from victims, advocates, and experts regarding sexual harassment in the workplace, resulting in legislation to increase protections against discriminatory harassment in the workplace. This legislation expanded the Human Rights Law to cover all employers in the state in addition to adopting a wide range of other protections and preventative measures.

The Assembly will also be meeting with the Sexual Harassment Working Group in the coming days to hear directly from advocates.

Assembly Member Seawright's legislative proposal would define sexual harassment as unwelcome or unwanted sexual advances such as requesting sexual favors in exchange for favorable treatment or continued employment or engaging in verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature as condition or employment.

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## Legislative Disabilities Awareness Day



**The Assembly Majority passed a bill establishing a refundable tax credit for businesses that employ people with disabilities (A.3960).**

Every New Yorker deserves to be treated with equality and respect. After an incredibly difficult year, it is more important than ever that we look out for our most vulnerable New Yorkers and help ensure that a bright future is within reach for all of us.

Assembly Member Seawright is proud to support individuals with disabilities right to live independently, access vital resources and become more active in their communities. On Legislative Disabilities Awareness Day, Seawright voted to pass the legislation in the Assembly to:

- Restore the rights of state employees to sue New York State for damages due to violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (A.7121)
- Require public officers and public bodies to provide interpreters and assistive listening devices for deaf or hard of hearing individuals at public meetings under certain conditions (A.3924)
- Re-establish the Office of the Advocate for People with Disabilities (A.3130)
- Establish the Office of the Independent Intellectual and Developmental Disability Ombudsman Program to ensure individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities receive adequate coverage from managed care organizations that meet their specific needs (A.1153-A)
- Extend statutory authority for Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) care demonstration programs to ensure community-based services continue to be offered to those with a developmental disability (A.5364)
- Establish a small-business tax credit for businesses with less than 100 employees that employ a person with disabilities for at least six months and who works a minimum of 35 hours per week (A.3960) The credit amount ranges from \$5,000 and \$25,000 and the maximum benefit for a business is capped at \$5 million.
- Require local social services districts, after considering certain factors, to give controlling weight to a recipient/applicant's regular physician's opinion when determining potential work limitations or exemptions due to a disability (A.3149)
- Create a tax credit for new or retrofitted principal residences that are universally designed to be accessible and adaptable housing (A.3409)
- Ensure the Legislature has the ability to appoint members to the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council (A.7358-A)

## Resources, Information and Announcements

### Federal Child Tax Credit



## Most New Yorkers with children 17 and under will soon receive monthly payments

The federal American Rescue Plan provides monthly payments through an expanded Child Tax Credit from July through December to low- and middle-income families who qualify. Single parents making up to \$75,000 per year and joint filers making up to \$150,000 per year are eligible for the full payment of \$250 per child age 6 and over and \$300 per child under age 6.



Federal stimulus legislation that expands the existing federal child tax credit goes into effect soon. In addition to receiving monthly payments through December that represent the credit for the first half of the tax filing year 2020, recipients will receive the rest of their benefit as a credit next year when they file their 2021 tax returns. Parents can also opt out of the monthly payments and instead receive the full, expanded credit on their tax returns next year. To learn more, visit: [www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/advance-child-tax-credit-payments-in-2021](http://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/advance-child-tax-credit-payments-in-2021)

## Housing



## Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Households adversely affected by COVID-19 can qualify for up to **12 months of past due rent, three months of future rent** and up to **12 months of overdue utility bills**. Applications accepted beginning June 1.

For more information, visit [otda.ny.gov/ERAP](http://otda.ny.gov/ERAP)



Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

The NYS Emergency Rental Assistance Program will provide economic relief to help low and moderate-income renters by providing rental arrears, temporary rental assistance and utility arrears assistance. Applications will be accepted starting June 1, 2021, at 9 a.m. [Click here for more information.](#)

Mayor Bill de Blasio recently signed a bill that expands the city's Right to Counsel program

to every ZIP code in the city. Here's what that means for tenants

## Small Business Recovery

Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program: Applications open date TBD:  
Program and Application Overview: <https://esd.ny.gov/pandemic-small-business-recovery-grant-program>

## Healthcare

Extended Open Enrollment- The Open Enrollment Period for uninsured New Yorkers has been extended through December 31, 2021. New Yorkers can apply for coverage through *NY State of Health*, New York's Official Health Plan Marketplace, or directly through insurers.

Individuals who are eligible for other NY State of Health programs - Medicaid, Essential Plan and Child Health Plus - can continue to enroll year-round.

New Yorkers can apply for coverage through NY State of Health online at [nystateofhealth.ny.gov](http://nystateofhealth.ny.gov), by phone at 1-855-355-5777, and by connecting with a free enrollment assister.

## Elections and Early Voting



**JUNE 2021 SCHEDULE**

**12**

8a - 5p

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
8a - 5p	7a - 4p	10a - 8p	10a - 8p	10a - 8p	7a - 4p	8a - 5p

SUN	MON	TUES
<b>20</b>	<del><b>21</b></del>	<b>22</b>
8a - 4p		Election Day

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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IF YOU LIVE IN THE 76TH DISTRICT, YOU WILL BE ASSIGNED TO ONE OF THESE VOTING SITES:

- METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART- 1000 5TH AVENUE
- MARYMOUNT COLLEGE- 221 EAST 71 STREET
- ROBERT WAGNER MIDDLE SCHOOL- 225 EAST 75 STREET
- ROOSEVELT ISLAND SPORTSPARK (RIOC)- 250 MAIN STREET
- HUNTER COLLEGE BROOKDALE DORM- 440 EAST 26 STREET
- JACKIE ROBINSON COMPLEX- 1573 MADISON AVENUE

VOTERS ARE ASSIGNED TO THEIR EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY POLL SITES. VISIT [NYC.POLLSITELocator.COM](http://NYC.POLLSITELocator.COM) TO FIND YOUR POLL SITE.

Your Early Voting poll site and Election Day poll site are not always the same locations.

**FIND YOUR POLL SITE**

**Important Election Dates**

**Voter Registration-** Applications must be postmarked no later than May 28th. The Board of Elections will accept mailed and in-person applications until June 2nd. On-line voter

[registration](#) is possible if you have an ID from the NYS Dept of Motor Vehicles. [Check your registration status here.](#)

**Absentee Ballots-** You can now request your absentee ballot, no later than June 15th. Request an Absentee Ballot [here](#); and request an Accessible Ballot [here](#). (You can still indicate COVID-19 as a reason for requesting an absentee ballot.) You can pick up an absentee ballot in person through June 21st. *You can track the status of your submitted absentee ballot. (The system updates every 24 hours and applications may take up to 72 hours to appear.)*

Please call 1-866-868-3692 or email [AbsenteeHelp@boe.nyc](mailto:AbsenteeHelp@boe.nyc) with questions. Assistance is available in multiple languages.

If you don't feel comfortable mailing your ballot, or can't drop it off in-person, [Invisible Hands](#) volunteers will deliver your ballot for free! [Click here](#) to request a volunteer.

**Have you moved?** Change of address forms must be submitted to the Board of Elections by June 2nd. Please call 1-866-868-3692 to learn more.

**Ranked-choice voting-** [Learn more here](#) about ranked-choice voting.

## COVID-19 Vaccination Information

### **Excelsior Pass Updates: Now Valid for 365 Days**

When the Excelsior Pass was first released, the pass was valid for 180 days, and has now been extended to 365 days. For more information about the Excelsior Pass, [click here](#).

### **Get A Shot to Make Your Future**

New Yorkers ages 12-17 who get vaccinated on or after May 27 can enter into a random prize drawing for a full scholarship to a SUNY or CUNY university, including tuition and room and board. For more information, including scholarship details, and how parents and guardians can sign up to be notified when drawing begins, [click here](#).

### **Vaccine Incentives from City-Run Sites**

New York City is offering incentives to encourage more New Yorkers to get the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine. Individuals who receive their first vaccine dose on or after May 25 at New York City-run sites are eligible to choose one of the incentives (free tickets, gift cards, and memberships) and to enter a competition to win exclusive prizes (the competition is only open to those 18-years and older). [Click here for more information](#).

**This week's list of City-run walk-up vaccination sites** where you can get vaccinated without an appointment. [Click here for more information](#).

**All New Yorkers 12 years and older** are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. [Learn more here](#).

**See how Excelsior Pass can help you be a part of NY's safe reopening.** To help revitalize New York's economy safely, the State launched Excelsior Pass—a free and voluntary platform for businesses & individuals that can be used to easily access secure proof of a recent negative COVID test or vaccination. [Learn more](#).

[Visit the New York State Vaccine Site Locator](#)

Call 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829)

or [Visit the New York City Vaccine Site Locator](#)

Call 877-VAX-4NYC (877-829-4692)

**Walgreens/Duane Reade**

(800) 925-4733



1524 2nd Avenue, Manhattan, 10075  
1328 2nd Avenue, Manhattan, 10021  
401 East 86th Street, Manhattan, 10028  
1111 3rd Avenue, Manhattan, 10065  
1498 York Avenue, Manhattan, 10075

**Fully homebound New Yorkers who wish to receive an in-home vaccination:** Please [click here](#) or call 877-829-4692. You will receive a phone call to confirm your eligibility and schedule the appointment; on that call, please also make sure to request in-home vaccination for other eligible household members ([eligibility criteria listed here](#)). Please note that there is high interest in this program -- you will receive a call back.

#### **Transportation for Seniors to Vaccination Appointments**

- New Yorkers age 65+ who make a vaccination appointment at a City-operated site will be asked if they need transportation to get to and from their appointment. Transportation is available if you: Have Access-a-Ride: (877) 337-20172.
- Have Medicaid-provided transportation: Use your regular contact number to schedule transport, or call (844) 666-6270.
- Are a homebound 65+ or disabled New Yorker who needs ambulette services: Call Hunter Ambulette at (718) 991-2211.

Anyone 65 and older who does not qualify for 1-3 above can schedule a free ride with Curb at (646) 349-0289.

## Upcoming Events



**Are You Looking to Work in a Community Based Organization?**

**Put your Talents, Skills and Interests to Good Use Making a Difference!**

POTENTIAL JOBS : Counselor – Social Worker – Education Specialist – Group Leader – Activity Specialist – Coach – Administrator – Supervisor – STEM Specialist – Accountant – Gardener – Chef

Come to a

# VIRTUAL JOB FAIR

**And Interview with NYC Non-Profit Agencies**  
**A wide range of opportunities will be available for Adults 18+**

**Wednesday, June 9, 2021 | 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.**

You must register for the job fair. Resume is required.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/150307771591>

You can visit an Employer's virtual booth to learn what they do, the positions they have available and ask questions.

You will hear testimonials on how exciting and fulfilling a career in youth and social services.

On-line chats will give you a chance to meet with employers and participate in interviews.

You can also watch videos on how to make the best use of the virtual job fair.

For more information contact :  
[sgordonsentientshift@gmail.com](mailto:sgordonsentientshift@gmail.com)

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Department of  
Youth & Community  
Development

# ROOSEVELT ISLAND DAY 2021

## SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2021

10AM-2PM

Join us for a day of beautification and celebration

Activities will be located at Blackwell Plaza, the Meditation Lawn, and other areas throughout Main St.

Giveaways, Book Swap, Planting,  
Bike Repair, Art Installations, and More!

**THIS WILL BE A SOCIALLY DISTANCED EVENT**

Detailed event day schedule to come  
Rain date Saturday, June 19th

 Follow us on Instagram  
@rooseveltislandrioc for updates



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# Rebecca Seawright

ASSEMBLYMEMBER

## NO-COST SCREENING MAMMOGRAMS FOR ELIGIBLE WOMEN

MONDAY JULY 26, 2021  
Starting at 9:00 am

MOBILE SCANVAN  
DISTRICT OFFICE  
1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)

By appointment: please call 646-415-7932

FOR WOMEN 40 AND OLDER WHO HAVE  
NOT HAD A MAMMOGRAM IN THE PAST  
YEAR

ALL insurance plans accepted  
Co-payments and deductibles are waived  
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# ***CALLING ALL ARTISTS ON THE UPPER EAST SIDE & ROOSEVELT ISLAND***



Here's your chance to participate in New York City's awakening at the **June 12-13** art show sponsored by City Canvas, a new initiative by Community Board 8 Manhattan.

We're looking for artists to display their works, including paintings, prints, photography, quilts, at an outdoor exhibition along James Cagney Way, on East 91 Street, and at The Easton-Plaza, 205 East 92 Street. Our theme is New York City Blooming.

This June 12-13 daytime event will be the inaugural event of City Canvas - a program to expand cultural events featuring Upper East Siders.

Please submit an image of the artwork you wish to display to [info@cb8m.com](mailto:info@cb8m.com) by **May 24th** using "Art Submission" in the subject line.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER  
REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT



# HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

TUES. JUNE 8

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY  
AT 2:00 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!

DUE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS, A VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY WILL HOST A ONE -ON-ONE PHONE SESSION WITH ATTENDEES.



SCAN ME TO  
RSVP!

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.*

RSVP to the Legal Clinic

[View as Webpage](#)



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