

# Rebecca Seawright

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## A Message From

### **Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright**



Dear Neighbor,

I am sickened by the heartless and inhumane separation of children from their families that is occurring at the U.S.-Mexico border. Many of these poor families came to our border escaping violence and persecution and turned themselves in to authorities, only to have their children separated from them. If you are able to assist, I hope you will find the resources to help #KeepFamiliesTogether, below to be helpful.

This week, I stood on the Million Dollar Staircase with my colleagues as a call to action to stop the deceptive practices that are tearing families apart. We sent a letter to the Administration to demand an end to the inhumane policies and practices.

I am pleased to announce the passage of my sponsored legislation to require the State Department of Health to place air quality monitoring equipment near waste transfer stations across the state in the Assembly; legislation to label e-bikes with a warning that it may be unlawful to operate the e-bike on local streets in the Assembly; and legislation to support small businesses with CUNY kitchens in both houses.

I hope you find this update informative. Please stay in touch with my office about any issues that are important to you. As always, we are just a visit, call, or email away.

Sincerely,

REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT

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## In Albany...

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### **Seawright's Air Quality Monitoring Bill Passes Assembly**

Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright's bill A7870, legislation requiring the New York State Department of Health to monitor air quality near waste transfer stations in New York State passed in the Assembly this week.

***"We are facing the reality that a waste transfer station will soon open on East 91<sup>st</sup> Street. Among stakeholders, air quality continues to be a critical concern. My legislation will require the State Department of Health to place air monitoring equipment near waste transfer stations to monitor their impact so appropriate action may be taken for the anticipated increase in pollutants," said Seawright. "With health and environmental policy at the forefront of many discussions across the country and state, we have come together to bring this important legislation to light and fight for its passage. I will continue to fight for air quality monitoring, and immediate action to remediate the ill-effects of the waste transfer station in our community."***

According to the New York City Department of Health, the community surrounding the 91<sup>st</sup> Street Marine Transfer Station has disproportionately higher rates of asthma compared to the city-wide average. Currently, the State Department of Health is required to monitor air quality in Manhattan. All of the 2015 Manhattan-based air pollutant readings were above the city-wide average. Due to higher than average rates of air pollutants, and the anticipated increase

## Upcoming Events:

- **East 92nd Street Shred-a-thon**
- **Assembly Member Seawright Roosevelt Island Constituent Hours June 27**
- **Roosevelt Island Town Hall**
- **Screening Mammograms**
- **AARP Fraud Prevention Seminar**
- **Roosevelt Island Fireworks**
- **ACC Adoption Event: Summertime Sniffles**

### District Community Office:

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(78/79 Streets)

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### Albany Office:

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in emissions surrounding a waste transfer station, it is a public health necessity to conduct air quality monitoring in close proximity to residents who are at the highest risk to be negatively impacted.

## Seawright's E-bike Legislation Passes Assembly

Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright's e-bike bill A6960B passed the Assembly this week. This legislation requires manufacturers of electric assisted bicycles to conspicuously label e-bikes with a warning stating that the use of the e-bikes may be unlawful to operate on public roads, streets and highways and to check local laws.

E-bikes, which can generally go over 20 miles an hour, are illegal on the streets of New York City but it is legal to purchase and own an e-bike in New York City. E-bikes pose a danger to pedestrians, motorists and cyclists alike. With the potential for higher speeds, resulting crashes could mean greater injury and fatalities.

***"By labeling the e-bike at point of purchase, warning consumers of variability of local laws, we will eliminate the potential purchase of e-bikes by unwitting New York City consumers and businesses. Furthermore, we can penalize manufacturers who are non-compliant and increase the safety on our streets," said Seawright.***

## Seawright - Krueger Sponsored Bill Passes Both Houses: Kitchen Incubator Study with CUNY to Support Start-Ups and Small Business in New York City

Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright's bill A6101 passed both houses this week. The legislation requires the State of New York and the City University of New York to examine the potential economic impact for the State and the City and their campuses if each college system was to set up kitchen incubators at select four year colleges. Demand is growing for affordable kitchens that can be rented and used for commercial purpose, and existing spaces are unable to meet the needs of potential start-up businesses.

***"The main obstacle for start-up food manufacturing businesses is their inability to access affordable commercial kitchen space. By creating more of these spaces, my legislation will lead to the establishment of new businesses and employment opportunities," said Seawright. "This bill is a valuable part of my larger effort to propel business start-ups and potential manufacturers into full-scale operations. I will continue to carry-out our important responsibility to support our local entrepreneurs and improve economic opportunities for the community."***

In New York City there are more than 900 food firms, with over 16,000 employees and another 2,500 who are self-employed. These large numbers are evidence of entrepreneurs' intent on developing food manufacturing ideas into full functioning and full scale businesses. Minority and immigrant populations are growing, as is their involvement in entrepreneurial activities, including the manufacturing of foods from their native places of origin. With more and more food manufacturing endeavors being undertaken, there comes a need for more commercial kitchen spaces that are affordable and accessible to citizens.



## Seawright Statement on the Cruel and Immoral Family Separation Crisis:

***"There is nothing as heartless and inhumane as the***

***rampant separation of children from their families that is occurring at the U.S.-Mexico border. Many of these poor families came to our border escaping violence and persecution and turned themselves in to authorities, only to have their children separated from them. Images of hundreds of children sheltered within metal cages is not only shocking and disturbing; it flies in the face of everything we as Americans value and hold dear," said Seawright.***

## Members of the New York State Senate and Assembly Released an Open Letter Demanding the Trump Administration Stop Further Traumatizing Children



The members emphatically said to the Trump Administration that #FamiliesBelongTogether and called for the end of the inhumane policy of separating innocent children from their parents who cross the Southwest border seeking

asylum in the United States. The letter is a joint effort by the Assembly's Task Force on New Americans; Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislative Caucus; Legislative Women's Caucus; Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force; Task Force on Women's Issues; and Asian Pacific American Task Force.

Legislators stressed the short- and long-term damage to these children from being unnecessarily separated from their families. Since Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced Trump's so-called "zero-tolerance" policy, thousands of children have been separated from their parents and are being held in detention centers and other institutional facilities.

The letter echoes the message of hundreds of state and national child development, child welfare and juvenile justice groups from all 50 states that sent a similar letter to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen.

***"We write to demand you immediately reverse course on the Administration's inhumane decision to separate children from their parents at the border," legislators said in the letter.***

***Legislators underscored that the administration's cruel and unnecessary separations run counter to widely accepted standards of care that prioritize keeping children and families together whenever possible.***

***"Best practices and ample evidence in child welfare promote keeping children and their parents together...unnecessarily separating children from their parents further exacerbates the situation."***

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### Resources for Those Who Want to Help #KeepFamiliesTogether

New York-based:

- American Civil Liberties Union of New York – 212-607-3300
- Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project – [info@asylumadvocacy.org](mailto:info@asylumadvocacy.org)
- Womens Refugee Commission – 212-551-3115

Around the Country:

- Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project (AZ) – 520-868-0191
- Human Rights First (DC) – 202-370-3319
- Kids in Need of Defense (DC) – 202-824-8680
- La Union del Pueblo Entero (TX) – 956-787-2233
- Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education (TX) – 210-226-7722
- United We Dream Action - <https://unitedwedream.org/about/contact/>
- We Belong Together - <https://actionnetwork.org/forms/join-we-belong-together>

**For Those Who Are Proficient in Spanish (or know others who are):**

The Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights is looking for child advocates to volunteer to spend time with and advocate on behalf of an individual unaccompanied immigrant child while he or she is subject to deportation proceedings. More info can be found here:

For anyone who is able to do this please contact: Marina Rioux at [mrioux@theyoungcenter.org](mailto:mrioux@theyoungcenter.org) or 646-838-0229.

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## In Our Community...

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### Team Seawright at Roosevelt Island Day with Reading Reflections Book Giveaway



*Michael Abrahams, and Volunteers from Reading Reflections Mark and Alex.*



Assembly Member Seawright and Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney with blood drive organizers.



Roosevelt Island Volunteers Jake and Mickey at the book drive.



Girl scouts of Roosevelt Island at Roosevelt Island Day checking out the book drive.

**Upper East Side Electeds Present Jackie Ludorf with Proclamations and Commendations for Outstanding 37 Years of Service to Community Board 8**



*Assembly Members Seawright and Quart, and Senators Krueger and Serrano jointly presented Jackie Ludorf with a proclamation for her service to the City of New York as a Member and former Chairwoman of Community Board 8.*

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### **The National Chorale 50th Season Celebration: Seawright Grant Announcement**



*Chief of Staff Audrey Tannen with Everett McCorvey, Artistic Director of the National Chorale. Assembly Member Seawright is proud to support the National Chorale school music program with a \$5,000 grant.*

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### **Assembly Member Pat Fahy, Chair of the Task Force on Women's Issues**

#### **Visits the Community Office**



**Community Office Summer Interns at Work!**



*Carly Deitzelweg and Luke Spellman prepare signs for the Pride March on Sunday!*



*Theo Spedalle and Michael Abrahams at our pop-up voter registration drive. Stop by the office for a registration form or absentee ballot application!*

## **PS 290 Families Say Goodbye to Ms. Paula, Teacher of K-203, Lifelong Educator and Activist**



*Ms. Rogoviwas presented with a Proclamation from the State Assembly for her lifetime of work in the classroom and her commitment to educating students through inquiry based learning and discovery. She will be remembered fondly and greatly missed by this community.*

## **WWI Centennial Planning Committee Meets in Community Office**



*Seawright's Cochair of of the WWI Centennial Committee Howard Teich meets with members to discuss next steps and upcoming events. Please join us for the opening reception of the American Patriots: The Tuskegee Airmen and the Harlem Hellfighters on June 27 at 6:30pm at the Society of Illustrators, 128 East 63rd Street.*



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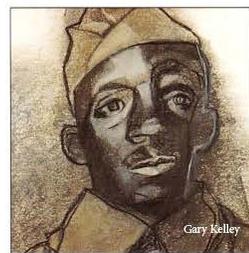
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**Upcoming Events ...**

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**Sunday, June 24th, 2018**  
**10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**92nd Street Greenmarket**  
**1st Avenue between 92nd and 93rd Streets**

Out of date Documents... Letters you'd rather forget... Shredded to Miniscule Fragments!  
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If you have any questions about this or any community issue, please contact  
**Assembly Member Seawright** at 212-288-4607 or [SeawrightR@nyassembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightR@nyassembly.gov)

## Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright



**NEED HELP WITH A STATE AGENCY?  
HOUSING QUESTIONS?  
APPLYING FOR BENEFITS?**

### Roosevelt Island Constituent Hours

WE ARE  
HERE TO HELP!

Assembly Member  
Seawright's staff will be  
on Roosevelt Island  
every other Wednesday,  
from 10am-1pm to  
provide resources and  
answer your questions!

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27**

**10AM-1PM**

**ROOSEVELT ISLAND**

**SENIOR CENTER**

**546 MAIN STREET**

[SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov)  
1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)

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**THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2018 • 6:00 PM**



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& Council Member Ben Kallos**

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# FRAUD PREVENTION SEMINAR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2018

10:00 AM-11:00 AM

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## No tickets needed for best RI views of Macy's July 4 fireworks



ROOSEVELT ISLAND- In less than 13 days, more than 75,000 fireworks will ignite the sky over the East River, from seven docked barges, in the Big Apple's largest celebration ever of the nation's birthday. The prime viewing location on Roosevelt Island for this year's highly-anticipated Macy's NYC July 4 Fireworks show does not require a ticket or reservation.

This year, Southpoint Park *and* Cornell Tech's newly opened campus - 2.5 acres of elevated, unobstructed public space just south of the Roosevelt Island Tram station - will allow thousands to enjoy an evening of pyrotechnic fun. Be sure to arrive as early as possible to secure vantage spots for yourself, friends, and family.

The 25-minute fireworks extravaganza starts at approximately 9:25 p.m. and is reported to be Macy's largest display ever.

At Southpoint Park, residents and guests can enjoy a wide variety of activities including live DJ entertainment, dancing (when the music moves you), bounce houses, face painters, and balloon artists. Also on hand will be food trucks and other vendors.

At both Southpoint and Cornell, blankets and lawn chairs are welcome. No alcoholic beverages or grilling will be permitted.

There will be no vehicle traffic or Red Bus service, south of the Tram Station and buses will run on a regular weekday schedule with no Octagon Express.

Due to severe overcrowding and safety issues at last year's viewing party, officials at FDR Four Freedoms State Park have reduced the capacity of visitors that will be admitted to the park this year. A limited amount of tickets will be made available to the public via the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation's website at [rioc.ny.gov](http://rioc.ny.gov) on June 29 beginning at noon.

# Summertime Sniffles



## **WAIVED Adoption Fees for all under the weather cats and dogs!**

Adoptions include a get well care package:

- \$30 Petco gift card
- bedding
- special treats
- toys

### **Care Center Locations:**

Manhattan - 326 East 110th St.  
Brooklyn - 2336 Liden Boulevard  
Staten Island - 3139 Veterans Road West



## **Construction Updates**

To Our Neighbors and Surrounding Community:

**The MSK 74th Street Project between 73rd Street and 74th Street, has requested a permit to perform a safety enhancement along the FDR starting Tuesday morning, 7/10/18 until Sunday morning, 7/29/18. Please see below for the anticipated days and hours:**

- We have applied for a permit from the NYC Department of Transportation to conduct Overhead Protection work at our site. If our application is approved, the work will occur:
  - Tuesdays to Fridays, from 1:00 am until 5:00 am
  - Saturdays, from 2:00 am until 6:00 am
  - Sundays. From 2:00 am to 7:00 am
- In order to complete the safety enhancement work safely during the hours listed above we have requested closures for southbound FDR right and center lanes, closure of the 71st street exit from the southbound FDR, closure of the 73rd Street entrance to the southbound FDR and closure of the 79th Street entrance to the southbound FDR. All local traffic on 73rd Street to local businesses and residences may continue as normal.

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East 73rd/74th Street and FDR Drive site

- Necessary construction activity will take place at the site on **Saturday, June 23rd, 7:00 am - 6:00 pm.**

Please call the project's Construction Information Line at **212-639-4444** with any questions or comments.

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East 87<sup>th</sup> Street- Gas Upgrade

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Con Edison is upgrading the gas service in your area. We will be working 6/21/2018 through 9/21/2018 on East 87th Street between York and East End Avenues.

We are currently working at the following locations:

- East 87th Street between York and East End Avenues
  - Monday to Friday (8:00 am – 5:00 pm)

For more information, please contact [ManhattanRCA@coned.com](mailto:ManhattanRCA@coned.com)