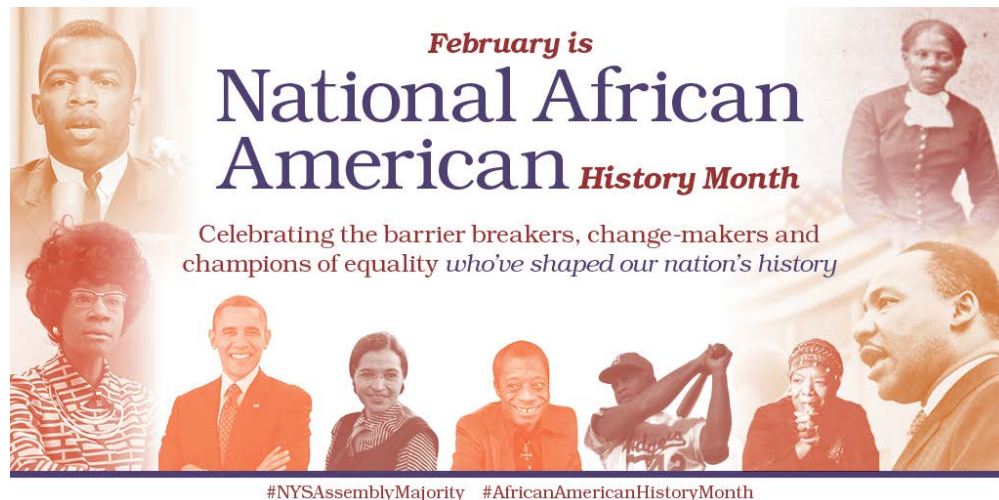
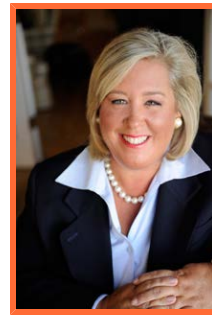


Rebecca Seawright



Dear Neighbor,

In Albany, we passed the Child Victims Act and significant legislation to prevent acts of gun violence in New York State. I am hopeful that sweeping reforms will improve the safety of our neighborhoods.

February is National African American History Month. In recognition of change-makers and champions of equality, our office is accepting submissions for an essay contest. Contact the community office for more information by calling 212.288.4607 or emailing SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov.

The next shred-a-thon will be on Saturday, March 16, from 10:00am-2:00pm at the 82nd Street Greenmarket. Please also join us at one of the following events that I am pleased to sponsor:

Assembly Member
Rebecca Seawright

THURSDAY CHAIR YOGA

HOSTED BY ESTHER YANG
EVERY THURSDAY
BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 7
11:15 AM-NOON

COMMUNITY OFFICE OF
ASSEMBLY MEMBER
REBECCA SEAWRIGHT
1485 YORK AVENUE
(78/79 STREETS)

212.288.4607
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ESTHER YANG IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SIMPLE HEALTHY LIVING AND SUPER HAPPY HEALTHY KIDS. SHE IS THE AUTHOR OF "LOVE YOURSELF: THE HECK WITH EVERYONE ELSE." SHE HAS BEEN HELPING CLIENTS LEAD HEALTHIER AND HAPPIER LIVES THROUGHOUT HER 20 YEARS OF PRACTICE. ESTHER IS A CORE ENERGETIC PSYCHOTHERAPIST, A SECOND DEGREE BLACK BELT IN KARATE, AND A YOGA TEACHER. SHE WAS FEATURED ON NY1 AS NEW YORKER OF THE WEEK.

- **Chair Yoga**- Every Thursday, beginning February 7, from 11:15am-Noon– Community Office, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets). [RSVP here.](#)

Rebecca Seawright
ASSEMBLY MEMBER

NewYork-Presbyterian

HEART MONTH HANDS ONLY CPR TRAINING

Friday, February 8
11:00am-1:00pm

Community Office of Assembly Member
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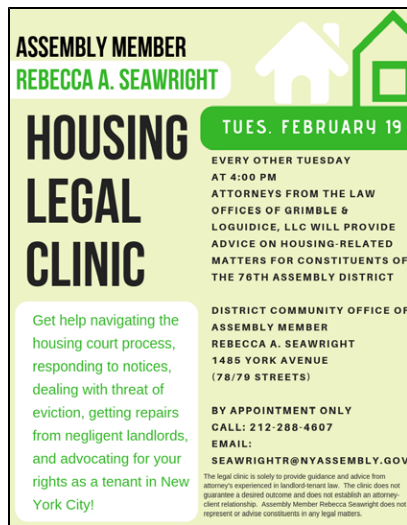
- **Heart Month CPR Training with NY-Presbyterian** – Friday, February 8, from 11:00am-1:00pm– Community Office, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets). [RSVP here.](#)



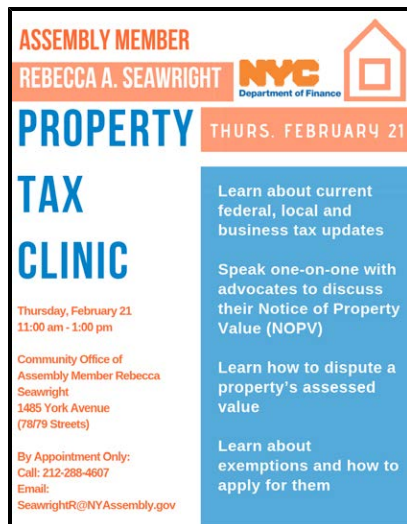
- **Tuesday Knitting Social**- Every other Tuesday, beginning February 12, from 2pm-4pm- Community Office, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets). [RSVP here.](#)



- **Department of Buildings Community Meeting** Wednesday, February 13 @ 6:00pm – Webster Library, 1465 York Ave., 3rd Floor (77/78 Streets). [RSVP here.](#)



- **Tuesday Housing Legal Clinic** Tuesday, February 19 @ 4:00pm - Community Office, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets). [RSVP here.](#)



- **Property Tax Clinic** – Thursday, February 21, from 11:00am-1:00pm – Community Office, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets). [RSVP here.](#)

- **Women's History Month Celebration Reception & Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony**– Thursday, March 7 @ 6:00pm – Memorial Sloan Kettering Auditorium, 430 East 67th

Assembly Member
REBECCA SEAWRIGHT

Women's History Month Celebration

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019 AT 6:00PM

Honoring Women of Distinction in the 76th District Who Are Making A Difference Every Day!

Memorial Sloan Kettering Auditorium
430 East 67th Street
(Between First and York Avenues)

Nominate a woman who lives or works in the 76th District (Upper East Side, Yorkville & Roosevelt Island) who makes a difference in our communities every day!

For Nomination & RSVP:
Call 212-288-4607
or email SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov

Event is wheelchair accessible, free and open to the public.

Street (York & First Ave.)
[RSVP here.](#)

ASSEMBLY MEMBER
REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT NYC
Department of Finance

Learn about the NYC Rent Freeze program!

Learn about the senior citizen/ disabled rent increase exemption program for renters in New York City!

Fri. 3/15 11 am - 2 pm

New York City Department of Finance representatives answer your questions about eligibility requirements and help you to apply for SCRIE/ DRIE programs

Community Office of Assembly Member
Rebecca Seawright
1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)

- **SCRIE/DRIE Rent Freeze Clinic – Friday, March 15 from 11:00am-2:00pm – Community Office, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)**

SHRED-A-THON
ERIN GO BRAGH 2019 EDITION

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright
Council Member Keith Powers
Council Member Ben Kallos

SATURDAY, MARCH 16
10:00AM-2:00PM
82ND STREET GREENMARKET
(82ND ST. / FIRST & YORK AVE.)

GROW NYC
UPPER GREEN SIDE

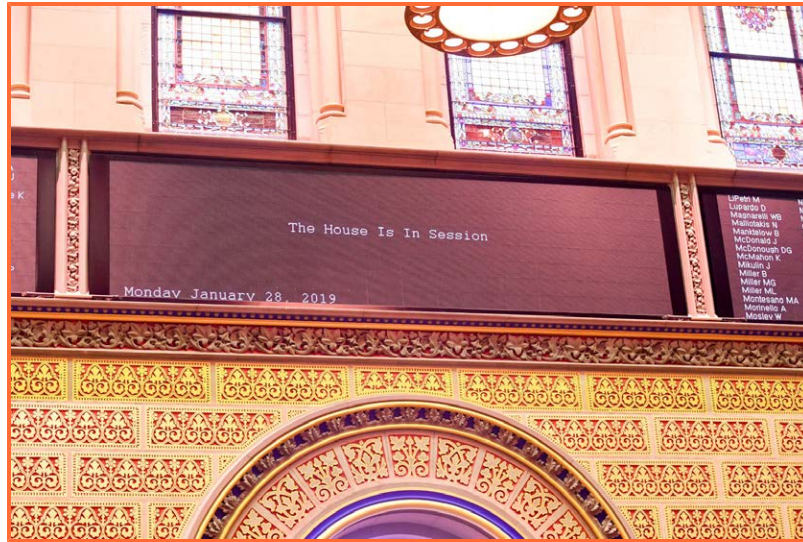
Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 212-288-4607
Office of Council Member Keith Powers, 212-818-0580
Office of Council Member Ben Kallos, 212-860-1950

- **Shred-a-thon- Saturday, March 16 from 10:00am-2:00pm- 82nd Street Greenmarket**

Please keep in touch to hear updates on our progress in Albany. If our office may be of service, remember that we are just a call, email or visit away!

Sincerely,

Rebecca



In Albany

Seawright's Cosponsored Gun Violence Prevention Legislation Passes Both Houses



Seawright, Member of the New York Legislators Against Gun Violence and Cosponsor of Gun Reform Bills Urges Passage of Bills on Historic Day of Action for Gun Reforms

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright announced that she cosponsored and helped to pass legislation to prevent and reduce gun violence in New York.

"As a Member of New York Legislators for Gun Violence Prevention, I am hopeful for a new day in New York State with strengthened protections keeping guns out of the wrong hands. We are being proactive and setting the tone for the nation by promoting measures for the safety of all New Yorkers," said Seawright.

On an historic day of action and push for passage of legislation to prevent gun violence and unintended consequences of gun ownership, the Assembly passed the following legislation to prevent gun related injuries and death:

- The Domestic Violence Escalation Prevention Act law, prohibiting an individual who has been convicted of a domestic violence crime from purchasing or possessing a firearm (Ch. 60 of 2018) was signed into law.
- Legislation allowing a court to issue an order, known as an extreme risk protection order (ERPO), prohibiting a person who is determined to be a threat to themselves or others from purchasing or possessing a firearm for up to one year (A.2689).
- Prohibiting a school administrator from arming teachers or other school employees in K-12 schools in New York State (A.1715-A).
- Prohibiting the possession, manufacture, transport, shipment and sale of devices that accelerate the firing rate of firearms so they operate in a similar manner as machine guns, including bump stocks, trigger cranks and other rapid-fire modification devices (A.2684).
- Establishing a waiting period of up to 30 days – instead of the current three days – before a gun can be sold to an individual who has not cleared a background check (A.2690).
- Requiring out-of-state citizens who also have homes in New York to waive the confidentiality of their home state mental health records when applying for a New York State firearm license (A.1213); and
- Creating the "Municipal Gun Buyback Program," which would be administered by the State Police and allowing individuals to turn in firearms. Those participating would be immune from certain criminal possession charges and would be able to collect a monetary reward (A.2685).

"Again and again, senseless gun violence takes innocent lives, leaving agony, heartbreak and indescribable grief in its wake," said Seawright. "But as the brave survivors of national shooting tragedies have made clear, there can be

no excuse for inaction."



Seawright speaking to Assembly Member Rosenthal about her sponsored Assembly Bill [1213](#), which would ban the possession of 3D printed firearms in New York State

Seawright Introduces Legislation to Establish LGBT Awareness Curriculum in Schools

Seawright introduced a bill to instruct the State Education Commissioner to develop instructional or curriculum materials on the historical treatment of LGBT individuals. LGBT people have faced enormous odds and deep societal marginalization in recent decades, which has manifested itself in pervasive secrecy, shame, violence, and ultimately, activism. Despite our country's enormous progress toward reaching full LGBT equality today, institutional barriers and individual attitudes against LGBT rights persist.

"LGBT people come from all races, creeds, and backgrounds. LGBT history is part of the fabric of American history. Teachers need the tools to cover this important piece of our contemporary history. We must recognize those who came before us and acknowledge the defining moments and turning points for each generation," said Seawright.

Child-Parent Security Act (S2071/A1071)

Seawright has cosponsored legislation to modernize New York law to support individuals who rely on assistive reproductive technology to build their families.

The bill would bring New York in line with nearly every other state across the nation to legalize gestational surrogacy provided that the arrangement follows "best practices" in the field that protect the interests of the surrogate, intended parents, and child. It would also eliminate demeaning and expensive requirements for establishing parenthood for lesbian couples, single people, and others.

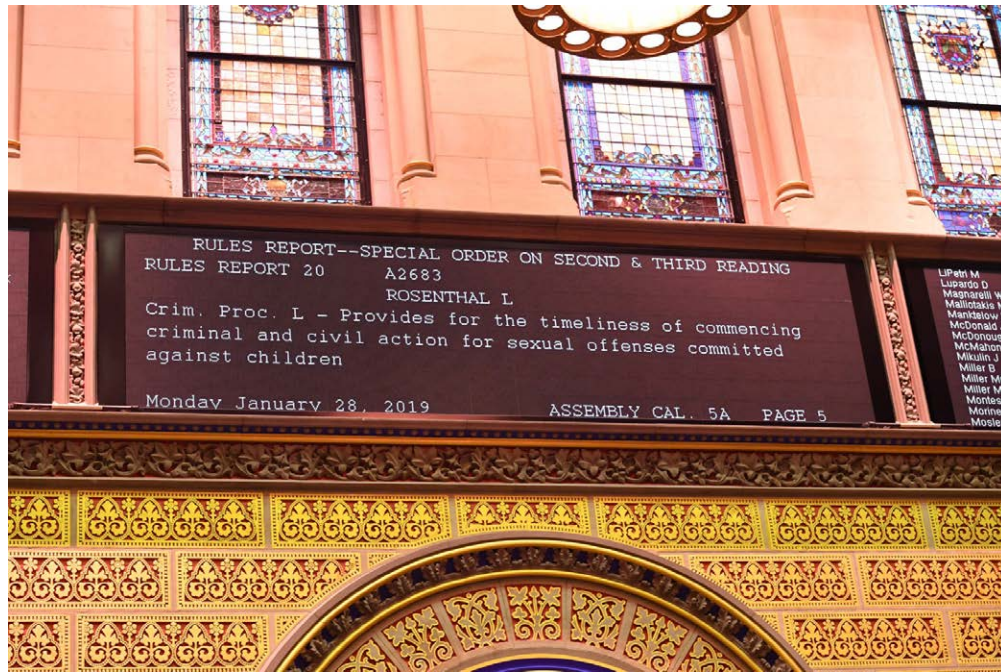
"Over the years, many New Yorkers have been forced to go out of state simply to be able to form their families, or else live with frightening uncertainty that their parental rights could be challenged in court. Despite major developments in medical technology around family formation, New York law remains stuck in the past. It's time to bring the state's family formation statutes in line with the 21st century," said Seawright.

The Child-Parent Security Act (S2071/A1071) is crucial to modernize New York law to support individuals relying on assisted reproductive technology to build families.

State Legislature Passes Child Victims Act



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright announced that she helped pass the Child Victims Act allowing more victims of childhood sexual abuse to face their abusers in a court of law (A.2683). The bill extends the civil and criminal statutes of limitations, as well as instituting a one-year “look-back window” during which past victims will be able to seek justice in court. The Assembly has fought hard for this measure, and with new leadership in the Senate, the legislation is finally set to become law.



“Childhood sexual abuse is an indescribably traumatizing experience that can take a lifetime to come to terms with,” said Seawright. “In many cases, it can take many years for a survivor to be ready to confront their abuser. While we cannot erase what happened, we can give power to victims and help them move forward with their lives without letting the perpetrators of these unthinkable crimes off the hook.”



Seawright Supports Bus Lane Cameras in 2020 Budget



Today, the average speed of MTA buses is now lower than 7 mph citywide. This is the slowest average bus speed in the country. The consequence of faltering bus service is clear: between 2002 and 2017, bus ridership declined 21%, even as the city's population has increased by nearly half a million people.

Assembly Member Seawright signed onto a letter with her Assembly colleagues to Speaker Heastie to support funding for bus lane cameras in this year's budget. Bus-only lanes are one of the most effective ways to improve bus service. Select Bus Service routes, which include bus lanes as a central feature, have seen travel time improvements as high as 23%. However, they make little difference to passengers' commutes if those dedicated lanes are blocked by private vehicles parking and traveling illegally in bus lanes. Unfortunately, this is a major problem for our city's 100 miles of unenforced bus-only lanes. Our transit system doesn't have a fighting chance to be

efficient when buses continue to be stuck in crippling traffic congestion.

In an effort to expand enforcement and keep buses and riders moving forward, quickly and efficiently through the 76th District and across New York City, Seawright is supporting measures to protect bus-only lanes.

Higher Education Budget Hearing



Seawright greets SUNY Chancellor Kristina M. Johnson at the Budget Hearing on Higher Education



Interim CUNY Chancellor Vita C. Rabinowitz provides testimony on the impact of expanding the Excelsior Scholarship Program for college students



In Our Community

Free Tax Prep Sites

76TH DISTRICT LOCATIONS:

LENOX HILL NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE- 331 E 70TH ST

WE: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

STANLEY ISAACS NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER- 415 E 93RD ST

FR: 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

58TH STREET BRANCH, NY PUBLIC LIBRARY- 127 E 58TH ST

WE: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

SA: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

ROOSEVELT ISLAND SENIOR CENTER- 546 MAIN ST

TU: 09:00 AM - 01:00 PM

HUNTER COLLEGE - C.U.N.Y.- 695 PARK AVENUE

HUNTER WEST LOBBY

TU: 3:30PM- 6:30PM

WED: 3:30PM- 6:30PM

FRI: 3:30PM- 6:30PM

SAT: 1:00PM- 4:00PM

SUN 1:00PM- 4:00PM

New York City Council Speaker Bus Survey: Please Fill Out Comments to Improve East Side Service!



BUS RIDER? CLICK HERE TO TAKE THE SURVEY!

Public Advocate Special Election Updates

Get Out and Vote on Tuesday, February 26!

Former Public Advocate Letitia James became our State Attorney General in November. The contest is nonpartisan, so there are no party primaries and candidates must run under their own party lines.

[View your sample ballot here](#)

[Find your poll site here](#)

Watch the Debates on NY1

2/6 @ 7pm and 2/20 @ 7pm



Join New York City Transit for a Discussion About the Next Accessible Subway Stations.

Our Fast Forward Plan calls for the addition of new accessible stations over the next five years to ensure that all subway customers are no more than two stations away from an accessible station. **This is your opportunity to be heard** and share your feedback as part of the selection process for the next stations.

Wednesday, February 6, 2019
2 Broadway
 Ronan Board Room, 20th Floor
 New York, NY 10004
 Program: 6:00-8:30 PM

Directions
 Subway: South Ferry to Bowling Green
 Bus: M15, M20 or M55
 Book your AAR trip with the MTA app.

All are welcome to attend, including disability advocates, elected officials, and members of the general public.

RSVP to Accessibility@NYCT.com (RSVP preferred but not required). For security purposes, you will be required to provide a U.S. government-issued photo identification upon entry to our facility. RSVPs will help facilitate entry into the building. If you need further accommodations, please submit your request by January 29 using the e-mail address provided.

This event has been scheduled in a location that is accessible to people with mobility disabilities. An American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreter, Computer Aided Real Time Translation (CART) and an induction loop (hearing system) will be available. Use the new MTA app or call 311 to plan your trip.

New York City Transit Discussion About the Next Accessible Subway Stations! - Wednesday, February 6 from 6:00pm-8:30pm @ Ronan Board Room, 20th Floor

Tax Season Safety Seminar
 Are you worried about losing your tax return dollars & personal information?
 Join the 19th Precinct's Crime Prevention Officers & learn everything you need to know about scams this tax season.

Location: 19th Precinct — 3rd Floor
 Address: 153 East 67th Street New York, NY 10065
 Date: Wednesday, February 13th, 2019
 Times: Doors Open 6:30 PM & Starts at 7:00 PM
 Contact: Officers Larkin & Nucco — (212) 452-0630

Tax Season Safety Seminar— Wednesday, February 13 at 6:30pm @ NYPD 19th Precinct, 153 East 67th Street (3rd floor)

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL, SPEAKER & ACTING PUBLIC ADVOCATE
COREY JOHNSON
 3RD COUNCIL DISTRICT, MANHATTAN

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL, MEMBER
HELEN ROSENTHAL
 6TH COUNCIL DISTRICT, BRONX

CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO A

COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR 2019

What services and resources are available to New York City residents? Come and find out what city agencies and local nonprofits have to offer!

- Affordable Housing Applications
- Senior Resources
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Apply to your Community Board
- Apply for SCORE/DBIE
- Emergency Preparedness and much more!

**WEDNESDAY
 FEBRUARY 13, 2019
 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.**

**JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF
 CRIMINAL JUSTICE
 FIRST FLOOR COMMONS
 524 WEST 59TH STREET
 (Between 10TH and 11TH Avenues)**

Kindly RSVP by emailing SpeakerJohnson@council.nyc.gov or by calling (212) 564-7757

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE TESTS
 WILL BE OFFERED BY
 Lenox Hill Hospital

FREE FLU SHOTS
 WILL BE OFFERED BY
 DUANE READE

FREE VISION SCREENINGS
 WILL BE OFFERED BY
 College of Opticians

Resource Fair 2019– Wednesday,
 February 13 from 6:30pm- 8:30pm @
 John Jay College of Criminal Justice, First
 Floor Commons, 524 West 59th Street
 (10th/11th Ave)

RSVP SpeakerJohnson@Council.NYC.gov

or call 212.564.7757