

June 14, 2019

Rebecca Seawright



Dear Neighbor,

We are in the final days of legislative session and we have achieved the strongest tenant protections in history. For too long, power has been tilted in favor of landlords and these measures finally restore equity and extend protections to tenants across our state.

This week, I was proud to stand beside hundreds of firefighters as I held a press conference in Albany to voice my support for firefighters, the families and victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks. I commend Congresswoman Maloney for her hard work in passing H.R. 1327: the Never Forget the Heroes Act, to reauthorize and permanently fund the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund. No 9/11 hero should go without the help they need and deserve.

Happy Father's Day to those celebrating this weekend.

If our office may be of service, remember that we are just a call, email or visit away!

Sincerely,

Rebecca



New Rent Relief Reforms

Making History for Renters Across New York State



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright cosponsored rent reforms in the Assembly. The proposed package of bills will bring historic change to rent regulations and provide tremendous relief to renters across New York State.

Read the full press release on the historic deal [here](#).

Seawright Holds Press Conference in Support of 9/11 First Responders and Firefighters

Uniformed Firefighters Association (UFA) Fight for Funding to Compensate Victims and Families In Congress



UFA President Gerard Fitzgerald

"I am humbled to stand here today before all of you who serve and risk your lives to protect us in our times of need. Many of the first to respond came from those firehouses in my district. In our hours of darkness and despair on September 11, 2001, the showing of bravery by the men and women of the FDNY was a beacon of hope, and a signal of the indomitable New York spirit. Here we stand years later as the death toll continues to rise, and others are suffering from cancer and other

diseases as a result of the toxic aftermath of an attack on our city and country. The news from Washington is hopeful that finally the 9/11 Victim's Compensation Fund will be fully funded. **There is no single act that can capture our gratitude to you who risk your lives for us. However, we can continue to fight for what is rightfully owed to the families and victims of that fateful day.** We stand here today with New York's bravest to call on Congress to do the right thing and fully fund the 9/11 victims compensation fund!" **said Seawright.**

Assembly Member Seawright is proud to cosponsor legislation to protect our heroes:

Uniformed Firefighters Association of Greater NY supported **A5026A**, cosponsored by Assembly Member Seawright. This legislation relates to the definition of floor area and what is excluded in the measurement of floor area. Additionally, it will eliminate "mechanical void spaces" in high rise buildings that are a danger to residents and firefighters.

A7716A- Relating to presumptive evidence of disability caused by cancer of firefighters who have been retired for five years or less.

A8182- Provides that service retirement benefits for members of the NYC Fire Department pension fund and NYC police pension fund shall not be reduced by the primary social security retirement benefit commencing at age sixty-two.

A8181- Provides that the salary base for members of the City of New York fire department pension fund whose employment with the fire department of the city of New York commenced after July 1, 2000 shall be determined in the same manner as members whose employment commenced prior to such date.

City Council Resolution Supports State's Strengthening of Voids Restrictions

Fight Against Overdevelopment Continues Join Us For An Overdevelopment Forum, June 27

This week, the mechanical voids loophole was finally closed as the zoning text amendment to limit excessive voids to only 25 feet, which the City Council passed last week, became law. During this process, the Department of City Planning committed to a follow up action on mechanical voids in commercial districts and in response to advocacy from Borough President Brewer and Council Member Kallos. The Department said it would also address the minimum lot size loophole this summer and unenclosed mechanical voids next year. As part of a city and state strategy, city officials including Brewer and Kallos, Kallos introduced Resolution 895 of 2019 in support of A.5026-A/S. 3820-A, which they authored for even stronger protections than what City Planning has proposed.

*"I am co-sponsoring legislation (A5026A) that seeks to **eliminate "mechanical void spaces" in high rise buildings.** These void spaces are where developers place hazardous equipment such as high voltage air conditioners and heating equipment in the middle of buildings rather than street level in an attempt to circumvent height restrictions. **Placing hazardous equipment in random void space floors unnecessarily increases safety risks to both residents and***

firefighters. *Therefore, we must fight to prohibit this dangerous development," said Seawright.*

Seawright Cosponsors Roosevelt Island Town Hall

Provides Updates from Albany on RIOC Appointments, Legislation to Promote Transparency



Rebecca Graham, Counsel to Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, brings an update as Assembly Member Seawright was still in session working to reform and strengthen the rent laws. Council Member Ben Kallos, representatives from the offices of Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, and State Senator Jose Serrano were in attendance and brought updates concerning Roosevelt Island.

Seawright Supports Green Light Bill

Making Roads Safer for ALL!

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright said, *"I co-sponsored A3675 to promote safety in all our communities by ensuring that undocumented immigrants may apply for a driver's license and be subject to the rules of the road. Licensing all drivers regardless of immigration status protects us all. I commend the New York Immigration Coalition for their support on this important issue."*



The Green Light bill benefits ALL New Yorkers

HERE ARE THE FACTS

FALSE CLAIMS

This will give undocumented immigrants the right to vote.



The driver's licenses have nothing to do with voting. They simply allow undocumented immigrants to drive legally.

This will allow undocumented immigrants to board a plane.



The driver's licenses would continue to have "NOT FOR FEDERAL PURPOSES" stated on them, and undocumented immigrants would not be eligible for an Enhanced or Real-ID driver's license, which will soon be needed to get on a plane.

This is a radical liberal policy.



New York would join Utah and 11 other states – plus Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia – in allowing undocumented immigrants to apply for a driver's license.¹

This bill does nothing to make our roads safer.



It would help to ensure that undocumented license applicants **pass a driving test, are informed of traffic laws and are properly licensed,** which will help to ensure they are operating registered, inspected and insured vehicles. Law enforcement would be able to verify a motorist's identity and review their traffic records if necessary.

This will cost too much money.



State and local governments and transit authorities could expect **\$26 million in one-time revenue and \$57 million in recurring annual revenue.**²

¹nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/drivers-license-access-table.pdf

²fiscalpolicy.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Updated-DI-2019-report-Press-Release.pdf

Scenes from Lenox Hill Neighborhood House
First Avenue Street Fair and Roosevelt Island
Day



Seawright addressing the Roosevelt Island Day attendees



Team Seawright at the First Avenue Fair: Haley, Rebecca, Linda, Courtney and Helene



Main Street Wire Editor Briana Warsing



Seawright interns Alexa and Sophie



Community Board 8's booth



Roosevelt Island environmental activist Christina Delfico showing Rebecca the berry tree near the chapel



Seawright with Community Board 8 Member Lorraine Johnson



Community activists John Bartos, Flor de Maria Eilets, Kim Moscaritolo and Seawright at the First Avenue Fair

Landmarks Preservation Commission Designates Two Upper East Side Landmarks



The First Hungarian Reformed Church



The National Society of Colonial Dames in the State of New York

This week, the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) designated two historic buildings in the Upper East Side's Yorkville neighborhood as individual landmarks: the First Hungarian Reformed Church of New York at 346 East 69th Street and the National Society of Colonial Dames in the State of New York Headquarters, at 215 East 71st Street and The First Hungarian Reformed Church of New York is an exceptional cultural and architectural reminder of the early 20th-century Hungarian-American community in Yorkville. The National Society of Colonial Dames in the State of New York Headquarters is a remarkable Georgian Revival style mansion that reflects our nation's colonial history and heritage.

“As we look to our future, we are duty-bound to respect and preserve the character and diversity of our community. So it is with great pride that we welcome two historic and familiar Upper East Side buildings into the pantheon of New York City landmarks. The First Hungarian Reformed Church on East 69th Street and the nearby New York Headquarters of the National Society of Colonial Dames on East 71st Street will now both be protected for generations to come. I commend the entire city Landmarks Preservation Commission and its Chair Sarah Carroll for their exceptional efforts and example as we work together in years to come to preserve our rich heritage and build for the future,” **said Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.**

News You Can Use

Primary Election: Tuesday, June 25



Voting.NYC

The when where, why, and how of voting in NYC. Vote for the city you want!

[Read more
voting.nyc](https://www.voting.nyc)

Save The Date! Fresh Food For Seniors Summer Meals For Children



Fresh Food for Seniors - Gale Brewer

This program (a version of which I first opened in my City Council district in 2012), established in partnership with senior centers and many local Council Members (this year including Chelsea & Clinton's Corey Johnson and the Upper West Side's...

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www.manhattanbp.nyc.gov



Summer Meals

[Read more](#)

www.schools.nyc.gov

MTA Launches Public Pilot for OMNY Fare Payment System



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www.mta.info

Requesting a New Social Security Card

How to Request Your Social Security Card Online



Securing today
and tomorrow

Replacing your card is easy with *my* Social Security.

You can request a replacement Social Security number card online if you:

- Are a U.S. citizen age 18 or older;
- Have a driver's license or state-issued identification card from one of the participating states or the District of Columbia;
- Have a U.S. mailing address (this includes APO, FPO, and DPO addresses);
- Have a *my* Social Security account; and
- Don't require changes to your name, date of birth, place of birth, and/or gender.



1



Sign in to or Create a *my* Social Security account.

2



Replacement Documents

Select the blue **Replacement Documents** link on the right side of the screen and select **Request a Replacement Card**.

3



Verify your email address, select the location where your driver's license or identification card was issued, and confirm your background information; then, select **Next**.

4



Enter the information under **Identity Verification** including your name, Social Security number, date of birth, driver's license or state-issued identification information, address, and phone number.

5



Once your identity is verified, your request for a replacement card is complete!

Generally, you will get your card within 10-14 business days from the date your application is processed.

Request your replacement Social Security number card today!

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Upcoming Events

SHRED-A-THON

SO-GLAD-YOU'RE-BACK
92ND STREET EDITION



Assembly Member
Rebecca Seawright



Council Member
Keith Powers



Council Member
Ben Kallos

SUNDAY, JUNE 23
10:00AM-2:00PM
92ND STREET GREENMARKET
(1ST AVENUE BTWN 92ND AND 93RD STREETS)



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



Sign up to march with Assembly Member Seawright 2019

Boroughbreds in a neighborhood near you!
ACC Mobile Adoption Event

When

Sunday

June 16th

12 - 4 pm

Where

Petco Unleashed

1155 Third Ave.

New York, NY 10065



 **ACC** Animal Care Centers of NYC

Care Center Locations:
Manhattan: 326 East 110th St.
Brooklyn: 2336 Linden Blvd.
Staten Island: 3139 Veterans Rd. W.

Can't make it to an event? View all available boroughbreds at nycacc.org or see them yourself at an ACC Care Center!

Saturday, June 15 • 11 am-5:00 pm

Rain date June 22 – same time, same locale

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**SIDEWALK
SALE**

**92nd Street between
Fifth and Park Avenues**

Make Music New York Free Outdoor Concerts



Make Music New York - June 21, 2019

Upper East Side Schedule of Performances.

[Read more](#)

www.makemusicday.org



LENOX HILL NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

Sparking Wellness and Creativity through Art

A Program for Individuals with Memory Impairments

This five-session course designed for individuals with mild to moderate cognitive impairments, including dementia, will explore the use of art to spark creativity, expressive outlets and cognitive stimulation. The person-centered process will focus on each individual's strengths and the development of their own creative style.

No previous art experience required!

5 Tuesdays from July 9th-August 6th

3:00pm-4:30pm

**331 East 70th Street between 1st and 2nd Avenues,
4th Floor Conference Room**

Total Fee: \$150

Please submit payment by June 28th

Pre-registration required.

<https://www.lenoxhill.org/sparkingwellness>

For More Information Contact:

Daye Ju at 212-218-0326

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Construction Updates

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center & CUNY/Hunter College Construction Advisory East 73rd/74th Street and FDR Drive Site

Necessary construction activity will take place at the site on Saturday, June 15, 7:00 am– 6:00 pm.

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