

August 16, 2019

# Rebecca Seawright



Dear Neighbor,

*This week our office joined with the Office of New York State Governor Cuomo at the New York City Bar Association headquarters in Manhattan to announce the New York State "Hate Crimes Domestic Terrorism Act" to define hate-fueled murder with the intent to cause mass casualties as an act of domestic terrorism with penalty equivalent to other acts of terrorism. As a member of New York Legislators Against Gun Violence, I am proud to report that my cosponsored legislation to establish an extreme risk protection order will go into effect this month on August 24, 2019. An extreme risk protection order, also known as 'Red Flag Laws,' allows law enforcement, family, or concerned citizens to petition a judge to confiscate an individual's guns. As horrific mass shootings are occurring throughout our country, we are living with fear and anguish. I look forward to our continued work to stopping this nationwide trend, and to take steps to end gun violence in New York State.*

*Please join us at any of the upcoming events I am pleased to sponsor:*

**Roosevelt Island Shred-a-thon**

*Motorgate Turnaround, 688 Main Street  
Saturday, September 14 from 10:00am-1:00pm*

**Department of Finance Rent Freeze Clinic**

*Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright  
1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)  
Wednesday, September 4 from 10:00am-1:00pm*

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

*Sincerely,*

*Rebecca*



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**New York State to Combat Domestic Terrorism**

**Introducing the "Hate Crimes Domestic  
Terrorism Act"**



*Photo Courtesy of the Governor's Office 2019*

*"Moms Demand Action Against Gun Violence" attend the announcement for new legislation to penalize acts of domestic terrorism, often using violence by firearms*

On August 15, 2019, Governor Cuomo, Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, Speaker of the City Council Corey Johnson, and members of the New York State Assembly and Senate convened at the New York City Bar Association headquarters in Manhattan to announce the Governor's first-in-the-nation law concerning Domestic Terrorism. The "Hate Crimes Domestic Terrorism Act" will define domestic terrorism in New York Law and penalize acts of domestic terrorism equivalent to those of foreign terrorism.

This law would treat domestic terrorism for what it is – terrorism, done to strike fear in others and promote their twisted ideology driven by hate. This is a massive step in combating white nationalism and domestic terrorism because, as Malcolm Hoenlein pointed out in his address, "if we can't name it, we can't fix it!" The fact is that since 9/11 there have been more deaths from acts of domestic terrorism than foreign terrorism. Therefore, it is about time that we act with the same sense of urgency and deliberateness in fighting the threat of domestic terrorism as we did, and are continuing to do, in fighting foreign terrorism. While we continue to have the conversation regarding domestic terrorism, guns must be a large part of the conversation.

In 2019 alone, 520 people have died, and over 2,000 injured, from mass shootings in America. We need action to stop this epidemic; we need a commitment to passing laws that prevent mass shootings. I commend the Governor's leadership, attention, and devotion to action regarding this critical issue. I am proud to say that, just like in so many other cases, when Washington fails to show leadership and address domestic terrorism and gun violence, New York State is blazing the trail.

## Social Security Scams On The Rise

### Tips from the Social Security Administration



Securing today  
and tomorrow

- Talk about it! Social Security scams haven't been as common until recently. Share

the message with others to make them aware of this type of scam.

- Government employees will not threaten to take away benefits or ask for money or personal information to protect your Social Security card or benefits.
- Report Social Security scams to the SSA Office of Inspector General Fraud Hotline at (800) 269-0271 or [oig.ssa.gov/report](http://oig.ssa.gov/report) and to the Federal Trade Commission at [FTC.gov/complaint](http://FTC.gov/complaint).

## Upcoming Events

# LEARN ABOUT THE NYC RENT FREEZE PROGRAM!

ASSEMBLY MEMBER  
REBECCA SEAWRIGHT

&

**NYC**  
Department of Finance

LEARN ABOUT THE SENIOR CITIZEN/ DISABLED RENT INCREASE  
EXEMPTION PROGRAM FOR RENTERS IN NEW YORK CITY!

WED. SEPTEMBER 4  
WED. NOVEMBER 6  
10:00AM - 1:00PM

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



TO RSVP CALL 212-288-4607  
OR EMAIL [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 Monday,  
from 1:00pm-3:00pm to  
provide resources and  
answer your questions!

**MONDAYS IN AUGUST: 12, 26**

**1:00PM-3:00PM**

**ROOSEVELT ISLAND**

**SENIOR CENTER**

**546 MAIN STREET**

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1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)

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# Roosevelt Island Community



## SHRED-A-THON



**Senator**  
**José M. Serrano**



**Assembly Member**  
**Rebecca A. Seawright**



**Council Member**  
**Ben Kallos**

**Saturday, September 14, 2019**

**10:00am-1:00pm**

**Motorgate Turnaround**

**688 Main Street**

**(Next to Gristedes)**



Office of Senator José M. Serrano, 212-828-5829

Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 212-288-4607

Office of Council Member Ben Kallos, 212-860-1950

# Clear the Shelters

Waived adoption fees at  
all three Care Centers!

This Saturday, August 17,  
adopt a boroughbred and  
help us #ClearTheShelters!

View all available animals  
at [nycacc.org](http://nycacc.org)



On Saturday, September 28, 2019, the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC) will present the annual Fall for Arts Festival on Roosevelt Island.

The community event has a tradition of celebrating creativity and the changing seasons. It combines performance and traditional arts through the creation of free-standing murals during the Festival. This year, our theme is "EarthLove: Protect, Renew, Grow".

Hands-on arts and crafts workshops, amusements, and live music will also be featured throughout the day. Participation in this event is free; basic paints, brushes, and a

primed surface are provided! All participating artists will also receive a free festival t-shirt. Once complete, murals will remain displayed on the lawn for several weeks.

RIOC is looking for artists or groups who are seeking to create works that encourage the importance of respecting the environment. Each artist/group will paint one of several 6' high by 8' long or 6' high by 16' long murals outdoors during the festival from 10 AM – 4 PM\* at one of three locations on Roosevelt Island:

- Southpoint Park
- FDR Four Freedoms State Park
- The lawn south of Rivercross (501 Main St.).

\*Artists are free to arrange an earlier time to begin their work, if needed.

Please submit a sketch of your design, or any inquiries, along with a title and short description of the concept and technical method. Sketches should be sized according to a 6' high x 8' long or 6' high x 16' long ratio and submitted in jpeg, PDF or hard copy format. Please submit your sketches no later than Friday, September 6th to [jessica.murray@rioc.ny.gov](mailto:jessica.murray@rioc.ny.gov).

Selected artworks will be displayed at Roosevelt Island's Motorgate Atrium Gallery starting in April 2020. All artwork will remain the RIOC property and may be displayed on Roosevelt Island to beautify the community in the future.



### ENTER THE 2019 SKETCH 4 FREEDOM CONTEST!

Four Freedoms Park Conservancy is thrilled to announce that the third annual "Sketch 4 Freedom" contest has officially launched! Artists of all skill levels are encouraged to submit sketches developed at FDR Four Freedoms State Park ...

[Read more](#)

[www.fdrfourfreedomspark.org](http://www.fdrfourfreedomspark.org)