

August 23, 2019

Rebecca Seawright



Dear Neighbor,

August 26th is 'National Women's Equality Day!' designated by Congress in 1973 because that is the date the 19th Amendment was adopted. The observance of this day not only celebrates the passage of the 19th amendment, but refocuses our attention to the injustices and inequality of today. Since assuming office, I have fought hard for gender equality and have passed numerous bills that balance the scales of justice in our state. We introduced and passed an Equal Rights Amendment to anchor our rights in the New York State constitution, passed the Women on Corporate Boards Bill, and ensured justice in instances of sexual assault with the passage of workplace sexual harassment reforms. We will always remain vigilant in the fight for full equality in New York State.

This week we cut the ribbon on a new 'WIN' supportive housing facility at 316 East 91st street, and persuaded the Extell Development Company to institute measures that improve the cleanliness, safety, and maintenance of its construction site between 79th and 80th Street on First Avenue.

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

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

Roosevelt Island Shred-a-thon

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

Emergency Preparedness Training

Cornell Tech, 2 West Loop Road, Roosevelt Island
Thursday, September 19 from 2:00pm - 3:30pm

New York State Assembly Manhattan Delegation Census Job Fair

Uptown Event -Location TBD

Thursday, September 26th from 6:00pm-8:00pm

Downtown Event-Location TBD

Wednesday, September 25th from 6:00pm-8:00pm

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

Sincerely,

Rebecca



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Cutting the Ribbon on New Supportive Housing Facility on Upper East Side

"We can do more and we will do more to make New York City a fairer, prosperous, and more equitable place to live for all!"



Chairwoman Alida Camp, Manhattan Community Board 8



Community Board 8 Member and former East Side Middle School student leader Jack Zimmerman



Knickerbocker Tenants Association President and Community Board 8 Member Rita Popper

On August 20th Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, along with Council Member Ben Kallos, Congress Member Carolyn Maloney, State Senator Liz Krueger, President/CEO of WIN Christine Quinn, residents, and community leaders cut the ribbon on a brand new supportive housing facility that will house sixteen families at 316 East 91st Street.

The ribbon-cutting ended the construction of a seven-story building by RiverOak and Azimuth Development that consists of 17 one and two-bedroom apartments, as well as a Sunshine Early Learning Center for children living in the building.

The ceremony was attended by Community Board 8 Chair Alida Camp, East Side Middle School Principal David Getz and his students, and faith and non-profit leaders.

This is just another step in WIN's continued fight in providing supportive housing to New

York's homeless. Through Christine Quinn's leadership, WIN has become the largest provider of shelter and supportive housing for New York City families. In 2018 alone, WIN served 10,000 homeless people, 6,000 of them being children, and helped 740 families transition out of homelessness and into their own homes.

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright said at the event, **“As we cut this ribbon and officially open 17 additional units of supportive housing, as well as a Sunshine Early Learning Center, let us recommit ourselves to the lofty goal of lending a hand to the less fortunate, feeding the hungry, providing jobs to the jobless, and housing the people experiencing homelessness. We must rededicate ourselves to expanding supportive housing, which is an important step in reducing homelessness and providing life-saving services to those who are - far too often - forgotten, and left out of the economic prosperity of our city.”**

79-80 Streets/ First Avenue Site Left Dark Post Demolition

Extell Reports Back to Community

In response to a letter from the Office of Assembly Member Seawright reporting on concerns from neighbors surrounding the Extell construction site between 79th and 80th Streets on First Avenue, Extell's Vice President for development Eli Kopciel replied with an update on measures they will take to ensure security, cleanliness, maintenance, and improved lighting. Extell has committed to install lights on the construction fence to illuminate both the sidewalk and the interior of the site, which goes beyond what is required by New York City code.

Seawright Supports Child Victim in Letter to New York State Joint Commission on Public Ethics

On August 21st Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright sent a letter with colleagues, from the State Assembly and Senate, to the New York State Joint Commission on Public Ethics (JCOPE). The letter is in support of Ms. Kat Sullivan, who JCOPE deemed failed to register as a lobbyist with the commission. In 1998, as an 18-year old student at the Emma Willard School in Troy, NY, Kat Sullivan was raped by a teacher. In 2016, Sullivan settled with the school and used the funds she received to share her story and advocate for social justice. Earlier this year, Sullivan was instrumental in educating the public and elected officials on the epidemic of childhood sexual assault and the need to pass the 'Child Victim's Act.' As part of her effort, Sullivan purchased billboards and other platforms to spread the word about the importance of passing the 'Child Victims Act,' which was signed into law in February of 2019.

Instead of the public and New York State applauding Kat Sullivan for her advocacy in passing this historical and monumental law, Sullivan has been the subject of a JCOPE investigation. JCOPE has then threatened her with tens of thousands of dollars in penalties for failing to register as a lobbyist and has forced Sullivan to pay tens of thousands of dollars in legal fees. It is clear that Ms. Sullivan is not a lobbyist, but

instead a private citizen who used her settlement money for the public good.

Assembly Member Seawright and her colleagues believe that JCOPE misapplied the law when it pertains to this case. JCOPE pursuing it will send the wrong message to New Yorkers and dissuade them from getting involved in our democratic process. The fact is that JCOPE, which was established overwhelmingly in a bipartisan vote in 2011, has failed to live up to its goal of fighting corruption and ensuring civilian trust in New York's government institutions.

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

Forum on the New Rent Laws



In June 2019, New York State passed landmark legislation establishing the strongest new protections for rent regulated and market rate tenants in at least a generation. At this forum you can learn about the new rent laws, how they will be implemented, and get answers to your questions.

**Tuesday
September 10th
6pm to 8:30pm**

**CUNY Graduate Center
Proshansky Auditorium
365 5th Avenue
btwn 34th and 35th Streets**

Speakers:

- Ellen Davidson
Staff Attorney, Legal Aid Society
- Delsenia Glover
Executive Director, Tenants & Neighbors
- Ruth Anne Visnauskas
Commissioner, NYS Homes & Community Renewal



Sponsored By

NYS Senate Manhattan Delegation:

Senators Liz Krueger, Brian Benjamin, Brad Hoylman,
Robert Jackson, Brian Kavanagh, and Jose Serrano

RSVP at tinyurl.com/RentLawForum or by calling (212) 490-9535.

Forum on the New Rent Laws September 10th:

In June 2019, New York State enacted landmark legislation establishing the strongest new protections for rent regulated and market rate tenants in at least a generation. Learn about the new laws, how they will be implemented, and get answers to your questions. Speakers include Delsenia Glover, Executive Director, Tenants & Neighbors, Ellen Davidson, Staff Attorney, Legal Aid Society, and RuthAnne Visnauskas, Commissioner, NYS Homes & Community Renewal. The forum will take place on Tuesday, September 10th from 6 to 8:30pm at The Graduate Center, CUNY, Proshansky Auditorium, 365 Fifth Avenue, between 34th and 35th Streets. RSVP required. RSVP online at tinyurl.com/RentLawForum or by calling 212-490-9535.

Free Naloxone Training August 27

Drop-in any time between 10am-2pm
520 East 70th Street, Cayuga Room F-09K, behind Garden Cafe



Learn how to administer naloxone, a life-saving medication that reverses the effects of an opioid overdose and restores breathing. You will become a Certified Opioid Overdose Responder and receive a free Overdose Rescue Kit with naloxone.

This training will be taught by Dr. Jonathan Avery, the director of addiction psychiatry at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center. For more information, please contact Dr. Avery at 212-746-3738 or joa9070@med.cornell.edu.

This event is sponsored by the Departments of Psychiatry and Emergency Medicine and supported by Robin Kellner Sicher and John Sicher.

 **NewYork-Presbyterian**

Roosevelt Island Events

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



**GOVERNOR ANDREW M.
CUOMO & NYS SENATOR
JOSÉ M. SERRANO**



INVITE YOU TO AN



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

Thursday, September 19th, 2019
2:00 - 3:30 PM

Cornell Tech
2 W Loop Rd
New York, NY 10044



Learn how to prepare for emergencies and receive a

FREE NYS Disaster Preparedness Kit!

RSVP Required. Register online at

<https://prepare.ny.gov/training-events>

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR HELP WITH REGISTRATION, PLEASE
CONTACT SENATOR SERRANO'S OFFICE AT

212-828-5829

In conjunction with:

Congressmember Carolyn Maloney, NYS Assembly Member Rebecca
Seawright, NYC Council Member Ben Kallos, & Manhattan
Community Board 8