

Rebecca
Seawright
ASSEMBLYMEMBER



Happy Hanukkah!



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Happy Hanukkah to those who are celebrating this weekend! May the celebration of the Festival of Lights bring abundant joy and happiness.

The White House was lit up like a rainbow on December 13 in celebration of President Biden signing the Respect for Marriage Act. This represents an important step forward for our nation. In the Assembly, we continue to support and uplift all New Yorkers. Thank you to our leaders in Washington who are standing up for the sanctity of guaranteed marriage protections.

I announced my sponsorship of legislation to establish a commission to study the impacts of 5G on health and the environment. The community is deprived of knowing about how these sites are selected, and about the health and environmental impacts of clusters of radio frequency radiation. We aim to find out. In the meantime, we have called for a moratorium on the installation of 18 additional Link 5G NYC towers. Community Board 8 also passed a resolution this week calling for a moratorium on the construction and planning of Link 5G poles and devices in the CB8 district.

Please consider donating a toy, book or board game through December 20 for our holiday toy drive for the children of the Stanley Isaacs Center and the

New York Center for Children. Our district office is the collection site, located at 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets).

Please don't hesitate to reach out to our community office if we can be of assistance.

Phone: 212.288.4607

Email: SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca A. Seawright". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'R'.

REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT



**ASSEMBLY MEMBER
REBECCA SEAWRIGHT**

Holiday
**TOY
DRIVE**

*For Local Children of the
New York Center for Children and the Stanley Isaacs Center*

Accepting Donation Through
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Drop-off
Location:

1485 York Avenue
(78/79 Streets)
New York, NY 10075

We are looking for donations of new (unwrapped) toys for local children
in our community

For more information call: 212.288.4607 or email SeawrightR@nyassembly.gov

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright
Interviewed on her Opposition to the Rollout of
UES 5G Towers

77WABC



Assembly Member Seawright was interviewed this week on the radio. We are introducing legislation to study the health impacts of 5G radio frequency radiation. Assembly Member Seawright called on Mayor Eric Adams to take this issue seriously and issue a moratorium on the 5G expansion near residential buildings.

[Listen Here](#)

**Assembly Member Seawright
Receives Leadership Award From
The Queer Big Apple Corps
At The John Williams Concert
"In a Galaxy Far, Far Away"**



Judith Kasen-Windsor, Queer Big Apple Corps Director Marita Begley, and Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.



Piet Sinthuchai, Director of the Symphonic Band Henco Espag, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, and Judith Kasen-Windsor.

President Biden Signs Respect For Marriage Act Into Law



This past week on Tuesday, President Joe Biden signed the Respect for Marriage Act into law, guaranteeing federal protections for same-sex and interracial marriage. This comes after the U.S. House of Representatives gave its final approval for the bill with a bipartisan coalition of lawmakers voting in favor of the measure. The President recognized the late Edie Windsor and her spouse Judith Kasen-Windsor, who was at the bill signing, in his speech.

It was only a decade ago that issues such as same-sex marriage were considered a divisive and controversial topic for members of both parties. Since then, however, the support for same-sex marriage has grown to be broadly accepted in American society with polls showing that more than 70% of voters are now in support.

The urgency to codify the Respect for Marriage Act became crystal clear in June after Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, in his concurring opinion overturning federal abortion rights, suggested that the court should consider eliminating other rights, including same-sex marriage and access to contraception. Now, this new law officially repeals the homophobic 1996 Defense of Marriage Act, which defined marriage as between a man and a woman and allowed states to refuse to honor same-sex marriages performed in other states.

Here in New York, the Assembly Majority has long known that love is love, and we were among one of the first states to pass a law legalizing same-sex marriage. We celebrate the signing of this historic piece of legislation and we will continue fighting to further ensure equal rights for all New Yorkers.

Seawright Joins the East 86 Street Association Clean Team



Assembly Member-elect Alex Bores, E86 Street Association VP Andrew Fine, Council Member Julie Menin, Sanitation Commissioner Jessica Tish, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright and E86 Street Association President Elaine Walsh.

Assembly Member Seawright joined the local East 86 Street Association for the cleanup and to see the successful rat mitigation of the Wildcat Urban Pest Control. Out of 100 identified rat burrows, only 5 remain to be remediated.

Community Board 8 Holiday Gathering



Community Board 8 Chair Russel Squire, District Manager Will Brightbill, and Team Rebecca: Madison Thomas, Jacob Plottel and Courtney Ferrissey.



Our Legislative Director Kevin Rogers and Community Board 8 Member John McClement and our Special Assistant Jacob Plottel.

Order COVID19 Testing Kits From The US Post Office

Running low on COVID tests?

**Order more
for free!**

The Biden administration and United States Post Office are partnering once again to offer

free at-home COVID-19 tests. To learn more or request your free tests, visit [COVIDTests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov).

Apply To Your Local Community Board 8



APPLY **JOIN YOUR COMMUNITY BOARD**

SERVE YOUR CITY. ADVOCATE FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS.

DEADLINE MARCH 17TH, 2023 AT 5PM. FOR MORE INFORMATION
VISIT [MANHATTANBP.NYC.GOV/COMMUNITYBOARDS](https://www.manhattanbp.nyc.gov/communityboards/)

 **MARK LEVINE**
Manhattan Borough President

Visit: <https://www.manhattanbp.nyc.gov/communityboards/>

Upcoming Events

A CANTORI HOLIDAY



Church of the Holy Trinity, 316 E 88th St, NYC
DECEMBER 17 AT 5:00 PM
DECEMBER 18 AT 3:00PM

Brighten the season with the heartwarming music-making of Cantori New York. Our annual crowd-pleaser offers familiar and lesser-known carols as well as popular standards, including new arrangements by Cantori's own members. With audience sing-along.
Fun for the whole family!

General admission
Adult/Senior - \$15
Student/Child - \$5

[Click here](#) for more information.



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invites you to a

Holiday Open House

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

DISTRICT OFFICE, 1485 YORK AVENUE

(78/79 STREETS)

Happy Holidays from Team Rebecca

We look forward to celebrating with you!



Courtney



Lynda



Kevin



Madison



Flor de Maria



Jacob

**DONATE A NEW AND UNWRAPPED GIFT TO OUR HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE FOR THE
FAMILIES OF THE NEW YORK CENTER FOR CHILDREN
& THE STANLEY ISAACS CENTER**

RSVP: EMAIL SEAWRIGHTR@NYASSEMBLY.GOV OR CALL 212.288.4607

COMMUNITY BOARD 8 MANHATTAN presents

WINTER CRAFTS SHOW

Submission
deadline
DEC 19

open call for NYC CRAFTERS



SHOW DATE

February 11, 2023

11am - 4pm

Upper East Side location

Submit a photo sample of your work by Dec 19 to info@cb8m.com using "Craft Submission" in the subject line.

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