



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am proud to be the lead sponsor on legislation to upgrade the penalty for leaving the scene of an e-bike or moped accident to a Second-Degree Class A Misdemeanor. This bill, along with the vital legislative package I am cosponsoring and strongly supporting, would regulate e-vehicles by requiring the licensing, registration, insurance, and inspection of e-bikes and mopeds, and the examination of batteries. Following a hit-and-run by an e-bike driver, Rabbi Michael Miller was hospitalized. His story was featured in the New York Post highlighting the dire need for the passage of this critical legislation.

In the Assembly we passed the Retail Worker Safety Act, the New York Child Data Protection Act and the SAFE for Kids Act. Additionally, we passed legislation to expand home cooling access, and a bill to protect utility consumers.

Governor Kathy Hochul announced that congestion pricing as authorized by the budget five years ago is paused, citing the undue burden of additional costs on hardworking New Yorkers. With inflation and other rising financial pressures, New Yorkers cannot face another rising cost. My full statement and more on our work in the district and in Albany is enclosed in this community update.

Please join us for any of the upcoming events our office is pleased to sponsor:

- **Roosevelt Island Day:** Celebration of Roosevelt Island, which includes island beautification projects, carnival games and rides, food, live entertainment, information booths, giveaways, and more! Saturday, June 8 from 10:00am-3:00pm on the Meditation Lawn. Rain Date 6/09/2024.
- **No-Cost Thursday Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Giveaway:** Thursday, June 13, from 12:00pm-2:00pm at the Office of Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets).
- **No-Cost Community Shredding:** Tuesday, June 18 from 9:00am-12:00pm at

First Avenue and 67th Street. No notebooks, bindings, or x-rays.

- **Virtual Town Hall on Good Cause Eviction Forum on New Protections for Market Rate Tenants:** Thursday, June 20 from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

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

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As Featured In...



NYC rabbi suffers broken leg after being run over by rogue e-bike driver: 'Lucky to be alive'

"No New Yorker should have to fear suffering collisions while walking in their own neighborhood from the epidemic of e-vehicles causing horrible injuries and even fatalities," said Seawright, who visited Rabbi Miller following the surgery.



NYC rabbi suffers broken leg after being run over by rogue e-bike driver: 'Lucky to be alive'

A prominent New York City Jewish leader and retired NYPD chaplain suffered a broken leg after being mowed down by a rogue hit-and-run e-bike driver, and said Wednesday and said he's "lucky to be alive."

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Seawright Sponsors Bill Package to Crack Down on E-Vehicle Dangers

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright is lead sponsor of legislation (A09048) to increase the penalties for leaving the scene of an accident involving an electric scooter without reporting in the second degree and leaving the scene of an accident involving an electric scooter without reporting in the first degree. The bill provides increased penalties for leaving the scene of an accident involving a wheeled non-motorized means of conveyance without reporting in the first and second degrees when the vehicle involved is a bicycle with an electric assist system.

Additionally, Seawright cosponsors and strongly supports legislation to:

- Require all limited use motorcycles sold in the State of New York be registered (A08052)
- Ensure that all limited use motorcycles are registered at the point of sale. (A8450)
- Require the reporting of certain accidents involving e-vehicles (A7628A)
- Require bicycles with electric assist and electric scooters be registered with the department of motor vehicles and have a license plate affixed to such bicycle with electric assist or electric scooter. (A9092)
- Require bicycles with electric assist and electric scooters be registered with the department of motor vehicles, inspected, and have liability insurance; and have a license plate affixed to such bicycle with electric assist or electric scooter. (A9114)

Seawright Cosponsored and Strongly Supported Legislation Passing Assembly to Support New York's Retail Workers



Seawright and her colleagues passed the Retail Worker Safety Act which would require employers to implement programs to prevent workplace violence and keep employees safe (A.8947-C). Retailers in New York account for nearly \$300 billion in sales and around 1 million jobs, with many supporting community organizations and groups. Unfortunately, these businesses and their employees too often face workplace violence and that is unacceptable. Everyone deserves to feel safe at work, and the retail employees that call New York home are no different. Under the new legislation, the state Department of Labor would develop a model workplace violence prevention program. The bill would also require retailers to establish strict workplace violence prevention policies and training programs.

Seawright and Assembly Colleagues Pass Social Media Protections for Children



PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM SOCIAL MEDIA HARMS

Studies have shown the adverse mental health effects of social media on children from things like exposure to hate-based content, cyberbullying, and inaccurate information. Although parents do their best to protect their children online, internet and social media companies often take advantage of impressionable minds to rack up clicks and dollars. That is why Assembly Member Seawright helped to pass the New York Child Data Protection Act and the SAFE for Kids Act.

These measures would prohibit internet companies from collecting and sharing children's data without the consent of a parent. It also prohibits social media companies from purposefully keeping our children attached to their feeds through addictive algorithms – some of which expose them to deeply harmful and age-inappropriate content. Specifically, the SAFE for Kids Act would prohibit social media sites from using an algorithm to deliver recommended content for children without parental permission. This means that they would only see content from other users who they actively choose to follow. It also sets up clear rules and standards for social media companies to follow, with an aim of fostering a safer digital environment.

We also passed legislation requiring social media companies to clearly disclose current policies on hate speech and racism, disinformation, extremism and threats of violence, harassment, and foreign political interference. These pieces of legislation will protect our children and help give parents peace of mind while their kids are online.

Assembly Passed Legislation Cosponsored by Seawright to Expand the Home Cooling Access to Combat the Summer Heat



Communities across New York faced record-breaking heat throughout the summer and fall of 2023, and this summer is expected to break records again. The climate crisis is increasing the severity, duration and frequency of extreme heat events across our state and nation, causing deadly weather disasters. Even mild heat fluctuations can pose serious dangers to children, older adults, people with disabilities and others who lack access to reliable air conditioning or other cooling measures. The Assembly Majority has taken action to help prevent heat-related illnesses and deaths by passing legislation that would expand cooling assistance offered through the Home Energy Assistance Program (A.8027).

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright Helps Pass Legislation to Protect Utility Customers, Ensure Reliable Service



providers that quickly address complaints. To that end, I helped pass legislation that modernizes complaint handling procedures for utility companies, protecting utility customers across our state (A.1745-A). This legislation beefs up procedures for resolving customer complaints against utilities, which currently lack any real standards.

Specifically, the bill would improve complaint-handling procedures by including coverage of all complaints, reporting on complaints within reasonable and defined time periods, adding a requirement that all reports be made in writing and imposing penalties against non-complying utilities. Wrongful overcharges, the withholding of customer money and failure to respond to complaints have added a great deal to the financial hardship that many New York families already face.

This legislation is a commonsense measure to ensure that utility companies, which provide essential services that every New Yorker relies on, observe basic standards of consumer accountability. We will continue fighting to ensure that New York customers and small businesses receive not only the money that is rightfully owed them, but also effective and responsive utility service.

Lead-Based Paint Right to Know Act Passed by Assembly



No New Yorker should ever be concerned that their new home could contain paint that damages their family's health. Studies have consistently shown that exposure to lead-based paint can cause serious health problems in both adults and children. While we have taken strong steps over the past several decades to remove dangerous lead contamination from our communities, the issue persists. To continue tackling this problem, Seawright cosponsored and supported the passage of legislation to equip potential New York homeowners and renters with the knowledge of whether the property they are considering moving into has been contaminated with lead-based paints (A.4820-B).

Many New Yorkers across our state, primarily in low-income communities, have come to the devastating realization that the home they spent so much time and money to make their own is essentially hazardous to their health and can require thousands of dollars to remediate. By requiring the testing and public disclosure of lead paint, tenants and homeowners will not only be able to make more informed decisions about their next place of residence but this legislation will also encourage sellers to be proactive in the removal of lead from their properties.

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright Issued the Following Statement on the Congestion Pricing Pause

We can all agree on the goals of the congestion pricing enacting legislation. There is a critical need to reduce congestion, decrease pollution, and fund vital capital projects. At the same time, details matter. Since Traffic Mobility Review Board deliberations began, I have strongly urged the adoption of common-sense discounts, exemptions, and carve-outs for populations that would be unduly burdened by a regressive \$15 congestion pricing fee.

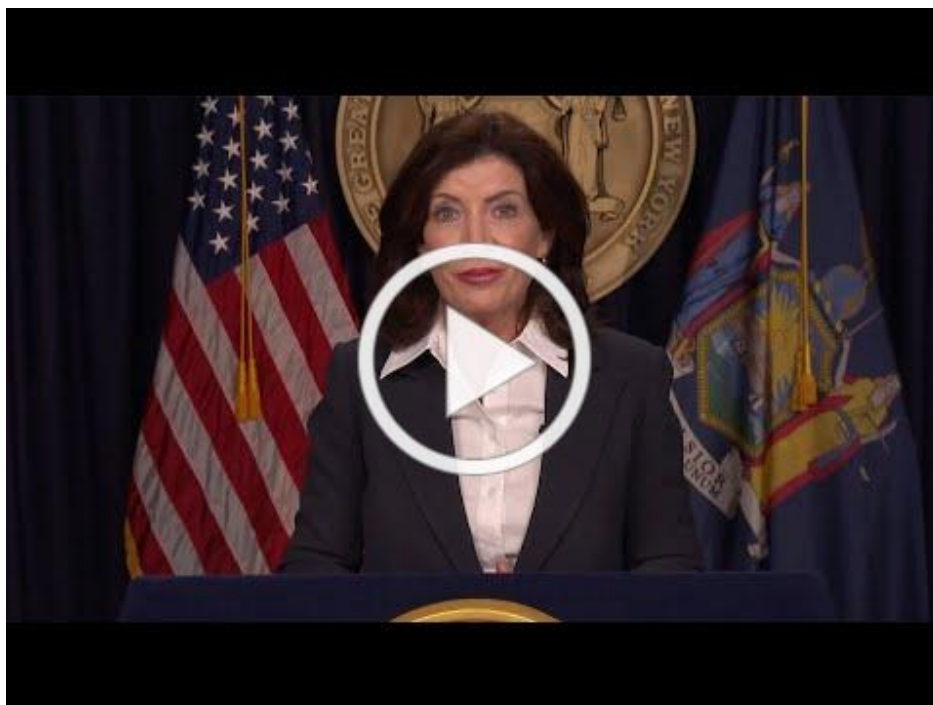
Governor Kathy Hochul announced that congestion pricing as authorized by the budget five years ago is paused, citing the undue burden of additional costs on hardworking New Yorkers. With inflation and other rising financial pressures, New Yorkers cannot face another rising cost.

Residents who have no option but to use taxis and for-hire vehicles already face a surcharge for every ride south of 96 Street. The fee would only be compounded by an additional fee for rides within the congestion zone in my district. For delivery trucks, the toll might be seen by some as the cost of doing business-- but for Manhattan residents, it would have been a detrimental fee for their everyday routine.

As the plan was moving forward, many significant questions remained unanswered. Would the TBTA consider exemptions for public sector employees, individuals with medical appointments, and people with disabilities and serious medical conditions who have always been ignored? My fellow Manhattan elected officials and I expressed our deep concerns in a letter to the Governor. I supported Community Board 8's resolution urging for Manhattan representation on the TMRB. Taxation without representation? Yet again?

We will keep fighting for accountability from the MTA, an expanded Second Avenue Subway, better bus and subway service, improved access-a-ride service, and for ADA mandated accessibility at subway stations through other means.

Governor Hochul's full statement can be viewed [here](#):





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SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH



JUNE 8TH

Rain Date:
June 9th



10AM-3PM



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Saturday, June 8, 2024
9:00 p.m.–11:30 p.m.
E. 85th Street & East End
Avenue
Carl Schurz Park



VIRTUAL COMMUNITY VISIONING WORKSHOP

Please join NYC Health + Hospitals/Coler for a virtual community visioning workshop to discuss the design and construction of a new perimeter hazard mitigation system at its long-term care facility. This project will address potential flooding vulnerabilities to protect the skilled nursing facility campus from major storm events.

The project team wants your thoughts and ideas for the public space around NYC Health + Hospitals/Coler. Your participation in this workshop will help develop a public space that benefits everyone.



Monday, June 10, 2024



6 to 7 PM



Preregister and attend the Zoom meeting at:
www.bit.ly/ColerVirtualVisioning



Can't make it to the workshop?

Share your vision and preferences with the project team through our online project input survey. Please access the survey at colercoastalresiliency.com/survey or by scanning this QR code.



- ▶ Questions and comments can be sent to the project team at colercoastalresiliency@gmail.com.
- ▶ Learn more on the project website, www.colercoastalresiliency.com.

PROJECT INPUT SURVEY

Currently, H+H is in the pre-design phase for a new perimeter hazard mitigation system at NYC H+H/Coler. To protect the long-term care facility from future flooding vulnerabilities, NYC H+H will design and construct a new perimeter hazard mitigation system at Coler. This mitigation system will create a berm barrier, provide protection for up to a 500-year coastal flood event, and will protect the campus from major storm events.

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Share your vision and preferences with the project team through our online project input survey. Please access the survey at colercoastalresiliency.com/survey or by scanning the QR code to the left.

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SATURDAYS

April 27, 1-4 pm - Gene Casey and the Lone Sharks

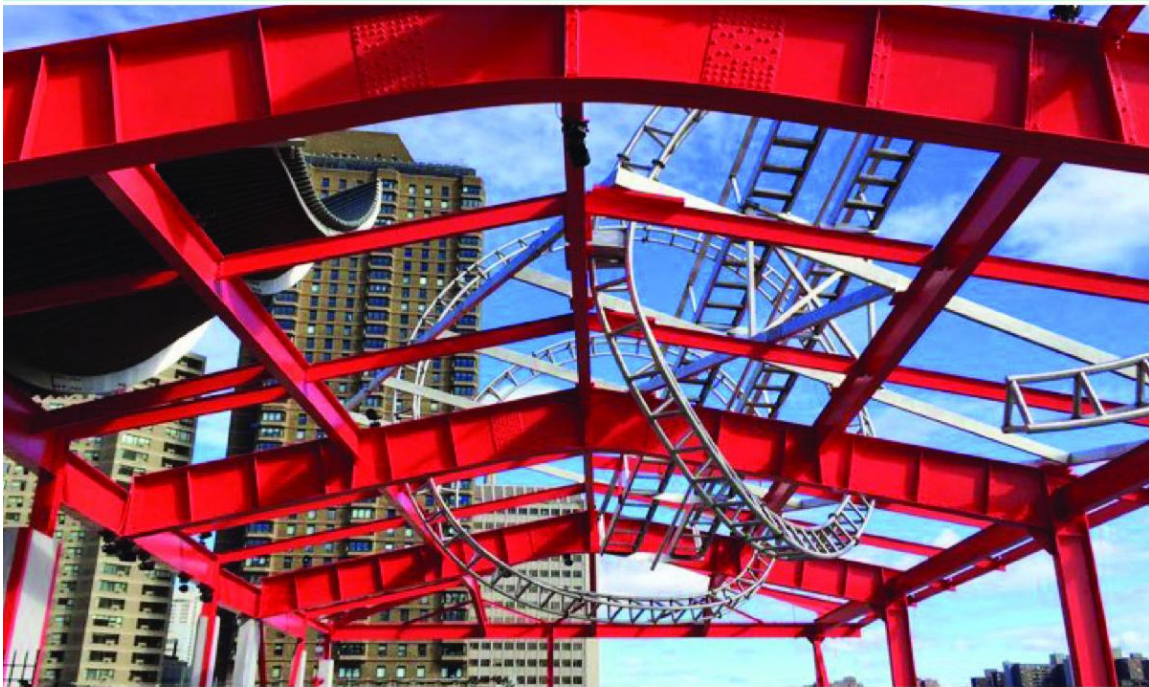
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June 11, 1-4 pm - Special Guest Band

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TUESDAY, JUNE 18 - FIRST AVE & 67TH ST

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 - ROOSEVELT ISLAND

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29 - YORK AVE & 91ST ST

9AM TO 12PM

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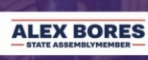
Senator Krueger's
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Good Cause Eviction: New Protections for Market Rate Tenants

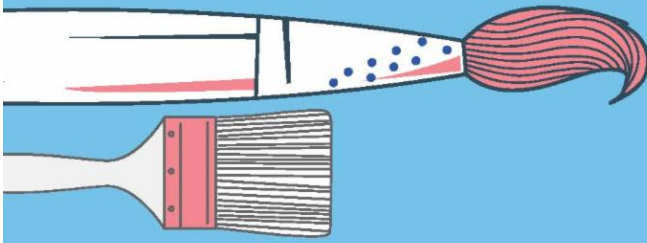
DATE: Thursday, June 20th

TIME: 6:30pm – 8pm

Please REGISTER to attend at
www.tinyurl.com/Good-Cause-6-20-24



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Saturday, June 22, 2024
11 am to 4 pm
Rain Date: June 23, 2024

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Presented by Community Board 8 Manhattan





Manhattan Community Board 8 Calendar

The Manhattan Community Board 8 (CB8M) represents the Upper East Side of Manhattan and Roosevelt Island. CB8M is comprised of 50 volunteer members who serve as advocates and service coordinators for the community and its residents, as well as help citizens resolve municipal service delivery complaints.

CB8M reviews and makes recommendations on various issues, including applications for Zoning Text Amendments, building variances and special permits, liquor licenses, sidewalk cafes and street fairs, changes to landmarked buildings or buildings in historic districts, traffic and transportation issues, and more.

Each month, CB8M committees meet to discuss and resolve issues in the community.

Full Board Meeting - 3rd Wednesday
Land Use Committee - 2nd Wednesday
Street Life - 1st Tuesday
Transportation - 1st Wednesday
Housing - 1st Thursday
Parks - 2nd Thursday
Landmarks - 3rd Monday
Social Justice - 4th Monday
Zoning and Development - 4th Tuesday
Youth and Education - 4th Thursday

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