

Rebecca Seawright

ASSEMBLYMEMBER



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I was honored to receive recognition by the Ellen Hermanson Foundation for my sponsorship of breast cancer screening legislation to provide 3D mammography with no copays or deductibles. This legislation serves as a model for the rest of the country.

We continue to celebrate Disability Pride in July. I was pleased to join Life's WORC Workforce honoring the hardworking Direct Support Professionals we are advocating for at the State Capitol.

As the language for the Equal Rights Amendment has been announced, now known as Proposal 1 on the November 2024 ballot, the State Board of Elections is seeking public comment. Enclosed in this report is a guide on how to submit comments for Proposal 1.

As featured in Our Town is the recent news that the package of E-bike legislation we have been fighting for in Albany has been signed into law by Governor Hochul regulating the E-bikes that cause accidents and lithium-ion batteries that cause fires.

A young environmentalist student from PS183, Chloe King York was recognized for circulating a petition to change her school policy to include younger activists in her grade to participate in the Green Team. She is to be commended for her hard work and perseverance. I was proud to present her with a citation on behalf of the New York State Assembly.

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

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca A. Seawright". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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**Seawright Received Ellen Hermanson Foundation Honor for Leading
on Breast Cancer Screening Legislation**



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, event Cochair Jean Shafiroff and co-founder and chairwoman of The Ellen Hermanson Foundation Julie Ratner.

Over 15,000 women receive breast cancer diagnoses in New York each year and those whose cancer is detected at an early stage have a 93% or higher survival in the first five years of a diagnosis.

Assembly Member Seawright authored and passed legislation signed into law expanding access to 3D screenings without co-pays or deductibles. Now this legislation serves as a model, being replicated around the country.

As she continues her work to expand access to early detection breast cancer screenings, another bill she sponsors will extend insurance coverage for screenings for those with "second-degree" family health history of breast cancer, including for example, ones grandmothers and aunts.

Disability Pride Month With Life's WORC Honoring Direct Support Professionals



Jean Shafiroff, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Life's WORC founder Vicki Schneps, and Assembly Member Jodi Giglio at the Life's Worc Workforce event honoring hardworking Direct Support Professionals during Disability Pride Month.



Geraldo Rivera, disability advocate, American journalist, attorney, author, and political commentator.

As Featured in Our Town



E-BIKE DANGERS TRIGGER FLURRY OF NEW STATE LAWS

E-BIKES, LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES

After a slew of accidents and eight deaths in Manhattan alone last year tied to faulty lithium-ion batteries, Gov. Hochul signed legislation July 11 to encourage safe use of e-bikes, registration of mopeds at point of sale, and the first statewide ban on lithium-ion batteries that are not UL certified.

BY DAISY LEVINE

A sweeping new set of rules governing lithium-ion batteries and e-bikes, including the first ever requirement to register mopeds with NYS at point of sale, was signed into law by Gov. Kathy Hochul on July 11.

It follows a year that saw 18 deaths tied to faulty lithium-ion batteries in NYC last year, a surge in violent collisions with e-bikes, Mayor Adams' citywide crackdown and 42,000 NYPD-confiscated illegal electric vehicles.

"As e-bike adoption increases and battery technology continues to develop, I

urge New Yorkers to be aware of safety," Hochul said. "These laws underscore our commitment to help New Yorkers make educated, safe, smart choices with their purchases of products."

Local Manhattan leaders played a big role. Two of the bills were introduced by UES Assembly member Alex Boreo, who was asked by the governor to be among the speakers at the bill signing ceremony. Another local leader, Sen. Brad Hoylman-Sigal from Chelsea was the main sponsor in one of the Senate bills.

"With this new law in effect, more registered mopeds will mean greater enforcement of our traffic laws and safer streets," said Hoylman-Sigal.

Last year, Boreo's office released a report examining every e-bike and moped fire and every vehicle collision in New York City and reported that e-bikes were 28 times more likely to cause a death than a normal bicycle.

"There are far too many unlicensed mopeds on our streets, and even worse, on our sidewalks," said Hoyl-

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Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, who visited Miller in the hospital, has also been a major voice behind the growing e-bike problem—her name was listed today as a co-sponsor of the legislation. Seawright represents Miller's Upper East Side neighborhood, and she said her own daughter had been hit by a bicycle outside her local high school.

"Careless e-vehicle usage pose[s] deadly threats to our communities," she said. "No one should fear navigating their own neighborhoods."

[Read full article in Our Town](#)

Young Environmental Advocate Makes Waves at PS183



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright honored Chloe King York, a second grader at PS 183 in Manhattan's Upper East Side, who has made a significant impact at her school. At PS 183, the Green Team environmental group was traditionally open only to fourth and fifth graders. However, 8-year-old Chloe believed that second and third graders are just as capable of caring for the environment. True to her convictions, she decided to act. She created a petition advocating for the inclusion of younger students in the Green Team. Her efforts paid off and she collected enough signatures and now second and third graders at PS 183 are allowed to join the Green Team, thanks to her initiative.

Lead Sponsor of Equal Rights Amendment Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright Urges Public to Submit Comment on Proposal 1 for November 2024 Ballot

All New York voters deserve to understand what they are voting on to make an informed decision. In the legislature, critical voting rights legislation passed on the State level known as the plain language law requiring ballot measures to be written in plain language, at or below an eighth-grade reading level.

The New York State Board of Elections released proposed language for Proposal 1 that is above the reading level of the plain language law at a college reading level.

The ballot language as proposed is the following:

Adds Certain Protections to the State Bill of Rights

Adds anti-discrimination provisions to the State Constitution. Covers ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, and sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity and pregnancy. Also covers reproductive healthcare and autonomy.

A "YES" vote puts these protections against discrimination in the New York State Constitution.

A "NO" vote leaves these protections out of the State Constitution.

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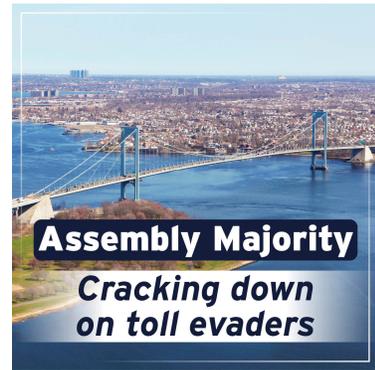
To ensure all voters can understand their ballots, you are asked to provide feedback on the proposed language.

The deadline to submit comment is Friday, July 26. The State Board of Elections will review and consider all public comments before adoption of the final ballot proposal 1. Comments may be submitted via email to comments@elections.ny.gov or via mail to the New York State Board of Elections, 40 North Pearl Street, Suite 5, Albany, NY 12207 by or before Friday, July 26, 2024.

[Click here for a template letter](#)

Cracking Down On Toll Evaders

Enough is enough! Toll evaders make the rest of us pay for upkeep to vital roads, bridges and tunnels -- it's straight up unfair. Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright helped pass tough measures against obscured license plates and progress is being made. A recent law enforcement operation impounded 1,540 vehicles, made 339 arrests and issued 12,007 summonses for illegally evading tolls: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-mta-bridge-and-tunnel-officers-nypd-and-law-enforcement-partners>



Consider Our Office A Resource

Did your driver license expire during the pandemic? If so, make sure you submitted a vision test to the DMV or your license may now be suspended. For more information, visit dmv.ny.gov/driver-license/vision-information.

IMPORTANT DMV ALERT



**MAKE SURE YOUR
DRIVER LICENSE
IS STILL VALID!**

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NO-COST NOTARY

Monday - Friday

10am-12pm

1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)



Upcoming Events

Summer Sounds Concerts

Sunset Film Festival

7:00-8:30 pm

*John Finley Walk
East 86th Street Staircase*

Wednesday, July 17th
Steve Shaiman and
Swingtime Big Band

Wednesday, July 24th
Steel Impressions
Caribbean Band

Free Ices!

8:30 pm

*On the Basketball,
Hockey, Pickleball Courts*

Life's Journeys!

Wednesday, August 7th
Migration

Wednesday, August 14th
Finding Nemo

Free Popcorn!



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