

March 22, 2019

Rebecca Seawright



Dear Neighbor,

This week the Assembly passed my introduced legislation (A.1740/S.3134), which would allow candidates to satisfy both local and state requirements when running for NYC office by filing with just one entity: The New York City Campaign Finance Board. The bill passed both houses with overwhelming support. It will now be transmitted to the Governor.

On Monday night please join our office and the East Side World War I Commemoration Committee for a special screening of 'Anne Morgans War' in partnership with The Morgan Library. The film documents the work of Anne Morgan, youngest daughter of J.P. Morgan, and the American Committee for Devastated France in their efforts in raising awareness and funds here at home, and taking action over in France during and after WWI. The screening is at the Webster Library, 1465 York Avenue (77/78 Streets) on the third floor at 6:00 pm.

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

Sincerely,

Rebecca



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In Our Community

As Featured In...

The Jewish Voice
NEW YORK • JERUSALEM



Seawright spoke out against antisemitism and stood beside neighbors, Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, State Senator Liz Krueger, Council Member Ben Kallos and other elected colleagues at Asphalt Green for a rally following the discovery of swastikas scrawled on the walls of the Aquatics and Fitness center. We stand with Asphalt Green Executive Director Maggy Siegel and the people of New York City in strongly condemning such disgraceful forms of bigotry and the evil it represents.

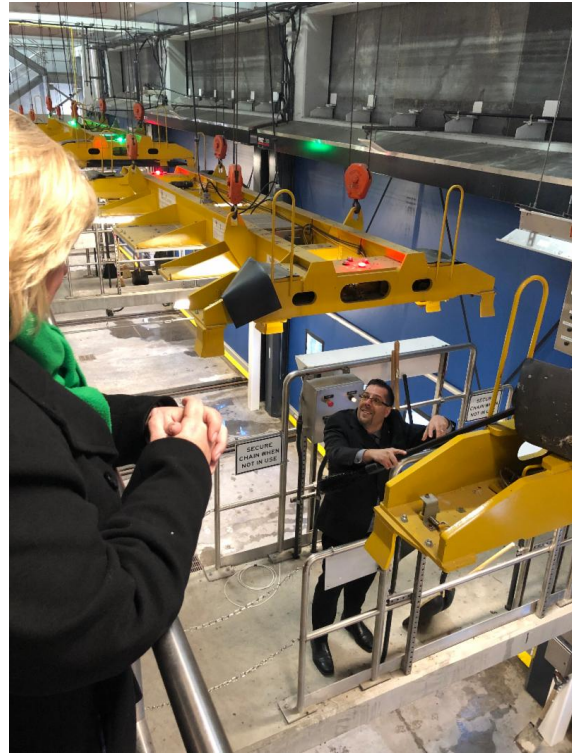


Elected Officials, Religious & Community Leaders Join...

Anti-Semitic Attacks have spiked in NYC and across the country, including a recent incident at Asphalt Green's UES campus Edited by: JV Staff On Sunday afternoon, March 17th, Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (NY-12), author of the Never Again...

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Seawright Questions Safety and Security Surrounding Waste Transfer Station Ahead of March 25 Opening



On March 22, 2019, Assembly Member Seawright toured the East 91st Street waste transfer station. The facility will open on Monday, March 25 utilizing the E. 91st Street ramp until the E. 92nd Street ramp is complete. At that time, the 91st Street ramp will only serve as a housing for utilities. Once the facility is operational, a sanitation worker will be posted at the 91st Street entrance to direct truck traffic into the facility.

According to a letter from the Sanitation Commissioner, the E. 91st Street ramp can hold 17 trucks on the ramp and has 6 bays inside for receiving, eliminating the likelihood of delays for trucks to get onto the ramp.

On the interior of the facility on the second floor, waste is compacted into crates with lids to be transported by barge to Staten Island. According to DSNY officials, the lids will prevent odors from escaping into the air and will prevent bird or rodent feeding issues. The exterior pier deck crane operates on a track to move crates from facility to barge.

Sanitation Truck Route to East 91st Street Marine Transfer Station from Community District 8 (59th Street to 96th Street from the East River to 5th Avenue)

DSNY has committed as a condition of a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Permit not to cue on York Avenue at any time. In addition, during all operations an employee will be stationed at the base of the ramp (91st St.) to guide vehicles into the facility.

Priority Tipping Route (full trucks) - Traveling north on 1st Avenue making a right on to East 86th Street heading east one block to make a left onto York Avenue heading north five blocks to make a right on to the ramp on East 91st Street.

Non-Priority Route to Garage (empty trucks) - Traveling west along East 91st Street to

make a right on 1st Avenue heading north to turn left on 125th Street heading west to turn right on to Saint Nicholas Avenue proceeding north on Saint Nicholas Avenue and Broadway to turn right onto West 215th Street and proceeding east to the Sanitation Garage.

Assembly Member Seawright will continue to monitor the 91st street waste transfer station and it's negative impacts.

**The Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright
& the East Side WWI Centennial Commemoration Committee
In Partnership with The Webster Library Present the Women
of WWI**

Anne Morgan's War: L'Autre Chemin des Dames



... In film and conversation, documents the work of Anne Morgan, youngest daughter of J.P. Morgan, and the American Committee for Devastated France in their efforts in raising awareness and funds here at home, and taking action over in France during and after WWI. Presented by Miles Morgan in partnership with The Morgan Library.

**Monday, March 25
6:00 pm @ Webster Library
1465 York Avenue (77/78
Streets), 3rd Floor**

[RSVP: Click Here](#)



Surmounting a Double Handicap. Blind and with one arm gone, this French soldier can cut brushes by means of especially designed tools

ES Manhattan WWI Centennial Celebration

Our aim is to honor and commemorate the heroism and service of the soldiers and civilians, New Yorkers and other Americans, who upheld the American cause in World War I. We also want to encourage reflection on the legacy of this war. In what ways ...

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700 Shredders Served at Saturday Shred-a-thon! Stay Tuned for Spring Shredding Opportunities



Shred-a-thon sponsors Council Member Ben Kallos, Upper Green Side's Sarah Gallagher and Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright with Barbara Rosen



A composter making room for more compost to be repurposed at the 82nd Street Greenmarket



Council Member Ben Kallos, Upper Green Side's Sarah Gallagher, American Security's shredding expert, and Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright



Special Assistant for Community Affairs Jack Robbins and Volunteer James O'Brien



Seawright helping shredders unload their bags

Celebrating Women's History Month by Advocating to Ratify the ERA Today! With Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul and

Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney



Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney and Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul meet with girls at the Lower East Side Girls Club to ask them what the Equal Rights Amendment would mean to them and how the ERA can be changed to address issues facing our youth. Seawright has a resolution calling on the 116th Congress to pass the Federal ERA



Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul speaks with Assembly Member Seawright's Legislative Counsel Rebecca Graham and Barbara Rosen about Assembly Legislation to guarantee equal rights for women under our New York State Constitution which Seawright passed on February 26, 2019.



Hearing from Parent Leaders at Manhattan Education Town Hall with Offices of the Mayor and Schools Chancellor



District 2 parents shared their concerns for the elimination of the Specialized High School Admissions Test and for a Department of Education regulation that prevents school Parent Teacher Associations from fundraising to help needy schools

In Albany

ASSEMBLY MEMBER SEAWRIGHT'S ELECTION REFORM BILL PASSES ASSEMBLY: Eliminates Duplication, Enhances Ballot Access, and Saves Taxpayer Resources

On March 20, 2019, Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright announced that the New York State Assembly passed legislation (A.1740/S.3134), which would allow candidates to satisfy both local and state requirements when running for NYC office by filing with just one entity: The New York City Campaign Finance Board. The bill passed both houses with overwhelming support. It will now be transmitted to Governor Andrew Cuomo.

Assembly Member Seawright said, "It is a colossal waste of time, effort and resources to

require candidates for public office to file twice, with both the local agency and the State. Let's stop discouraging candidates from running for office by putting them through two sets of hoops. Twice the filing is one time too many. Once is enough."

The bill establishes that filing with a local campaign finance board may fulfill both local and state requirements when such filing contains all the information required by state law. Transparency is assured because the NYS Board of Elections website will maintain all necessary public disclosures for NYC filers.

"This proposed law simplifies the current processes by relieving cumbersome and duplicative filing requirements while ensuring full transparency," said Assembly Member Seawright. **"The NYS Board of Elections retains authority to ensure compliance by the local board with state law,"** Seawright concluded.

Seawright Fights to Keep Students Safe on Their Way to School



Assembly Member Seawright announced that she helped to pass legislation that would expand New York City's school zone speed camera program to better protect students and their families (A.6449).

"No parent should ever have to worry about a child's safety on the way to and from school," said Seawright. **"Yet, many Manhattan students attend schools that lack proper speed enforcement protections. By expanding the speed camera program more than five-fold, we can save lives and ensure careless drivers aren't let off the hook."**

The Assembly legislation would allow New York City to expand the program to 750 school zones and institute an annual reporting requirement to better assess the program's effectiveness. Speed cameras were first instituted in 2013 as part of a five-year demonstration project (Ch. 189 of 2013), which was expanded to the current 140 school zones in 2014. While the Assembly passed legislation last year to extend and expand the program ahead of the July 25, 2018, expiration date (A.7798-C of 2018), the previous state Senate leadership failed to act.

The effectiveness of speed cameras is clear. From 2014 to 2017, speeding during school hours decreased by 63 percent in camera-monitored school zones. Combined with speed bumps, additional signage and public education initiatives, school cameras can actually change driver behavior – even outside of the camera's operational hours.

To further help ensure our children get to school as safely as possible, Seawright also passed legislation that would allow the city to implement a school bus photo violation monitoring system (A.4950-A). Currently, drivers who illegally pass a stopped school bus displaying a red visual signal can only be issued a ticket by a police officer who witnesses the violation. This new program would permit municipalities to install cameras on school buses as well as stationary cameras and issue fines to drivers who illegally

pass.



School children watch from the Assembly Chambers Gallery as Seawright debates her legislation.

Seawright Demands Restoration of School Foundation Aid to 76th District Totaling \$13,379,059



Seawright Speaking at a Press Conference on Education funding in the State Budget.



Equity

Money matters; without adequate resources, schools cannot educate students. The availability of resources closely correlates with opportunities and outcomes.

We believe school aid distribution should be based on student and school district need....

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Seawright Votes to Pass Legislation to Establish the Maternal Mortality Review Board

Assembly Member Seawright announced that she helped to pass critical legislation to reduce maternal mortality and help ensure equal access to quality health care for women (A.3276).

“We live in one of the most advanced nations on Earth, yet U.S. women are more likely to die during pregnancy or from childbirth than anywhere else in the developed world,” Seawright said. **“There’s something incredibly disturbing and wrong with that. Far too many pregnancies end in unspeakable tragedy, especially for black women here in New York. We need to do more to prevent maternal deaths, and we need to do it now.”**

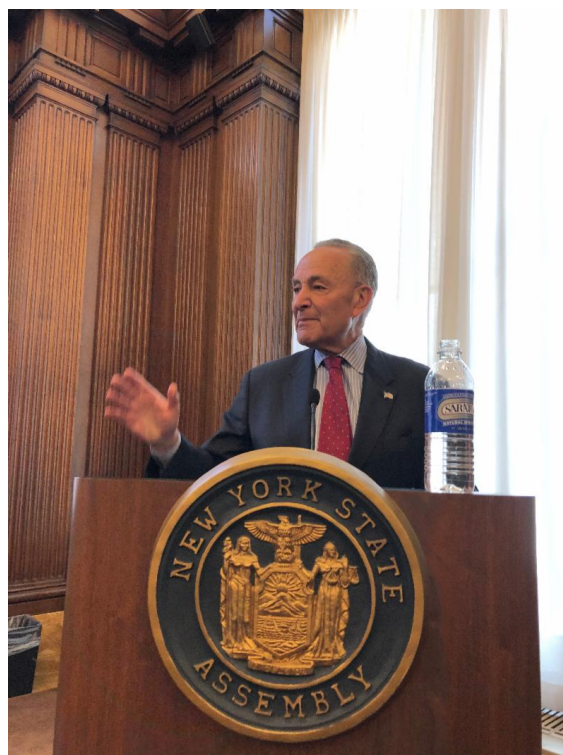
Maternal deaths have steadily risen in the U.S. since 1987, from 7.2 per 100,000 live births to 18 in 2014. In New York, the rates are even worse. There’s also a severe racial disparity, with maternal mortality rates significantly higher among black women who are four times more likely to die in childbirth than white women in New York State. Alarming, the inequality begins early in a black woman’s pregnancy with her legitimate concerns and symptoms more likely to be ignored and the health care system less likely to offer her support or empowerment.

The Assembly legislation would help combat these staggering statistics by establishing the Maternal Mortality Review Board and the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Advisory Council. Made up of health professionals and experts who serve and are representative of New York’s diversity, the board would carefully review maternal deaths in the state, make policy recommendations and advise the best practices to reduce and prevent maternal mortality.





Meeting with SUNY Board Chair Hon. Carl McCall, SUNY Chancellor Dr. Kristina Johnson



Senator Chuck Schumer meets with the Assembly Majority Conference

Announcements

Social Security and OIG Launch Public Service Announcement Campaign

Agency Alerts Public about Telephone Impersonation Scheme

The Social Security Administration (SSA) and its Office of the Inspector General (OIG) launched a joint Public Service Announcement (PSA) campaign addressing a nationwide telephone impersonation scheme. Social Security and the OIG continue to receive reports from across the country about fraudulent phone calls from people falsely claiming to be Social Security employees. Calls can even “spoof” Social Security’s

national customer service number as the incoming number on the caller ID. The new PSAs will air on TV and radio stations across the country to alert the public to remain vigilant against potential fraud.

“We urge you to always be cautious and to avoid providing sensitive information such as your Social Security number or bank account information to unknown people over the phone or Internet,” said Nancy A. Berryhill, Acting Commissioner of Social Security. “If you receive a call and are not expecting one, you must be extra careful – you can always get the caller’s information, hang up, and contact the official phone number of the business or agency the caller claims to represent. Do not reveal personal data to a stranger who calls you.”

Social Security employees do occasionally contact people--generally those who have ongoing business with the agency--by telephone for business purposes. However, Social Security employees will never threaten a person or promise a Social Security benefit approval, or increase, in exchange for information. In those cases, the call is fraudulent and people should not engage with the caller. If a person receives these calls, he or she should report the information to the OIG Fraud Hotline at 1-800-269-0271 or online at <https://oig.ssa.gov/report>.

“These calls appear to be happening across the country, so we appreciate SSA’s partnership in this national public outreach effort,” said Gail S. Ennis, the Inspector General for the Social Security Administration. “Our message to the public is simply this: If you or someone you know receives a questionable call claiming to be from SSA or the OIG, just hang up.”

The new PSA addressing the telephone impersonation scheme is available online at www.youtube.com/socialsecurity and below:



MTA/New York City Transit - MetroCard Bus and Van Locations

Please note: MetroCard Mobile Sales will not operate on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas

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web.mta.info

Employment Opportunities

View all employment opportunities at the Census Bureau.

[Read more](#)
[census.gov](https://www.census.gov)



Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation of the State of...

ROOSEVELT ISLAND - (February 22, 2019) Leitner-POMA, operators of the Roosevelt Island Tramway and the entity responsible for scheduled maintenance work, have notified the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC) that, due to safety...

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rioc.ny.gov

Upcoming Events



What Does CONSENT Really Mean? | Join us at 2pm this...

"Consent" is the crucial weapon in the war on sexual assault!" says Consent Crusader and victim's advocate, Joyce Short. "While #MeToo and #TimesUp have raised awareness, they're a movement in desperate need of a solution," Short says. She's...

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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!

MONDAY, MARCH 25

1:00PM-3:00PM

ROOSEVELT ISLAND

SENIOR CENTER

546 MAIN STREET

SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov
1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)

212.288.4607



Roundtable for Boomers & Seniors



Everyone has opinions about older people and what getting older means. We invite you to dispel myths about aging, change the conversation about older people, and learn strategies to make positive changes in your community so that you can live well into older age.

Myths, Facts and Possibilities: Five-Part Boomer & Senior Roundtable Series

Thursday, April 4th, 2019

8:30am – 10:30 am

**Lenox Hill Neighborhood House
331 East 70th Street (btwn 1st & 2nd)**

Session IV: Meeting the Needs of a Growing Community

The number of older adults across New York State — residents aged 65 and over — increased by 26 percent over the past decade, while the state's under-65 population actually declined by 1 percent during the same period. There are now more older adults in New York than the entire population of 21 states. A new report from the Center for an Urban Future explores what older New Yorkers need to live, and live well in the City.

- **Maria Alvarez**, Executive Director
NY StateWide Senior Action Council, Inc.
- **Christian González-Rivera**, Senior Researcher
Center for an Urban Future

'18-'19 Roundtable Calendar:

- **Organizing for Change**
Thursday, May 9th

RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/MeetingTheNeeds> or by phone at 212-490-9535.

CHN SPRING 2019 TREE CARE OUTINGS

Saturday, April 6
& Saturday, April 27
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 24
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
This outing will be led by
Sam Bishop, Director of
Education of TREES NY

Meet on SW corner
of 92nd Street
& Madison Avenue



ALL ARE WELCOME
Learn how to care for and
maintain Carnegie Hill
street trees.

Join our Tree Care
Committee:
Julia Bradford
Suzanne Goldstein
Ginger Pirman

RSVP 212-996-5520
events@chneighbors.org

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Because it's our home

DOROT
PACKAGE DELIVERY
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Brighten the day for a senior! Deliver a package and visit for about an hour.

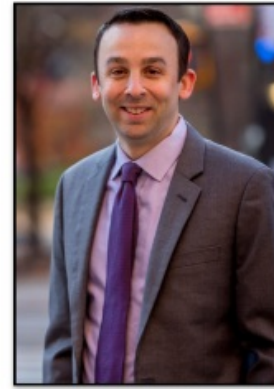
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www.dorotusa.org

LAND USE PLANNING WORKSHOP

Sponsored by City Council Member Keith Powers

FREE! April 10, 2019
6:30 to 8 PM

Hunter College
Glass Cafe, 3rd Floor Cafeteria
695 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10065



Join us for a workshop covering the basics of land use planning in NYC. Participants will learn about the key players, regulations, and processes that influence development, and how the public can engage with them. The workshop is free and open to the public.

Food and child care will be provided

RSVP REQUIRED:

<https://tinyurl.com/cmpowers-lnp>

jklaus@council.nyc.gov

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East Sixties Neighborhood Assoc.	Waterside Tenants Assoc.
East 72nd Street Neighborhood Assoc.	Sutton Area Community
East 79th Street Neighborhood Assoc.	Murray Hill Neighborhood Assoc.
East 86th Street Assoc.	Alliance for Kips Bay
East 77th Street Block Assoc.	



2019 Roosevelt Island Cherry Blossom Festival

Powerful Meditation to Manifest your BEST Life



Every Sunday, beginning on Sunday
03/10/2019, 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Donation class hosted by Esther Yang to
benefit Super Happy Healthy Kids.



Suggested donation: \$10.00
Please bring your own Yoga
mat & towels.

Bode Upper East Side
173 East 83rd. Street, NYC.



Super Happy Healthy Kids is a non-profit organization which runs a variety of programs for elementary age children. We offer certified-organic fruits as snacks and are a "NO" sugar added after-school program. Our mission is to engage kids with fun and valuable activities while passing on core values of kindness, leadership and motivation. We encourage our kids and their families to say kind words and do kind acts. We want our children to create the future with strength and compassion.



Esther Yang is the executive director of **Simple Healthy Living** and **Super Happy Healthy Kids**. She is the author of "Love yourself, the Heck with Everyone Else". She has been helping clients lead healthier and happier lives throughout her 20 years of practice. Esther is a core energetic Psychotherapist, a Second Degree Black Belt in Karate and a Yoga Teacher. She was featured on NY1 as a New Yorker of the Week.

Join our movement to stamp out meanness and bullying. Our mission is to change lives with kind words and kind acts for a peaceful bully-free world.™

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Meditation Class

Learn and practice meditation every Sunday from 6-6:30 PM in the Upper East side of Manhattan near 86 street and 3rd ave.

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