

April 5, 2019

Rebecca Seawright



Dear Neighbor,

On Monday, April 1, I voted to pass the New York State Budget. We are proud of our work to include several measures to **improve voting, prevent gun violence, and make our students safer on their way to school**. First steps have been made toward improving our subway and bus network while easing congestion with the passage of a congestion tolling plan and protecting our environment with the passage of a plastic bag ban.

Post budget, in the coming weeks, we will take up the **reformation of our state's rent laws** that have not been given consideration since the last renewal in 2015, to give tenants more protections as the rent laws are set to expire in June 2019. **I strongly support the renewal and strengthening of the rent laws**. We will look at the increase calculation for rent controlled tenants, to end vacancy decontrol, to end individual apartment increases, and to eliminate preferential rents and charging for Major Capital Improvement Increases (MCI) in perpetuity, which leaves tenants vulnerable to sharp increases leading to displacement.

I am energized by all that we have accomplished and I am ready to press for the passage of my legislation:

Calling for the Ratification of An Equal Rights Amendment to our State's constitution- The time is now for my daughter and all Americans to grow up and live in a country where fairness is our shared value in the guarantee of full equality under our U.S. Constitution.

Providing for an optional excuse from jury service for persons age 70 and over- New Yorkers are able to retire from their careers, they should be able to "retire" from serving on a jury if they choose.

Reducing E-bikes off of New York City Streets- Legislation to label e-bikes and warn consumers at the point of purchase that it is unlawful to ride e-bikes in New York City.

Supporting pharmacists- To extend and expand provisions enacted in 2011 that permit pharmacists to work with physicians in the provision of collaborative drug therapy.

Requiring employee notice of contraceptive coverage- To require employers to provide clear notice to job seekers through internal employment websites and hard copy applications if they do not provide contraceptive coverage to employees.

Establishing a consumer financial awareness course of study (grades 9-12)- To better prepare students who will become future consumers by requiring school districts to provide instruction designed to promote consumer awareness and financial

education.

Establishing an LGBT awareness curriculum or instruction (all grades)- to educate students as to the historic treatment of LGBT people.

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 Albany

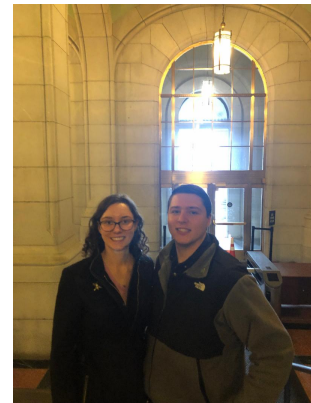
2019 Budget Victories



Speaker Heastie during budget debates.



Chambers at 2:00am on Monday, April 1.



SUNY students Bradley Hershenson and Katie McDermott lobby for SUNY funding in the budget.

Voting Improvements:

In this budget we broke down barriers to voting to make it as convenient as possible and to strengthen our democracy. To that end, Seawright cosponsored and the Assembly passed legislation:

- Establishing early voting, which would take place during a nine-day period before elections.
- Including \$10 million to implement early voting.
- Including \$14 million for counties to purchase electronic poll books and on-demand ballot printers
- Ensuring voter registration is automatically transferred to your new county when you move within New York State.
- Requiring polling places to be open on primary day from 6a.m.- 9p.m.
- Allowing everyone to vote by absentee ballot.

- Permitting 16- and 17- year olds to pre-register to vote.
- Closing the LLC loophole to stop special interests from making nearly unlimited campaign contributions.
- Combining the state and federal primary days.

Preventing Gun Violence:

Thoughts and prayers are not enough. We need to keep guns out of the wrong hands. Seawright cosponsored legislation, commonsense measures to stop senseless violence and save lives, passed by the Assembly to:

- Establish an extreme risk protection order to keep guns away from a person who is a threat to themselves or others.
- Ban bump stocks, which turn firearms into fully automatic machine guns.
- Extend the waiting period to 30 days before a gun can be sold to someone who has not immediately cleared a background check to ensure a more thorough investigation.
- Require safe storage of firearms in a locked depository or render them incapable of being fired if there is a child residing or present in the home.

Expanding the School Zone Speed Camera Program:

No parent should worry about their child’s safety on their way to and from school. More speed cameras will save lives and hold wreckless drivers accountable.

- To keep our kids safe, Seawright expand the school zone speed camera program to 750 schools zones.
- Legislation to equip school buses with cameras, targeting an estimated 50,000 drivers who illegally pass stopped school buses in New York every day, has passed Assembly.

Separated Children Accountability

To address the crisis of forcibly separated children at the border, New York State Senator Brian A. Benjamin and Assemblymember Harvey Epstein are pushing forward their legislation to increase accountability of the federal government’s detention of children being held in facilities in New York state.

“There is nothing as heartless and inhumane as separating children from their families,” said Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright. “Many poor families come to our border escaping violence and persecution, turning themselves in to authorities, only to have their children separated from them. Many families are still not reunited with their children. In response to the crisis of detaining children at our border, I am proud to be a cosponsor to The Separated Children Accountability Response Act (SCAR Act). I commend Assembly Member Epstein and State Senator Benjamin for introducing legislation to bring transparency and to account for every fostered child in the custody of a New York State contracted facility.”

The Commissioner of the Office of Family and Children's Services would be able to penalize a noncompliant agency by a fine of \$500-\$10,000 or revoking its license for failure to provide information as described here. The data collected by the Commissioner of the Office of Family and Children's Services would be made public in real-time and to government officials upon request.

Ensuring All Are Counted in 2020 Census



"I am proud to add my name to join local elected officials and municipalities around the country in challenging the addition of a citizenship question to the 2020 census.

*On Monday, April 1, we filed an amicus brief in support of plaintiffs in *Department of Commerce v. New York*, currently before the U.S. Supreme Court, which addresses the important issue of whether a citizenship question should be added to the 2020 census. We argue that the addition of a citizenship question in the 2020 census will significantly impair the accuracy of the census, which determines the allocation of more than \$900 billion of federal funding.*

The addition of a citizenship question will result in inaccurate census data and divert hundreds of millions of dollars away from vital programs that support public education, nutrition, healthcare, victims of crime, community development, rehabilitation centers and unemployment insurance, among so many others. Put simply, the improper allocation of this funding—away from those who need it most—will negatively impact the lives of millions of Americans. These impacts will be felt by all Americans, in regions all across the country, from urban centers to rural neighborhoods, including communities like ours.

For this reason, I urge the Supreme Court to affirm the decision of the lower court rejecting the addition of a citizenship question to the 2020 census and ensuring the proper allocation of federal funding to the communities and individuals who need and rely on that funding," said Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.

Seawright Supports Inaugural Recipients of the NYFirst Medical School Grants

It was announced this week that the inaugural grant recipients from the New York Fund for Innovation in Research and Scientific Talent (NYFIRST), a \$15 million medical school capital funding program to encourage recruitment and retention of exceptional life sciences researchers focused on translational research by supporting the establishment or upgrading of their laboratories. Translational research builds on basic scientific research to find new ways to diagnose and treat medical conditions. This year's recipients include Columbia University and the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, both in New York City, and the University of Rochester in the Finger Lakes. Each institution has recruited a top life science researcher whose lab will benefit from the

NYFIRST award.

“Thank you Governor Cuomo for your leadership to ensure that New York State recruits and maintains the best talent for our medical schools. Congratulations to Mount Sinai, Columbia University and The University of Rochester as the initial recipients. I strongly advocated for the New York Fund for Innovation and Research and Scientific Talent (NY FIRST) program. This program requires a \$50 Million State investment that would be privately matched at a 2:1 ratio by New York State’s 16 medical schools. This results in a total public/private investment of \$150 million dollars. The NY First program will not only support existing and future economic development and health initiatives in New York State but it will also advance drug discovery, accelerate commercialization and bolster the state’s bioscience economy,” said Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright.

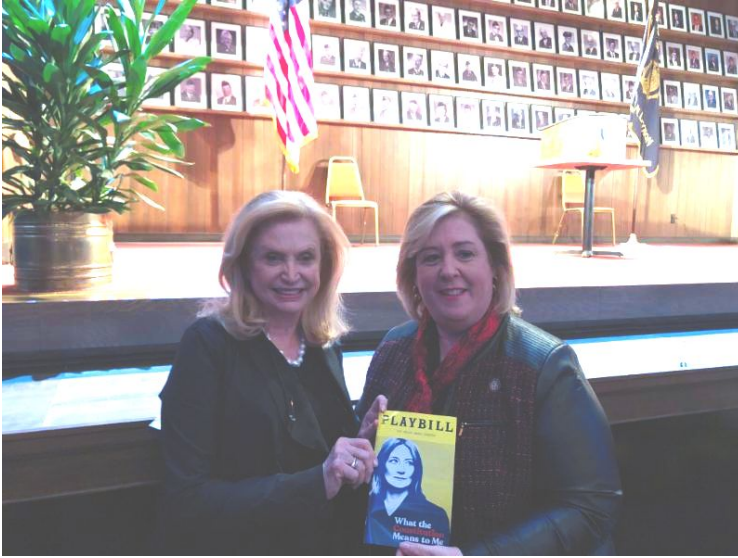
In Our Community



Pharmacists meet with Assembly Member Seawright in support of her legislation to extend and expand provisions enacted in 2011 that permit pharmacists to collaborate with physicians in the provision of collaborative drug therapy.

Constituent Pharmacists including NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center- Clinical Pharmacy Manager Karen Berger, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital- VP of Pharmacy Patrice Dupart, Touro College of Pharmacy- Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice Andrew Smith, and James J Peters Veteran Affairs Medical Center- Clinical Pharmacy Specialist Cathy Hwang, were in attendance.

Seawright Attends a Special Performance of 'What the Constitution Means to Me,' Featuring Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney in a Talkback On the Equal Rights Amendment



Association for a Better New York Post Budget Transportation Talk Featuring Gov. Andrew Cuomo



2019 Mission Society Reception





Activist Jean Shafiroff Hosts the Mission Society reception which funds education programs for children.

News You Can Use

Neighbors Question Lenox Hill Plans at Community Board 8 Meeting



The Upper East Siders who turned out last Thursday for Community Board 8's zoning and development committee meeting spent the first part of the evening listening to presentations from the Manhattan District Attorney's construction task force and...

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Announcements

April is National Social Security Month

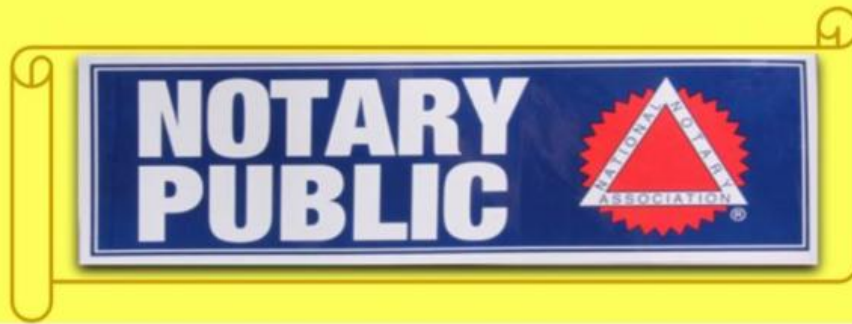


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**\$5.00 per appointment
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9:30AM — 1:30PM

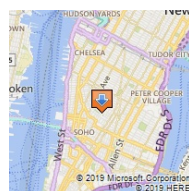
**1st FRIDAY EACH MONTH
BEGINNING MAY 3rd, 2019**

Search and Care
No one should fall through the cracks

212-289-5300

**1844 Second Avenue
(95th/96th)**

Upcoming Events



Noise, Quietness, and the Healthy City: Workshop April...

Are you concerned about city noise and the lack of quietness? Join us for a free all-day workshop at NYU featuring talks, discussions, a soundwalk in the Village

and more. Learn from the experts and find out what you can do to help lower the volume.

[Read more](#)

events.r20.constantcontact.com

PERSISTENCE PRIDE & PŌWER

FRIDAY, MARCH 29th, 6:30pm
Unbought and Unbossed: The Lives of Nellie Bly and Shirley Chisholm

Do you want to change the world? Get inspired by these two short films and a discussion about Nellie Bly and Shirley Chisholm, two women who fought for change right here in New York City.

The Lighthouse Room, Cultural Center, 548 Main St.



SATURDAY, MARCH 30th, 3:00pm
Crafting the Collections: Celebrating Women's History Month

Join us for an all-ages craft afternoon! Workshop participants will create their own collages on paper using elements collected from the NYPL Picture Collection, featuring images of women throughout history.

The Lighthouse Room, Cultural Center, 548 Main St.



TUESDAY, APRIL 9th, 7:15pm
Queer, There, and Everywhere: LGBTQ History-Makers

Queer author and activist Sarah Prager joins us to share the stories of people who fought, created, and loved on their own terms. These astonishing true stories uncover a rich heritage that encompasses every culture, in every era.

The Cultural Center Theater, 548 Main St.



For more info please contact the Roosevelt Island Youth Center at 212-832-4559.



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The best defense against cancer is a head start.

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Join us for a free screening.

Tuesday, April 9

4:30pm - 6:30pm

**New York Head & Neck Institute
at Lenox Hill Hospital**

130 E 77th Street (and Lexington Ave.)

Black Hall - 10th Floor

New York, NY 10075

This year alone, more than 65,000 people will develop new cases of head and neck cancers. These cancers can affect the tongue, mouth, lips, throat, voice box, nose, salivary glands and thyroid.

There are early symptoms of head and neck cancers, including painful sores, lumps or red/dark patches in your mouth, but the best way to determine your risk is to see a doctor.

Join us for your **FREE 10-minute screening**. A quick examination and a few short questions could save your life.

Who should consider a screening?

- Current or former smokers
- Adults over age 40 who have never received the HPV vaccine
- Adults with frequent earaches or sore throat/hoarseness
- Adults with difficulty swallowing or who've felt or noticed a lump in their throat or neck

Visit hncancerscreening.eventbrite.com to make an appointment today. Walk-ins welcome.



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Avoid a fine: It's now illegal to discard electronics in the trash !

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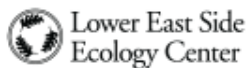
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National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, April 27
10am-2pm

For more information and to
find a collection site near you,
please visit DEATakeBack.com.

Turn in your unneeded or expired
prescription medication for
safe disposal at the following
Northwell Health collection sites
in Manhattan:

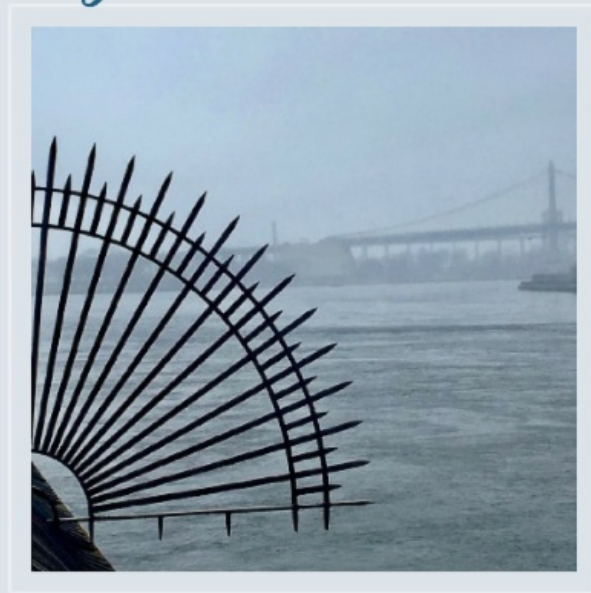
Lenox Hill Hospital
100 East 77th Street
New York, NY 10075

Lenox Health Greenwich Village
30 7th Avenue
New York, NY 10011



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright

*Invites You To An Opening Reception For
"Capturing Moments In Time"*



Piercing the Mist

Exhibit of Photographs by Anthony J. Morenzi

Thursday, May 2
5:30pm - 7:30pm

District Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright
1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)

Viewing Hours: 10:30am to 5:30pm
Monday - Friday

Exhibit: May 2- August 31, 2019

RSVP: Call 212-288-4607 or email SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov

SATURDAYS 1-4 PM

APRIL 27, 2019 (RAIN DATE APR 28)

MAY 18, 2019 (RAIN DATE MAY 19)

JUNE 1, 2019 (RAIN DATE JUNE 2)

JUNE 8, 2019

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East 73rd/74th Street and FDR Drive site

Necessary construction activity will take place at the site on Saturday,
April 6th, and Sunday, April 7th, 7:00 am– 6:00 pm.