

Rebecca Seawright



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This week, August 7, marked the 55th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act. Our fight to ensure equal access to the ballot box continues. We honor the legacy of Rep. John Lewis with each bill passed improving upon our voting and elections system.

Please take a few moments this weekend to fill out your Seawright Survey. We are hoping to get your feedback on how we can respond to the COVID19 crisis and other interest areas.

Next week, the Assembly will hold hearings on the impact of COVID19 on our election process, workplace protections, and veterans. We will host our nineteenth consecutive town hall with guest speakers from the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, the League of Women Voters of New York State, and the US Census Bureau. Join us with the East 72nd Street Neighborhood Association for a webinar with a focus on law enforcement on Wednesday, August 12 at 6:30pm on Zoom.

Our office is here for you. This week, we looked into the issues of re-opening public and indoor pools, and the removal of police barricades in Carl Schurz Park. We hope you find this update to be helpful and informative.

Stay safe, wash your hands frequently, keep your social distance, and wear your face-covering! Please don't hesitate to reach our community office.

Phone: 212.288.4607

Email: SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov

Sincerely,

Rebecca

Fill Out the Seawright Survey!

Please take a moment to fill out the Seawright Survey. Together, we can make the Upper East Side, Yorkville and Roosevelt Island rise and restore from COVID19. Please let me know which issues most concern you.



The Seawright Survey
Together, we can make the Upper East Side, Yorkville,
and Roosevelt Island rise and restore from the COVID-19 virus.

Please fill out and return the form below to let me know which issues most concern you.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- Food insecurity
- COVID testing
- COVID related stress
- Jobs and Unemployment
- Social Justice
- Housing Costs
- Crime and Public Safety
- Senior Citizens Concerns
- Health Care
- K-12 Schools
- Homelessness

Other:

Additional issues, questions or concerns

MAIL TO:

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright
1485 York Avenue, New York, NY 10075

The survey has been featured in a recent "Seawright Reports to the People." This online version will be available throughout the summer. Feel free to complete the paper edition or the [online survey linked here](#).

This session brought unexpected uncertainties because of the COVID-19 pandemic. As a State, we are facing economic challenges and budgetary deficits, unprecedented unemployment claims, and tough challenges at the expense of preventing the spread of a fatal disease. In Albany, we responded to the COVID-19 virus with aggressive emergency legislation. The legislation prohibits the eviction of tenants in financial distress during a pandemic.

We continue to engage with neighbors and respond to thousands of requests for assistance. Our team is here to help connect you to resources. Keep in touch with our office by calling 212-288-4607 or emailing SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov. As always, we are here to serve you!

**ASSEMBLY MEMBER
REBECCA SEAWRIGHT**



VIRTUAL TOWNHALL TUESDAYS

AUGUST 11 @ 7:00 PM



**NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

**THERESA EGAN
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER**



**LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS®**

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
NEW YORK STATE**

**LAURA QUIGG
CO-CHAIR, VOTER SERVICES
COMMITTEE, CO-CHAIR, CENSUS AND
REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE AND
BOARD MEMBER**



U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

**JOLI R. GOLDEN
PARTNERSHIP SPECIALIST
NEW YORK REGIONAL CENSUS
CENTER, FIELD DIVISION**

SCAN ME TO RSVP!



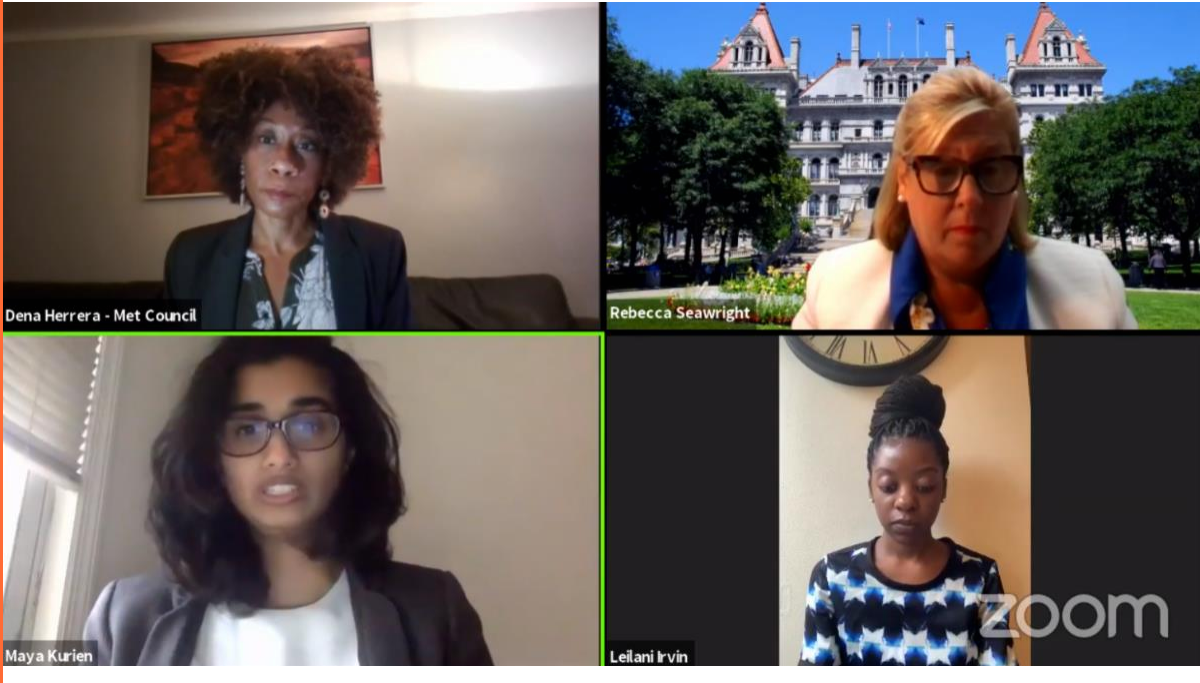
**JOIN US! WATCH LIVE ON FACEBOOK:
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/REBECCAASEAWRIGHT/**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED: CALL 212.288.4607
EMAIL SEAWRIGHTR@NYASSEMBLY.GOV**

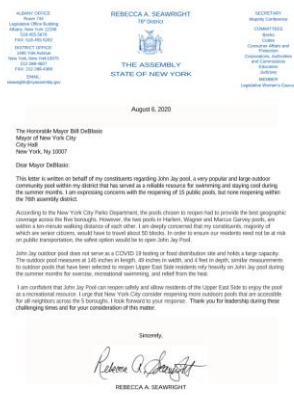
REGISTER TO THE TOWN HALL HERE!

**CLICK HERE TO WATCH ON FACEBOOK LIVE @ 7 PM
ON 8/11**

**In Case You Missed It (ICYMI): This Week's Tuesday Town
Hall: Homelessness and Eviction Prevention**



Seawright Advocates for John Jay Pool & Asphalt Green Pool Re-Opening



After hearing the feedback of constituents who want to see the opening of John Jay Pool, our office looked into the issue and found that the only two public pools opened in Manhattan are both in Harlem, and within a ten minute walk of each other. The nearest pool to our neighborhood is 50 blocks away. Our John Jay Pool should safely re-open for resident's enjoyment while following the health and safety protocols put forth by the City and State. [Read the full letter here.](#)



Additionally, the non-profit Asphalt Green's indoor pools are closed due to the City's decision to break away from State guidance to safely re-open indoor pools. Asphalt Green is equipped to operate with large spaces, ventilation, and social distancing measures. The pools are essential for teaching life-saving swimming lessons to children, and to provide a means for adults to exercise. Over 600 people have been furloughed since march and there is no timeline provided for the potential re-opening of indoor pools and recreation

spaces. Assembly Member Seawright wrote to the Mayor asking for reconsideration of this policy. [Read the full letter here.](#)

Removing the Barriers to Our Carl Schurz Park



Assembly Member Seawright asked the 19th Precinct to remove the barricades to Carl Schurz Park.

Over the past several weeks, our office has been inundated with emails and phone calls regarding the police barricades located in Carl Schurz park and the East River Esplanade. Throughout these difficult times my constituents use Carl Schurz as a resource for leisure, but due to the barricades their access to the park has been limited.

According to my constituents the barricades are limiting their access to the water fountains, the dog runs, and are even disrupting their commutes home. Also, my constituents have expressed their concern of the inability to social distance safely due to the limited space in the park because of the presence of the police barricades.

[Read the full letter here.](#)

Seawright Community Office PPE Giveaway & Census Response Team

**76th District Self-Response Rate for 2020
Census at 54.9%
Below Manhattan Self-Response of 57.9%**



Simon Wiesenthal Intern Tzivia Appleman and Constituent Liaison Madison Thomas ask "have you filled out your census yet?"



Michael Arena picks up some no-cost face coverings and hand sanitizer.

Census and Voting Deadlines

Get Counted! Door Knocking Starts Today!



U.S. Census Bureau enumerators have begun going door-to-door to the homes of New Yorkers who have not yet completed the census. While census takers are well-trained to help you complete the census, you can avoid a knock at your door by simply going to my2020census.gov and filling out the census in just a few minutes. Fill out the census now before the new September 30th deadline. See our *Frequently Asked Questions: Census Takers* webpage for more details.

Fill out your Census at My2020Census.gov OR by phone in these languages:

English 844-330-2020
Spanish 844-468-2020
Mandarin 844-391-2020
Cantonese 844-398-2020
Vietnamese 844-461-2020
Korean 844-392-2020
Russian 844-417-2020
Arabic 844-416-2020
Tagalog 844-478-2020
Polish 844-479-2020
French 844-494-2020
Haitian Creole 844-477-2020
Portuguese 844-474-2020
Japanese 844-460-2020
Telephone Display Device (TDD) 844-467-2020

[START YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE](#)

Register to Vote!



Voter Registration Deadlines for the November 3, 2020 General Elections Mail Registration - Applications must be postmarked no later than October 9, 2020 and received by the Board of Elections no later than October 14, 2020

[CHECK YOUR REGISTRATION STATUS](#)

[REGISTER TO VOTE](#)

APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

Mailing Address:
Manhattan Board of Elections
200 Varick Street, 10 Fl
New York, NY 10014

Legislative Hearing Notices

Tuesday, 8/11- Elections in a Pandemic: A Review of the 2020 Primaries

[Click here to view public hearing notice**](#)**

Wednesday, 8/12- COVID-19 and Hospitals

[Click here to view public hearing notice**](#)**

Thursday, 8/13- Impact of COVID-19 on the Workforce

[Click here to view public hearing notice**](#)**

Friday, 8/14- The Impacts of COVID-19 on New Yorks Veterans

[Click here to view public hearing notice**](#)**

Statement on the Arrest of Nikki Stone

"I am appalled by the arrest of Nikki Stone, a transgender 18-year-old protester at a peaceful protest on July 29th at 2 Avenue & East 25 Street.

It is vitally important for the younger generation, teens like Nikki Stone, to be involved in protest without fear of retribution. She was confronted and detained by plain clothes officers driving an unmarked vehicle, while practicing their First Amendment right to freedom of speech. The means by which she was arrested are reminiscent of tactics used by federal authorities who clashed with demonstrators in Portland, Oregon in response to the murder of George Floyd.

The police have been historically hostile with the transgender community. More than one-fifth (22%) of transgender people who had interacted with police reported police harassment, and 6% of transgender individuals reported that they experienced bias-motivated assault by officers. On a personal note, I am a proud ally for the LGBTQ+ community and have helped pass crucial legislation for this community. In 2016, I helped passed GENDA Bill A4558-B in the fight to protect the transgender community from discrimination.

In the Assembly we are fighting for the passage of the Walking While Trans Ban, Assembly Bill 00654, which repeals the law relating to loitering for the purpose of prostitution. The current statute hurts the LGBTQ+ community, specifically those of color, at a disproportionate rate. Disturbingly, this statute, which has been in effect since 1976, has been utilized more in recent years. The Human Rights Campaign estimated a 120% increase in arrests under this statute in 2018 in New York State, with 91% of people arrested being black or Latinx, and over 80% being women.

On June 16, 2020, I hosted a virtual town hall on the topic of LGBTQ+ Activism & Advocacy with special guest speakers, Judith Kasen-Windsor, LGBTQ+ Activist and Advocate, Jevon Martin, from Princess Janae Place, Melissa Sklarz, Senior Government Relations Strategist Sage at Services & Advocacy for LBGT Elders, Dolores Covrigaru, Greater NY Political Co-chair of Human Rights Campaign, and David Kilmnick, President & CEO of The LGBT Network.

I have also worked with my colleagues in the Assembly to pass the historic 'Say their Name' Legislative package including the repeal of 50-A and a proud cosponsor

and strong supporter of the 'Less is More Act' (A5493) to facilitate the positive reintegration of people who are under parole and reduce the number of people in New York State prisons and jails. We will not stop advocating for increased trust and positive community-police interactions.

We must stand up for our LGBTQ+ friends and constituents, especially when they are advocating for important intersectional issues such as racial justice," said Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.

Community Updates on Re-opening

**ASSEMBLY MEMBER
REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**



HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

TUES. AUGUST 18

**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY
AT 4:00 PM ATTORNEYS FROM
THE LAW OFFICES OF GRIMBLE
& LOGUIDICE, LLC WILL
PROVIDE ADVICE ON HOUSING-
RELATED MATTERS AT NO-COST
FOR CONSTITUENTS OF THE
76TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

Get help navigating the housing court process, responding to notices, dealing with threat of eviction, getting repairs from negligent landlords, and advocating for your rights as a tenant in New York City!

**DUE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS, A
VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY WILL
HOST A ONE -ON-ONE PHONE
SESSION WITH ATTENDEES.**



**SCAN ME TO
RSVP!**

**RSVP REQUIRED:
CALL: 212-288-4607
EMAIL: SEAWRIGHTR@NYASSEMBLY.GOV**

The legal clinic is solely to provide guidance and advice from attorney's experienced in landlord-tenant law. The clinic does not guarantee a desired outcome and does not establish an attorney-client relationship. Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright does not represent or advise constituents in any legal matters.

SIGN UP FOR THE LEGAL CLINIC HERE

**ASSEMBLY MEMBER
REBECCA SEAWRIGHT
PROTECTIVE FACE
MASK GIVEAWAY
FEATURING CENSUS
RESPONSE TEAM**



Ask your questions about the 2020
Census and fill out your questionnaire
in-person



**THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020
12:00PM-2:00PM**

**COMMUNITY OFFICE
1485 YORK AVENUE
(78/79 STREET)**

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REBECCA SEAWRIGHT
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RESERVE YOUR FACE COVERING



**Weill Cornell
Medicine**

**CORNELL
TECH**

HOME OF THE JACOBS
TECHNION-CORNELL
INSTITUTE

**Weill Cornell Medicine, Cornell Tech and the
Roosevelt Island Senior Association Present:**

Stress and Everyday Life

A stylized orange stethoscope icon positioned to the right of the word "Everyday" in the title.

Join us for a seminar to better understand stress and its impacts including how it affects you and your family, how your lifestyle affects stress, and signs of stress. This seminar will seek to explore things individuals can do to reduce stress in their lives.

We hope you will join us virtually!

Presented by: Guy Maytal, MD
Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at Weill Cornell Medicine

Tuesday, August 18 || 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Register at bit.ly/3a367gB

Zoom link to be provided upon registration.

You may also email Jane.Swanson@cornell.edu or call
917-951-4137.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

I HAVE BEEN DENIED UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS...

WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT?

WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS TO A HEARING?

- IF YOU HAVE BEEN DENIED UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, YOU ARE ENTITLED TO A HEARING.
- YOU CAN APPLY FOR A HEARING ON THE DOL WEBSITE
 - SIGN IN TO YOUR NY.GOV ACCOUNT. CHOOSE "GO TO MY ONLINE FORMS." UNDER THE "FORMS AVAILABLE FOR FILING" MENU ON THE LEFT, CHOOSE THE "CLAIMANT REQUEST FOR HEARING" FORM. PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM COMPLETELY AND SUBMIT. INCLUDE WHY YOU DISAGREE WITH THE DETERMINATION, FOR ASSISTANCE CALL VOL.S.
- YOU MUST REQUEST YOUR HEARING WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIVING A NOTICE OF DETERMINATION. KEEP A RECORD OF YOUR APPLICATION FOR A HEARING.
- YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION AT THIS HEARING.
 - IF YOU HAVE NOT OBTAINED LEGAL REPRESENTATION AT THE TIME OF YOUR HEARING, YOU MAY REQUEST AN ADJOURNMENT, I.E., POSTPONE THE HEARING UNTIL YOU FIND REPRESENTATION. ASKING TO POSTPONE THE HEARING IS NOT AN INDICATION OF GUILT.

WHAT IF I WANT TO APPEAL MY WEEKLY BENEFIT RATE?

WHEN YOU RECEIVE YOUR NOTICE OF DETERMINATION, IT WILL INDICATE YOUR WEEKLY BENEFIT RATE. IF YOU DISAGREE WITH THIS RATE, YOU ARE ENTITLED TO REQUEST A RECONSIDERATION AND A HEARING.

TO REQUEST A RECONSIDERATION, USE THE REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION FORM ONLY IF:

- (1) THE WAGES SHOWN ON THE FORM ARE WRONG OR
- (2) YOUR EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS ARE MISSING FROM THE BASE PERIOD.

YOUR REQUEST FOR A RECONSIDERATION MUST BE RECEIVED WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE MAIL DATE ON THE NOTICE OF DETERMINATION. KEEP A RECORD OF YOUR APPLICATION.

VOLUNTEERS *of* LEGAL SERVICE Unemployed Workers Project

Need Help? Call the VOLS hotline for Unemployed Workers: 347-521-5720

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Stay informed about the CORONAVIRUS



NYC COVID-19 Self-reporting Portal: [Link here](#) or call 311
DOHMH FAQ: [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
Face Covering Distribution: [Face Coverings](#) [Face Coverings](#)
Face Covering Tips: [helpful videos](#)
DACA Renewal Assistance: Call ActionNYC at 1-800-354-0365
Ferry Schedules: [Staten Island Ferry](#) / [NYC Ferry](#)
H+H Visitor Policy: [Policy to Reduce the Spread of Coronavirus](#)
Mental Health Hotline: 1-888-NYC-WELL or text "WELL" to 65173. [NYC Well](#)

Mental Health Online: [Support New Yorkers Can Access While Staying Home](#)
OATH: [Hearing Online](#)
Online English Classes: [We Speak NYC](#), [Register Here](#) or for information: [click here](#)
Online Marriage Licenses: [nyc.gov/Cupid](#) or [cityclerk.nyc.gov](#)
Animal Welfare FAQ: [COVID-19 and Animals FAQ](#)
COVID-19 Pet Owner Hotline: 1-877-204-8821
Pet Planning: [Get Prepared - Pets & Service Animals](#)
Map of Essential Construction: [Essential Active Construction Sites Map / FAQ](#)
Report Price Gouging: [DCA - COVID-19 Complaint](#)
Resource Guide for Immigrants: [Resources for Immigrant Communities](#)
Virtual Friendly Visiting Program for Seniors: Call 212-AGING-NYC

For Families

Activity Book for Kids: [Animals of NYC - Physical Distancing Activity Book](#)
Remote Learning: [NYC DOE Info Hub](#)
Fun at Home for Kids: [nyc.gov/funathome](#) or text "Fun" to 97743
School and Childcare for Essential Workers: [Regional Enrichment Centers](#)

How to Help:

How to Help: [Help Now NYC](#)
Companies with Supplies on Hand to Donate or Sell: [NYC Suppliers Page](#)
Companies Ready to Begin Producing Supplies: [COVID-19 Emergency Supply Sourcing & Manufacturing](#)
Donate PPE: [NYC Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) Donation Portal](#)
Donate Plasma: [New York Blood Center](#)
Food and Non-medical Donations: [DonateNYC](#), or call 833-NYC-0040

For Constituents in Need:

Benefits Available for New Yorkers: [AccessNYC](#)
Services for Folks in Need: [Assistance for Individuals](#)
Domestic Violence: [NYCHope](#)
Family Justice Centers: [Family Justice Centers](#), 24-hour DV Hotline: 1-800-621-4673
Financial Empowerment Guidance: [DCA - Free Financial Counseling](#)
Food Finder: [Food Bank NYC](#)
Grab & Go Meals for All: Location: [Free Meal Sites](#), or text "NYCFood" or "COMIDA" to 877-877
Hotel Isolation Referral Program: [nyc.gov/covid19hotel](#)
Peer-Peer Wellness Check for Veterans: [Mission: VetCheck](#)
People with Disabilities: @NYCDisabilities, 311 or visit <http://nyc.gov/disability> or via video phone: 646-396-5830
SNAP: [SNAP Benefits](#)
Student Loan Debt Tips During COVID-19: [NYC Consumer Affairs](#)
Unemployment Benefits: [NYS Department of Labor + NYC FAQ](#)

Businesses & Nonprofits:

Stop the Spread: [Stop the Spread of Coronavirus Flyer](#)
Facebook Grants for Small Businesses: [facebook.com/grantsforbusiness](#)
Guidance for Employers & Employees: [Update about Workplace Laws](#)
Non-Profit Providers: [FAQ for Nonprofit Businesses](#)
SBS Webinars for Small Businesses: [Register here](#)
Small Businesses: [Assistance & Guidance for Businesses](#)

Workers:

Citibike Free Year Membership for First Responders: [Critical Workforce Membership](#)
Freelancers in NYC: [File Workplace Complaint](#)
Hotels for Healthcare Workers: [NYC & Company](#)
Labor Issues: Call 311, or AG's office: (212) 416-8700 or Labor.Bureau@ag.ny.gov
Paid Sick Leave: DOHMH [Frequently Asked Questions](#) / or call: 855-491-2667 or 311
State List of Essential Business/Services: [Governor Cuomo Guidance Under 'New York State on PAUSE'](#)
SBS: [Virtual Workforce One Center](#) or call 718-960-2458
TLC Driver Jobs: [NYC Food Delivery Driver Portal](#)
TLC [Driver Resource Center](#): legal services, financial counseling, and other referrals

Buildings & Residents:

NYCHA Residents: *NYCHA's journal + Hardship Rent Reductions + NYCHA COVID-19 FAQ + City Harvest Mobile Markets + Mayor de Blasio Announces New Plan to Combat COVID-19 at NYCHA*

Property Tax issues: *Department of Finance Benefits*

Tenants/Landlords: *COVID-19: FAQ for Residential and Commercial Buildings*

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

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