

Rebecca Seawright



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Happy New Year!

As a reminder, our district community office will be closed in observation of the New Year on Thursday, December 31 and Friday, January 1, 2021 for a legal State government holiday and will re-open on Monday, January 4 at 9:30am.

There will be no face-covering giveaway on Thursday, December 30. Please contact our office if you are in need of PPE.

Stay safe, wash your hands frequently, keep your social distance, and wear your face-covering! Please don't hesitate to reach out to our community office if we can be of assistance.

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Sincerely,

Rebecca

2020: A Year In Review

Women on Corporate Boards Bill Signed



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright's legislation, Assembly Bill 6330 was signed by the Governor creating a study of women on corporate boards. In 2020, domestic and foreign corporations doing business in New York will report on gender diversity and their governing boards. These boards function as the highest governing body within a corporation or publicly traded firm, responsible for setting company-wide economic, regulatory, market, and ethical policies.

"New York State is one of the largest economies in the world and as such, sets a global example for corporate responsibility," said Assembly Member Seawright. "In a proactive approach, corporations will identify where they lack in diversity. Now, thanks

to Governor Cuomo's support, New York is taking a major step forward to ensure that women have a voice in the discussions and decisions."

Seawright Supports Small Immigrant Business Owners

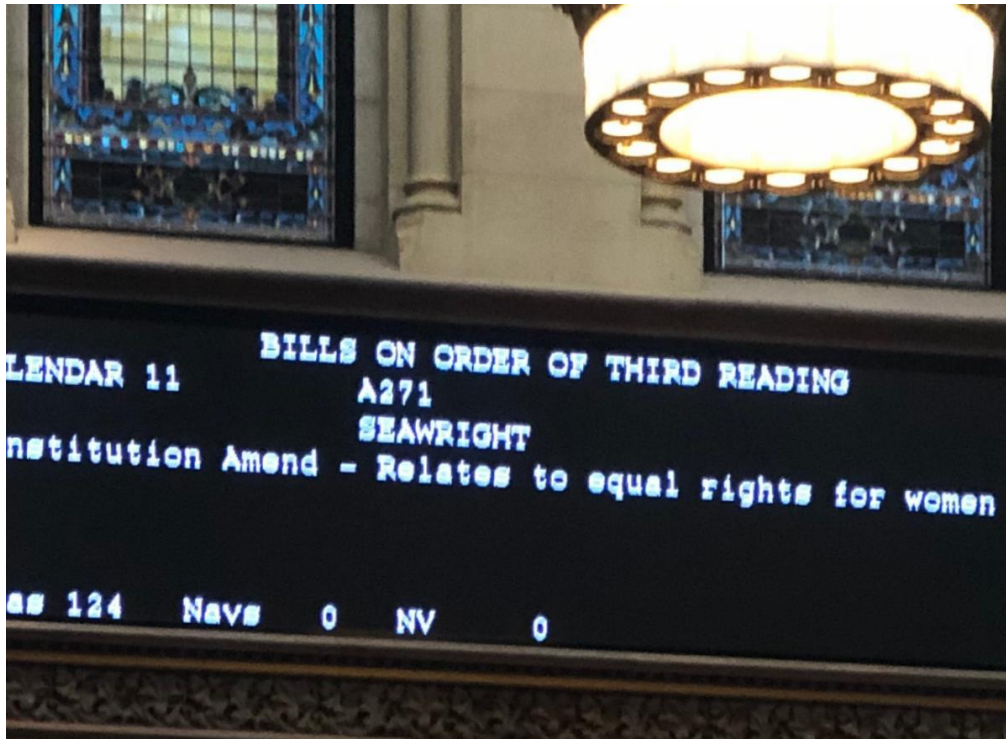
Seawright Stands with UES Immigrant Business Owners

by Michael Rock January 7, 2020

Recognizing that luxury developers' work can harm the established community's well-being, Assemblymember Rebecca Seawright prioritized protecting the neighborhood's established businesses from the excesses that have come from the new real estate.

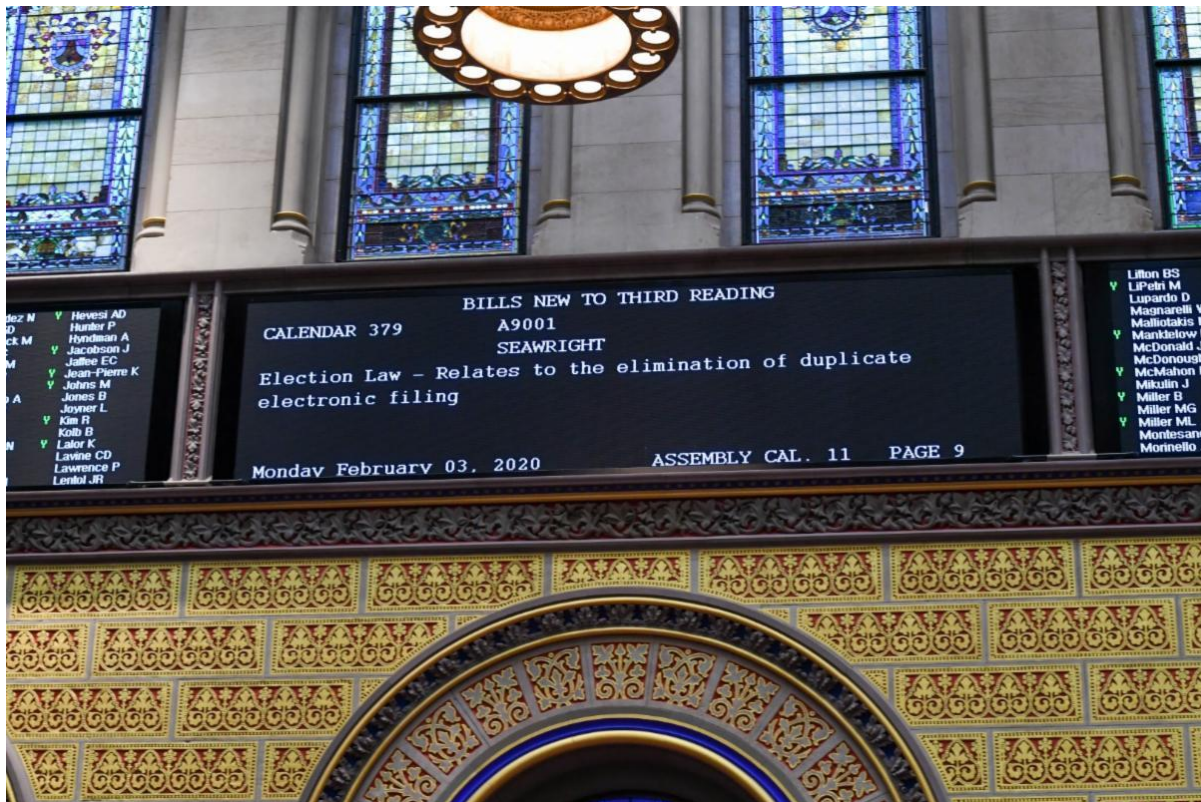
"Small businesses are an integral part of the fabric of our community," said Seawright. "We deeply value the many entrepreneurial immigrants who contribute significantly to the luster and character that makes our communities vibrant and interesting. Developers must understand that our hardworking shopkeepers and their employees seek to be treated fairly and with the respect they deserve."

Equal Rights Amendment Passes Assembly



Seawright's Equal Rights Amendment, A271 passed Assembly. Seawright said "I'm committed to an Equal Rights Amendment with language that is more inclusive. I will continue to work diligently with my colleagues in the Assembly and the Senate to pass ERA legislation in 2020."

Eliminating Duplicative Electronic Filing



Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright announced that Assembly Bill 9001 was signed by the Governor allowing 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.

Assembly Member Seawright said, “It is a 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.”

Teach LGBT NY Curriculum Bill



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, David Kilmnick, President/CEO of the LGBT Network along with New York State Senator Brad Hoylman, Assembly and Senate colleagues held a press conference in Albany to call for the immediate passage of bill A4744/S1478 that would require all New York State schools to have LGBT history in its curriculum.

“It is important for our students in New York to receive the most comprehensive education possible, that is why I am proud to be the sponsor of the Teach LGBT NY bill. The statistic that less than 20% of LGBTQ students have been taught positive representation about LGBTQ people and history is unacceptable. It is vitally important

to teach about the LGBTQ community and history to promote tolerance and acceptance. Students will see the varied contributions of LGBTQ individuals to American History and have the comfort in knowing that they belong in our schools and our communities.” said Assembly Member Seawright.

Virtual Town Hall Tuesday



Seawright begins Virtual Town Hall Tuesday in response to the COVID19 pandemic on March 31, 2020.

We started "Town Hall Tuesday" as a resource for constituents throughout the pandemic as a place to find answers each week to vital questions for residents of the 76th Assembly District of the Upper East Side, Yorkville, and Roosevelt Island.

Thousands of viewers have watched our hour long weekly webcast live streaming on facebook. The weekly webcast has been an essential part of my ongoing commitment in the age of CoVID-19 to provide vital information from top experts on the many urgent needs of our community.

Guests have included:

Letitia James, New York State Attorney General;

Dr. Monika K. Shah, attending physician of the infectious disease service at Sloan Kettering Cancer Center;

Shelton Hayes, acting president and CEO of the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation;

Alexander B." Pete" Grannis, first deputy comptroller, Office of the New York State Comptroller and former assemblymember for the 76th Assembly District;

David Kilmnick, president and CEO of The LGBT Network;

Felix V. Matos-Rodriguez, chancellor of the City University of New York

Health Advocates for older people

Betty Cooper Wallerstein of the East 79 Street Neighborhood Assn.

And many others.

Please stay in touch with our office for updates---check out my Twitter account at "Seawright for New York" or call my office at [212 288 4607](tel:2122884607). Ask us how to sign up for our weekly e-news which includes regular updates on COVID and new guidance from City and State agencies.

PPE and Face Shields Donated to Roosevelt Island Coler

amNY *"Roosevelt Island residents opened their hearts and responded with great generosity and without hesitation," Seawright said.*



New York State Assembly Member Rebecca was joined by community leaders to deliver boxes of thousands of vital masks, gloves, and protective equipment to frontline hospital heroes battling COVID-19 heroes at NYC Health + Hospital/Coler.

Senior Meal Deliveries



Seawright Delivers Meals to Homebound Seniors From Isaac's Center.

Delivering A Mother's Day Celebration for Frontline Heroes



New York State Assembly Members Rebecca Seawright and Dan Quart, FDNY-Firefighters Association Vice President Robert Eustace, and FDNY-Firefighters Attorney Nick Papain joined former firefighters on the back of a firetruck to surprise healthcare hero moms with hundreds of flowers and hot meals at a pre-Mother's Day ceremony to honor the local moms answering the call on the COVID-19 front line. Flowers were handed out by firefighters to help the mothers who will be away from their families this holiday to celebrate the special day.

Weekly District Office PPE Giveaways





Seawright organizes face mask and hand sanitizer PPE giveaways at the York Avenue Community Office.

Passing COVID-19 Emergency Protections for Tenant's, Nursing Home Residents, and Consumers



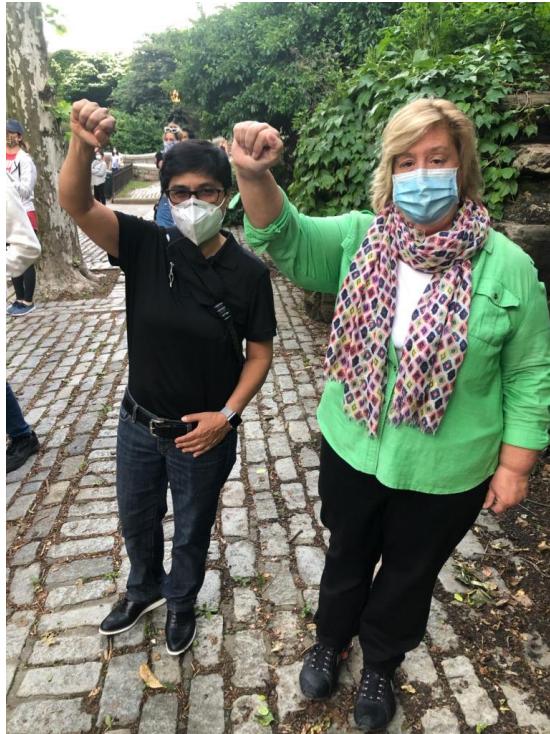
Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright votes to pass COVID-19 emergency legislation including vital protections for tenants, nursing home residents, and consumers.

"I'm proud to have cosponsored these and other measures approved by the state Assembly and Senate," said Assembly Member Seawright. "The Legislature is moving swiftly to respond to this unprecedented health crisis, and more legislative action is imminent. Everything is on the table in the era of Covid-19."

Passing Police Reforms



I walked side by side with neighbors and joined a vigil in Carl Schurz Park to show solidarity and support to those who have died as a result of police brutality and racism. We continued our work in Albany this week on what is being called the "Say Their Name" police reform package.



Assembly Member Seawright voted to pass a comprehensive package of criminal justice reforms riding on the wave of outrage following the death of George Floyd at the hands of police. As a cosponsor of the reforms, Seawright noted that actions approved repealed 50-a, which seals the disciplinary records of police officers. The package also banned police chokeholds, criminalized false race-based calls to 911, and enshrined into law the designation of the New York State Attorney General as the special prosecutor in cases where police are accused of crimes.

"We have all heard the call of the peaceful protestors. We must all stand for genuine criminal justice reform and against bigotry and discrimination," Assembly Member Seawright said.

Funding Food and Shelter for Animals



Animal rights activists led by New York State Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright joined together to fight the chronic food shortages at animal shelters and announced a \$1 million national funding effort to feed animals in critical need. Shelters and animal nonprofits have struggled to keep doors open as contributions have slowed amid widespread unemployment in New York and across the nation.

Southpoint Park



Seawright joined a Southpoint Park Project walkthrough to encourage resident feedback.

SEAWRIGHT'S VIRTUAL TOWN HALL TUESDAY ON COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright hosted her second annual discussion with leaders in New York State on how to address the alarming rise in cases of Anti-Semitism and hate crimes. The distinguished panel included JCRC-NY President Cheryl Fishbein, Executive Director of the NY Board of Rabbi's, Rabbi Joseph Potasnik, Jewish Insider's Managing Editor and former Campus Director for the Simon Wiesenthal Center Melissa Weiss, and David Pollock and Mitchell D. Silber from the Community Security Initiative of the JCRC-NY. The Virtual Town Hall was Assembly Member Seawright's eighteenth consecutive town hall live streamed on Facebook. View the full town hall at [Facebook.com/RebeccaASeawright/Live](https://www.facebook.com/RebeccaASeawright/Live).

Faith-based and Community Leaders Decry Anti-Semitic Attack and Vandalism on the District Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright



Faith-based and Community leaders expressed outrage over vandalism and a hate crime attack at the Manhattan district office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright. A handwritten note left behind contained anti-Semitic and obscene language directed against the Assemblymember.



Andrew Cuomo ✓
@NYGovCuomo

This cowardly act is antithetical to New York's values.

New York has zero tolerance for hate and we will do everything in our power to hold those responsible accountable.

I extend my sympathy to @SeawrightForNY that this repugnant note was left at her office.

New York Post ✓ @nypost · Aug 11
Anti-Semitic note reportedly left at Manhattan assemblywoman's office
trib.al/UlrppsF



Seawright Introduces Virtual Communications Crimes Accountability Package

Bills aim to combat ZOOM-bombing, prevent COVID-19 scams, and to protect all personal identifying information.

106-Year-Old “Daughter of the Suffragette Movement” Leads Rally for Passage of New York State Equal Rights Amendment on 100th Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage



On the 100th anniversary of a women's right to vote, Dr. Shirley Zussman, a 106-year-old daughter of the Suffragette Movement, recalled growing up in a family where political conversations were the norm.

A century later, Shirley is still fighting for equal rights for women and rallied with Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright on Wednesday for the passage of the New York State Equal Rights Amendment which would enshrine equal rights for women into the State Constitution.

"As we remember the brave women of a century ago who fought for equal representation and the fundamental franchise, we must recommit ourselves to the struggle to ensure opportunity and equality for all women at every level," said the Assembly Member.

Seawright Seeks Tougher Hate Crime Laws, Anti-Hate Training

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright is calling for stricter state hate crime laws that would enhance prosecutions and require judges to order special "anti-hate" training for every person convicted of a hate crime.

The Seawright proposal would plug a loophole in the current law and would make "anti-hate" counseling mandatory.

"Education is one important key to tolerance and respect for others and is essential to keeping the community safe from hateful acts and violence," said Seawright. "The state should require the completion of a program, training session, or counseling developed or authorized by the court or local agencies in cooperation with organizations serving the affected community."

3 No-Cost Flu Shot Clinics



Remembering Ruth

"Women belong in all places where decisions are being made. ... It shouldn't be that women are the exception."

— Ruth Bader Ginsburg



"As we mourn the passing of United States Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, let us each reflect on how her pursuit of justice, equality and the liberation of our human rights touched us so deeply.

I remember seeing her on the bench when I was sworn in to practice before the Supreme Court. I could not take my eyes away from such a fearless warrior, a courageous trailblazer, unafraid to stand up for all of us."

Read Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright's full Op-Ed in Our Town.

Roosevelt Island Cat Sanctuary



Assembly Member Seawright toured the Roosevelt Island Cat Sanctuary near the Octagon building with Wildlife Freedom Foundation's founder Rossana Ceruzzi. She shared her space and to discuss your organization's priorities for taking care of the animals.

A direct and compelling headline

Seawright Secures Additional Poll Site At Marymount College for Early Voting



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright secured Marymount Manhattan College as an alternate early voting pollsite for Saturday, October 31 and Sunday, November 1, according to an agreement she successfully obtained from the New York City Board of Elections.

Assembly Member Seawright had previously announced her intention to pursue legal action in the event that the New York City Board of Elections did not address what she described as “the horrendous treatment of the disabled, senior citizens, and working men and women-- voters who have stood in line for several hours to cast their ballots, including in the rain. The voters of the Upper East Side, Yorkville, and Roosevelt Island are grateful to Marymount Manhattan College for stepping up in this time of crisis. We simply cannot tolerate voter suppression of any kind and this action is exactly what is needed.”

Seawright Presents \$500,000 Grant to PS 290



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright presented a New York State Assembly grant in the amount of \$500,000 for technology upgrades and renovations. Working with Principal Doreen Esposito, Seawright allocated funding for the needs of the Manhattan New School to have new technology, bottle filling stations, and bathroom renovations.

In the age of COVID19, it is critically important that all students have access to laptops to strengthen their communications skills, research, self-direction, and problem-solving skills to work independently. "As a proud public school parent and former PTA activist, I understand the importance of funding for the classroom. Our students deserve to have the technology and resources to have the opportunity to learn, especially at a time when some students are learning remotely," said Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright. The grant will also provide for the installation of additional smart boards in classrooms.

A Historic Victory



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright clinched a historic victory as the first candidate ever to win re-election to the State legislature on an independent party ballot line, representing the Upper East Side, Yorkville, and Roosevelt Island. With all precincts reporting and all absentee ballots counted, Seawright carried nearly 60 percent of the votes in the 76th Assembly District.

Blackwell House Ribbon Cutting



We cut the ribbon on the historic Roosevelt Island Blackwell House. ***"We are proud to have the Blackwell House, one of the few farmhouses in New York dating from the years immediately after the Revolutionary War, in our district on Roosevelt Island. I commend the Roosevelt Island Historical Society and Judy Berdy for her diligent work to preserve and educate on the history of Roosevelt Island and New York City. This ribbon cutting was possible due to her dedication to Roosevelt Island and its history."***

8,000 Pounds of Paper Shredded



Seawright Consumer Financial Literacy Bill Signed by Governor Cuomo

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright's Consumer Financial Literacy bill (A6070A) has been signed into law. The legislation requires the New York State Department of Financial Services to provide, on the department's website, information to enhance consumer financial literacy and consumer awareness. Educational material will be provided on basic banking and personal financial management, how credit scores are determined, ways to establish good credit, options for investing, and increasing personal savings.

Urban Outreach Center Ribbon Cutting



The Upper East Side welcomed a new Urban Outreach Center location dedicated to feeding and caring for the neighborhood's residents most in need. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was attended by members of the Eastside Taskforce for Homeless Outreach and Services members, including Avenue Church NYC Senior Pastor the Rev. Beverly Dempsey, Urban Outreach Center Executive Director the Rev. Jordan Tarwater, and ETHOS taskforce members including Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Council Member Ben Kallos and Senator Liz Krueger.

Assembly Member Seawright Distributed 7,000 N95 Masks to “High-Risk” Nursing Home Residents and Healthcare Workers



With the long-awaited COVID-19 vaccination program advancing, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright led a new distribution of 7,000 specialized masks to protect high-risk nursing home residents and healthcare workers.

The specialized N95 masks went to skilled care and medical centers serving residents and patients at Mary Manning Walsh/ Archcare Nursing Home, Lenox Hill Hospital-Northwell Health, and Memorial Sloan Kettering Medical Center on the Upper East Side, Yorkville, and Roosevelt Island.

The Doe Fund's nationally recognized program to help formerly incarcerated and homeless men return to the workforce also received 1,000 masks.

"I wish to thank Protective Health Gear Chief Executive Officer Brian Wolin and Chief Operating Office Evan Schulman for this generous donation," said Seawright. "With the vaccination program moving forward, we can finally see a pathway to ending this pandemic, but today's distribution of N95 masks is a reminder we are entering a critical phase in the fight. We must maintain our focus and our efforts to contain the spread."



[Assemblymember Rebecca Seawright gives the gift of giving to New York City children in need](#)

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COVID19 Resources

Additional Resources

NEW COVID-19 Vaccines:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-vaccines.page>

COVID-19 Testing FAQ (includes definitions on diff types of tests):

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/covid-19-testing-faq.pdf>

Advisory for New Yorkers at Higher Risk of Severe COVID-19 (different languages here): <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/covid/covid-19-advisory-severe-covid.pdf>

Holiday Guidance (Do Not Travel, Do Not Gather):
<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/covid/covid-19-safer-holidays.pdf>

Complete List of NYC H+H Test Sites (updated weekly):
<https://www.nychealthandhospitals.org/covid-19-testing-sites/>

Latest Testing Recommendations:
<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/covid/covid-19-testing-recommendations.pdf>

NYC COVID-19 Zone Map Lookup:
<https://nyc.gov/covidzone>

Localized Zone Restrictions:
<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/covid/covid-19-localized-restrictions.pdf>

NYC DOHMH COVID-19 Data Portal:
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data.page>

NYC DOE Daily COVID Case Map:
<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-year-20-21/return-to-school-2020/health-and-safety/daily-covid-case-map>

NYC DOE Health & Safety Regulations:
<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-year-20-21/return-to-school-2020/health-and-safety>

Guidance on Preventing Household Transmission: (COVID-19 Providers Dear Colleagues Letter)
<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/covid/providers/covid-19-providers-dear-colleague-updates-11302020.pdf>

ASSEMBLY MEMBER

REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT



HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

TUES. JANUARY 5

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RSVP HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

**ASSEMBLY MEMBER
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**THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021
12:00PM-2:00PM**

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