

# Rebecca Seawright



*Dear Friends and Neighbors,*

*On Monday, August 9th, the New York State Assembly Judiciary Committee will meet to review Attorney General Letitia James' devastating report and separate investigations into allegations of additional reprehensible misconduct by Governor Andrew Cuomo. The governor has until Friday the 13th of August to provide the Judiciary Committee with evidence on his behalf. As a member of the Judiciary Committee charged with reviewing all the facts, I look forward to seeing this process to conclusion, including the drawing up and approval of articles of impeachment.*

*On this day in 1965, the Voting Rights Act was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson. Today, more than ever, it is important to fight for the voting rights of People of Color in America. I proudly advocate for access to voting. Notably, this session we restored the voting rights to citizens who are on parole and we passed the "Make Voting Easy Act" to ensure a designated polling site for every thirty thousand registered voters in each county. We look forward to furthering our progress with legislation I am pleased to cosponsor a bill to professionalize the Board of Elections. The bill creates various training and continuing education requirements for commissioners, co-executive directors, and staff so that all employees and managers have the skills needed to administer elections in the City efficiently, accurately, and with integrity to protect voting rights.*

*Please join us for one of the events we are pleased to sponsor:*

- *Thursday, August 12, from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the District Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)- **No-Cost Face Covering Giveaway.** [RSVP here.](#)*
- *Thursday, August 12, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Zoom- **Virtual Knitting Social.** [RSVP here.](#)*
- *Tuesday, August 17 at 2:00 pm by telephone- **No-Cost Housing Legal Clinic.** [RSVP here.](#)*

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

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*Sincerely,*



**NY Assembly eyeing Cuomo articles of impeachment by end of August**

**“If the Governor has not resigned, the Committee review will proceed, including but not limited to the compelling evidence provided by the NYS Attorney General,”**

**Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright**





*[Read the full article in the New York Post here.](#)*

## 19th Precinct National Night Out in John Jay Park



*Marsha Goodman, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, East 79 Street Neighborhood Association President Betty Wallerstein, and Kathy Jolowicz who received an award for her service to the 19th Precinct. She coordinated meals for the Officers who were working tirelessly to respond to the pandemic.*



Seawright joined NYPD's 19th Precinct, local businesses, and constituents for National Night Out Against Crime on Tuesday in John Jay Park. Neighbors enjoyed food from "Maz Mezcal" and ice cream from "UES."

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships to help make our neighborhoods safer by strengthening the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement.



*Former Community Board 8 Chairs Judge Jim Clynes (L) and Precinct Council President Nick Viest (R) with Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright (C).*





*Bradley Hershenson, Betty Wallerstein, and Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.*



*Team Seawright: Volunteer Barbara Mandel, Special Assistant Jack Robbins, and intern Neve Diaz-Carr.*

## Music in Carl Schurz Park



## Featuring Groovalaya & Vy Higginson's Sing Harlem Choir



*Founder and Creative Director of the Sing Harlem Choir Ahmaya Knoelle Higginson leads the choir.*

The 4-time award-winning Vy Higginson's Sing Harlem Choir performed in Carl Schurz Park for a music night. The group was formed out of the Gospel for Teens program (GFT) founded in 2006 by legendary radio personality and producer Vy Higginson, the break out choir for the Mama Foundation for the Arts school. Sing Harlem Choir has performed at many prestigious venues, programs, and concerts across America including The Congressional Black Caucus, The Stellar Awards, New York Fashion Week, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Lincoln Center, Concerts Across America and the Grammy Awards. [Read more about the Mama Foundation for the Arts here.](#)





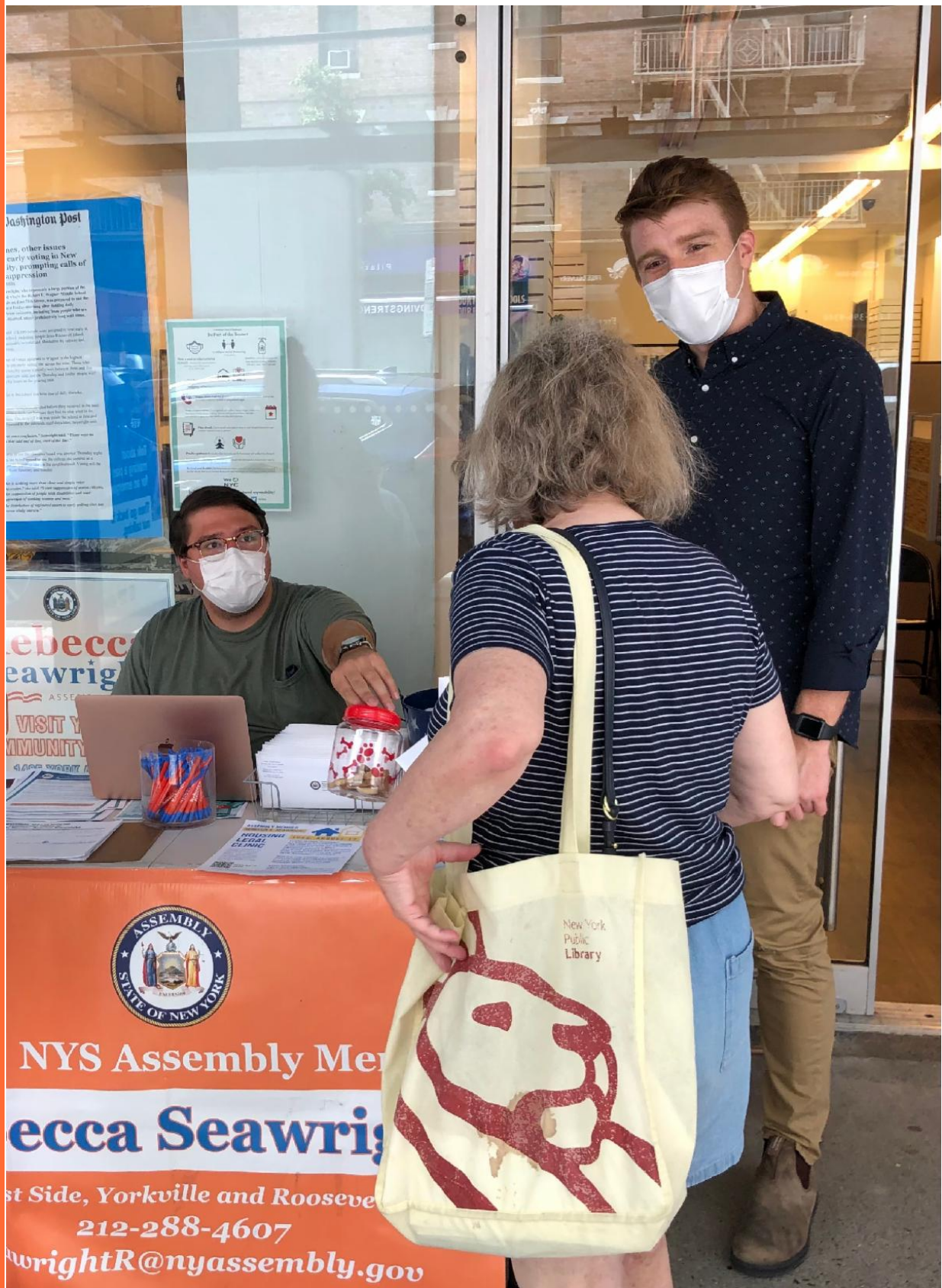
*Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer and Assembly Member Seawright's table represented by Director of Community Affairs Courtney Ferrissey in Carl Schurz Park for Music in the Park. Seawright provided no-cost masks, hand sanitizer, vaccine information and more!*



*Borough President Brewer watched Sing Harlem with the crowd. Assembly Member Seawright*



## No-Cost PPE Giveaways Every Thursday at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright





*Constituent volunteer Bradley Hershenson and Jack Robbins provide no-cost masks and sanitizer, information on rent and small business relief to constituents. No-cost PPE giveaways happen every Thursday from 12pm-2pm at the Community Office on York Avenue, between 78 and 79 Streets.*

**ASSEMBLY MEMBER**

**REBECCA SEAWRIGHT**

**PROTECTIVE FACE MASK**

**& HAND SANITIZER**

**GIVEAWAY**



**THURSDAYS  
12:00PM - 2:00PM**

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

**OFFICE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER  
REBECCA SEAWRIGHT  
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**SCAN ME TO RSVP!**



**Small Business Recovery**



# NYC Business

## Quick Start



Small Business  
Services

Department of  
Buildings

Environmental  
Protection

Department of Health  
and Mental Hygiene

Fire  
Department



### NYC Business Quickstart

Opening or reopening a business? Cut the red tape in half with the NYC Business Quick Start program, an interagency effort! This new interagency initiative is led by the NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS) in collaboration with several key agencies including Department of Buildings (DOB), Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), and the New York City Fire Department (FDNY). Learn more and get help at [nyc.gov/business](http://nyc.gov/business) or call the hotline at 888-SBS-4NYC.



## HOSPITALITY HIRE

NYC  
Small Business  
Services

careers  
businesses  
neighborhoods

WORKFORCE1  
A PROUD PARTNER OF THE  
AMERICAN JOB CENTER NETWORK

### Hospitality Hire

Is your business looking to find staff? The City's Workforce1 Career Centers can tap a pool of 100,000+ candidates to identify qualified individuals to meet your Front-of-House and Back-of-House hiring needs by:

- Sourcing job seekers through its candidate databases, paid advertisements (at no cost to you) and through local partner organizations;
- Recruiting and screening candidates based on your needs—and referring the most qualified to your restaurant; and
- Scheduling interviews.

Submit a request for hiring assistance at [nyc.gov/business](http://nyc.gov/business) or call the hotline at 888-SBS-4NYC.

The **NYC Hospitality Alliance** and the **NYC Employment & Training Coalition (NYCETC)** have compiled a list of organizations that provide job placement and workforce development services for various jobs within the city's hospitality sector, and other industries. Learn more about how these organizations can assist businesses in identifying



talent and expanding their pool of potential candidates. View: [List of Staffing and Labor Organizations](#)

### Commercial Tenant Business Grant

**Applications for the New York State COVID-19 Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program** are now live. The Grant Program provides *\$800 million in assistance for small businesses* (including small for-profit independent arts and cultural organizations), experiencing financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Flexible grants up to \$50,000 can be used for operating expenses, including payroll, rent or mortgage payments, taxes, utilities, personal protective equipment, or other business expenses incurred during the pandemic. Over 330,000 small and micro businesses are potentially eligible for this program.

**A Message from the PACE Small Business Development:** The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced that it will launch a streamlined **Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)** forgiveness application portal on August 4 to allow borrowers with PPP loans of \$150,000 or less to apply for forgiveness directly through the SBA.

The new **streamlined PPP application portal** will accept applications from borrowers that have a PPP loan with a **participating lender** that opted into the forgiveness portal, simplifying forgiveness for millions of small businesses.

PPP borrowers can check out the **Direct Forgiveness Portal User Guide** for detailed instructions or attend an SBA-sponsored training session on the new SBA Direct Forgiveness Portal - **click here for upcoming dates**.

The SBA is also setting up a PPP customer service team to directly assist borrowers with their forgiveness applications. Borrowers needing assistance can call 1-877-552-2692, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET. or **meet with a Pace SBDC Business Advisor**

## Emergency Rental Assistance Program

This week, the CDC renewed an eviction moratorium for U.S. counties experiencing substantial and high levels of community transmission levels of COVID-19, which currently includes all 5 boroughs of New York City. This order will temporarily prevent Americans from getting evicted until October 3, 2021.

New Yorkers who have been unable to pay rent due to the impacts of COVID-19 can apply for help through the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). Both tenants and landlords can apply for ERAP benefits. Payments are made directly to landlords. To view eligibility details and to apply, [\*visit this link\*](#). You can direct questions to the State's ERAP call center: 844-NY1-RENT(844-691-7368) or the hearing-impaired TTY number: 1-833-843-8829.

## Re-Opening Updates

**On August 3, Mayor de Blasio announced that workers and customers will have to provide proof of vaccination** in order to participate in indoor dining, indoor entertainment, and indoor fitness facilities, beginning Monday, August 16. [\*You can watch the press conference about the Key to NYC Pass program here.\*](#)

Key to NYC Pass is a first-in-the-nation approach that will be phased in over the coming weeks. Proof of vaccination includes a paper vaccination card from the CDC, a NYC Vaccination Record, the NYS Excelsior Pass, or the NYC COVID Safe app for Android or iOS.

Additionally, beginning September 13, New York City will also require proof of vaccination or weekly *COVID-19 tests* for all City workers. And all newly hired City workers will need to receive at least one dose of the *vaccine* prior to starting work, pursuant to Executive Order No. 75 of 2021. Mayor de Blasio has made an official call for the private sector to enact vaccine and test mandates at their offices, workplaces, and stores.



### **Open Restaurants / Sidewalk Cafes Text Amendment**

The New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) and Department of City Planning (DCP) are proposing a citywide zoning text amendment that will allow the DOT to administer the Permanent Open Restaurant program (POR). The proposal will remove sidewalk café regulations from the Zoning Resolution to increase geography eligibility as sidewalk cafes will become part of a unified sidewalk and roadway outdoor dining program administered at DOT. View the material for this [here](#).

[Community Board 8 wants your feedback on the open restaurants program at a Public Hearing on Thursday, September 2nd at 6:30 PM.](#)

### **By Labor Day, all state employees will be required to either get vaccinated or get tested for COVID-19 on a weekly basis**

We look forward to working closely with our brothers and sisters in labor to implement the program quickly and fairly. This vaccination or testing requirement will help ensure the health and safety of our incredible workforce at a time when Delta is spreading.

[Visit the New York State Vaccine Site Locator](#)

Call 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829)

or [Visit the New York City Vaccine Site Locator](#)

Call 877-VAX-4NYC (877-829-4692)

[NYC Homecoming Week events will include free film screenings hosted by Rooftop Films, NYC Restaurant Week, Summer Streets, iconic events, cultural activities, public art, and more. To sign up for email updates on NYC Homecoming Week events and tickets, visit the NYC Homecoming Week website.](#)

## **Upcoming Events**

**ASSEMBLY MEMBER**

**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**



# HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

**TUES. AUGUST 17**

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!

**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY  
AT 2:00 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**

**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.*

**RSVP to the Legal Clinic**





# NO-COST NOTARY

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