

Rebecca Seawright



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We are mourning yet another senseless tragedy, the horrific shooting of ten people at Tops Grocery store in Buffalo, New York. More is to be uncovered about the terror attack but it is clear that the gunman was motivated by hate and white supremacist ideology. We must disarm those who harbor dangerous and hateful ideology, and root out racially-motivated violent extremism in our State and Nation.

I am pleased to report that we won Roosevelt Island majority resident control on its governing board with the passage of our legislation to bring greater accountability and transparency to the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC) board. Another bill passing both houses this session requires the RIOC Chief Executive Officer to be a resident.

Consider joining us for one of our upcoming events:

- *Tuesday, May 17 at 6:00 pm on Zoom and Facebook Live- **Town Hall Tuesday featuring the NYPD 19th Precinct Crime Prevention Officers.** RSVP and submit questions here.*
- *Wednesday, May 18 from 10:00 am- 2:00 pm at the District Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets) - **Rent Freeze Enrollment Clinic.** RSVP by calling 212-288-4607.*
- *Thursday, May 19 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, May 19 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Zoom - **Virtual Knitting Social on zoom.** RSVP here.*
- *Tuesday, May 24 from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm - **No-Cost Housing Legal Clinic.** RSVP by calling 212-288-4607.*

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

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Sincerely,



**Rebecca
Seawright**
ASSEMBLY MEMBER



**VIRTUAL
TOWN
HALL
TUESDAY**

**BASIC SAFETY
SCAM PREVENTION
ID THEFT PREVENTION**



NYPD 19Pct
New York City Police Department

**CRIME PREVENTION
OFFICERS FROM THE LOCAL
NYPD 19TH PRECINCT**

**Topic of
Discussion**

**ZOOM-IN OR JOIN
THE CONVERSATION
ON FACEBOOK LIVE!**

**MAY 17
6:00 PM**

**ON ZOOM AND
FACEBOOK.COM
/REBECCAASEAWRIGHT/LIVE**

**RSVP: SEAWRIGHTR
@NYASSEMBLY.GOV**



RSVP Here

As Featured in the Roosevelt Island Daily

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It's a big win for Roosevelt Island Seawright leads RIOC Reforms



It's a big win for Roosevelt Island. Seawright leads RIOC Reforms

When I talked with State Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright one afternoon by the big window in Nisi, I stressed - as others had before me - that RIOC must be changed. That is, in ways that make the state agency more responsive to Roosevelt Islanders. In a healthy partnership with Senator José...

[Read More In The Roosevelt Island Daily](#)

Seawright Wins Battle for Residents' Control On Roosevelt Island Governing Board

The New York State Legislature approved Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright's legislation giving residents a majority vote on the governing board of the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation.

The measure is part of a series of reforms to bring greater accountability and transparency to the board, which serves more than 12,000 residents.

Under the Seawright legislation, five of the nine appointees to the board, a majority,

must reside on the island. The governor appoints four resident board members. The mayor appoints one resident board member.

The full board of 9 is comprised of the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal commissioner serving as chair, the New York State Director of Budget, 5 gubernatorial appointees, and 2 mayoral appointees.

“The Founding Fathers’ cry of “no taxation without representation” has somehow eluded the Board of the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation,” said Seawright. ***“This long overdue reform will finally give residents a majority on the governing board to fight for a better Roosevelt Island.”***

State Senator José M. Serrano sponsored the companion bill in the Senate. The measure now moves to the desk of Governor Kathy Hochul for her signature.

The Legislature also approved a separate bill sponsored by Seawright and Serrano requiring the corporation's Chief Executive Officer to reside on the island. A non-resident CEO would be required to relocate to the island within one year of appointment.

East Side Middle School Annual Auction: Seawright Announces \$500,000 for Play Yard Accessibility Improvements



It was the Year of The Tiger at the East Side Middle School Auction.



Principal David Getz and Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.

Community Office Rent Freeze Clinic With New York City Department of Finance

Join Us At The Next Clinic This Wednesday, May 18



Michael, Marco and Melissa from the Department of Finance (DOF) standing with Madison, Constituent Liaison to Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright for the rent freeze clinic.

If you missed the clinic on May 11, DOF will be back this Wednesday, May 18 at the District Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright from 10:00am-1:00pm.

Seawright Submits Testimony To Rent Guidelines Board

Rent increases for the over one million rent stabilized tenants in New York City are determined by a vote of the Rent Guidelines Board (RGB).

Seawright has submitted testimony and cosigned a letter to urge Chairman David Reiss and the Rent Guidelines Board to freeze rents in both one and two year leases or propose the lowest increase possible for rent stabilized apartments.

The RGB took a preliminary vote on the rent increases for the next round of one- and two-year leases. The board approved the following ranges to increase rent in the preliminary vote:

- One-year regulated leases: 2 to 4%
- Two-year regulated leases: 4 to 6%

Their decision will affect leases that begin between October 1, 2022 and September 30, 2023.

The board must set rent levels by July 1, and the final vote takes place in June.

Between now and that final vote, the board will hold two hearings to take testimony from the public on how it should set guidelines:

Monday, June 13 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Jamaica Performing Arts Center

153-10 Jamaica Ave., Queens

Wednesday, June 15 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Hostos Community College

450 Grand Concourse, The Bronx

You can submit testimony ahead of the hearings [here](#).

For instructions on how to submit a video, visit the RGB's [website](#).

Seawright Presents "Our Town Thanks You" (OTTY) Award



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, East 79 Street Neighborhood Association member John McClement and Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine.



Editor-In-Chief of Our Town Alexis Gelber welcomed everyone to the OTTY Awards Ceremony.



Seawright presented the award to William Villanova. His OurTown profile is linked here.

Last August, Frank E. Campbell The Funeral Chapel hosted a comedy show, an unusual pairing of venue and entertainment. But the Upper East Side chapel, famed for organizing funeral services for leaders and legends ranging from Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis to The Notorious B.I.G., is far from ordinary.

[Read More](#)

CUNY Law Alum and Chair of CUNY Board of Visitors Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright Addresses CUNY Law Class of 2022



Seawright brought greetings to the class of 2022. She is a CUNY Law Alum '92 and Chair of the Board of Visitors.



The graduates reciting "The Lawyer's Pledge."

Queens College Gala



Audrey Smaltz, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, and Gail Annette Marquis, a Queens College graduate and former Olympic basketball player in 1976.

Upcoming Events

**RENT FREEZE
ENROLLMENT CLINIC**

WED. MAY 18

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**1485 YORK AVENUE
(78/79 ST.)**



**CALL 212-288-4607
OR EMAIL
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Who is eligible:

- Are 62 years old +
- Live in a rent regulated apartment
- Have a household income of \$50,000 or less
- Spend more than 1/3 of your income on rent

Document checklist:

- Government issued ID
- Federal or state income tax returns with all schedules and 1099s.
- Current and prior leases, signed by you and your landlord.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER

REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT



HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

TUES. MAY 24

**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY
AT 3:30 PM
ATTORNEYS FROM THE LAW
OFFICES OF GRIMBLE &
LOGUIDICE, LLC PROVIDES
ADVICE ON HOUSING-RELATED
MATTERS 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!**

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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.



Weill Cornell Medicine

Clinical & Translational Science Center

Learn how to recognize and
reverse an opioid overdose.

Date: Thursday, May 19, 2022

Time: 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Where: Good Shepherd Chapel

543 Main St.,

Roosevelt Island, NY 10044

Get a **FREE** Naloxone kit to save lives!



For more information call **646.962.8153** or
email ctsc-community@med.cornell.edu

In Loving Memory



Detective Wayne Jones



Officer Corey Fischer

Come join the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation as we celebrate the lives of Detective Wayne Jones and Officer Corey Fischer. We will gather to share our memories and stories of two wonderful men who served and loved the Roosevelt Island Community.

Sunday, May 22nd, 2022
Jack McManus Field
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM



Roosevelt Island
Operating Corporation



NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

JULIE MENIN



Council Member Julie Menin, NYC Parks and the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment invites you to

MOVIES UNDER THE STARS



Saturday, May 21, 2022
8:30-10:30 P.M.

Play Area in St. Catherine's Park
1st Avenue Bet. East 67 Street To East 68 Street Manhattan

This event is free and open to the public
For more information contact 212-360-1430





FREE CONTACTLESS HELMET

FITTING & DISTRIBUTION EVENT FOR ALL

PLEASE NOTE

Helmets will be distributed following all social distancing protocols and **only given to those present while supplies last.**

A parent or legal guardian must be present to sign a waiver for children under age 18.

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022
11:00am – 2:30pm

John Jay Park

East 76th Street Between
Cherokee Place and FDR Drive
New York, NY 10021



[Watch the Bike Helmet Fitting Tips on YouTube](#)
(bit.ly/bike-helmet-fitting-videos)
or scan the QR code.



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FRIENDS OF THE EAST RIVER ESPLANADE 60TH - 120TH STREETS

Aycock Pavillion Events



60th Street and the East River Esplanade

Free Ice Cream Pops, Live Music and do-it-yourself kids' craft activities on the beautiful 60th St & East River Waterfront!

Saturday, June 4

1 - 4 pm - French Cookin' Blues Band

Saturday, June 11

1 - 4 pm - Gene Casey and the Lone Sharks Band

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