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ASSEMBLYMEMBER



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Tomorrow is the anniversary of the Dobbs Decision Anniversary that overturned Roe v. Wade. I was pleased to join Governor Hochul today for the signing of a monumental bill in the continued fight to uphold reproductive freedoms. The legislation signed into law will help ensure more women can access reproductive health care and abortion services by prohibiting state law enforcement from cooperating with cases prosecuting doctors in New York who use telehealth services to prescribe medication abortion or deliver any reproductive health care to people in states with restrictive abortion laws. It also ensures that providers who comply with their practice are not subject to professional discipline from medical malpractice insurance companies for delivering these reproductive telehealth services to out-of-state-patients.

It was a momentous occasion renaming of Fifth Avenue and Washington Square North to Edie Windsor and Thea Spyer Way. Windsor's lawsuit led the Supreme Court to strike down a key part of the Defense of Marriage Act in 2013. Edie Windsor was a dear friend and it was an honor to speak in her memory.

In this report you will find information on the recent vote by the Rent Guidelines Board. The board ultimately voted 5-4 in favor of rent increases despite calls for a rent freeze.

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

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Sincerely,

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Seawright Speaks At the Edie Windsor and Thea Spyer Way Street Naming



Assembly Member Seawright said, *"I am honored to be here today to honor and recognize my dear friend, the late Edie Windsor and Thea Spyer who took nothing for granted and used every tool they had to fight! Edie and Thea were committed to the rights we cherish and hold dear, to the fight for freedom and equality, and to the belief, that in the future, no one should be afraid to love who they love under fear of federal law."*



Left to right: Former Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal, his daughter Silvia, Governor Kathy Hochul, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Judith Kasen-Windsor, Attorney General Letitia James, and Council Member Christopher Marte.



Left to right: Donna Aceto, Karen Sauvignon, Judith Kasen-Windsor, David Turley, David Hochberg, and Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.







Seawright presented flowers to Judith Kasen-Windsor who is carrying on the legacy of Edie and Thea and made the street naming possible.

On Eve of Dobbs Decision Anniversary, Seawright Joined Governor Hochul For Bill Signing To Strengthen Access to Reproductive Health Care



Assembly Member Seawright cosponsored and strongly supported the legislation to ensure that New York providers can prescribe medication abortion and deliver reproductive health care through telehealth services to patients in states where abortion services are outlawed or restricted.

Seawright Issued Testimony Advocating For A Rent Freeze For Rent Stabilized Tenants



Despite advocacy by Assembly Member Seawright who submitted testimony to the Rent Guidelines Board advocating for a rent freeze, the Rent Guidelines voted 5-4 to increase rents for the over 1 million rent stabilized tenants in New York City.

What is the NYC Rent Guidelines Board? The RGB is a city body that establishes rent adjustments for approximately one million rent-stabilized apartment units. NYC's Mayor appoints all nine members: two who represent tenants' interests, two who represent owners' interests, and five who represent the general public, including one chairperson.

What Did They Decide? In a 5-4 vote, and despite calls for a rent freeze, the board approved rent increases for over two million rent-stabilized tenants with leases starting in October.

How Will This Affect Me? Rent-stabilized New Yorkers with one-year leases will face a 3% rent hike. Tenants with two-year leases will receive 2.75% and 3.2% increases in their first and second years, respectively.

What Can I Do?

Find out if you are eligible for the New York City Rent Freeze Program, including SCRIE for seniors or DRIE for individuals with disabilities.

Go to access.nyc.gov and mybenefits.ny.gov to see all the city and state affordability programs you may qualify for.

Visit [LiveOn NY](http://LiveOnNY.com) or [CIDNY](http://CIDNY.com) for a free benefits check.

Review your rent history for any overcharges by calling the New York State Department of Homes and Community Renewal's Office of Rent Administration at 833-499-0343.

Call about our office's free, biweekly housing legal clinic.

If you need help with housing benefits or a rent freeze, call 311 or send a message by visiting <https://www.nyc.gov/site/rentfreeze/help/help.page>

Contact the Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright at 212-288-4607 or email SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov. Visit 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets).

Roosevelt Island Day



Roosevelt Island Blogger Rick O'Connor, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, RIRA President Rossana Ceruzzi, and Senator Jose Serrano.



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright and Christina Delfico.



Assembly Member Seawright with interns Leon and Jordan at the Roosevelt Island Day festival.



Madison let Roosevelt Islanders know about our no-cost shred-a-thon coming to Roosevelt Island on Saturday, September 16.

Assembly Member Seawright Voted in Support of Passage of Legislation Strengthening Our Democracy and Participation in Local Elections



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright announced that she helped pass a package of bills to empower voters and strengthen New York’s electoral system. The legislative package includes bills to crack down on “faithless” electors (A.928), change most local elections to be held during even-numbered years to increase participation (A.4282-B), make it easier to register to vote and receive early mail voting ballots (A.6132-A and A.7632-A), ensure ballots are counted properly (A.7690), require ballot question language to be easily understandable (A.1722-B), and update campaign finance reform (A.7760).

There Is No Planet B New York State All-Electric Buildings Act Enacted

New York cannot afford to ignore climate change. Buildings alone account for 32% of energy use and

greenhouse gas emissions in New York State – the state’s largest source of carbon pollution. So, we need to rethink how we construct buildings as part of our response to the climate crisis.

Phasing out fossil fuels makes sense on so many more levels – from reducing our dependence on foreign fuels and their volatile prices to reducing heating bills for families. Homeowners can save hundreds of dollars a year by living in electrically heated homes. In our homes, when unburned gas leaks from stoves and pipelines, it releases carbon monoxide and cancer-causing air pollutants and new research has also linked gas stoves to asthma and other respiratory problems. This all points to one thing – New York is overdue to move toward greener, cleaner and safer electric alternatives.

New York State’s all-electric buildings plan

Quick Facts



Starting in 2026, most *new* buildings in New York will be built with electric heat systems and appliances



Existing buildings will *not* be impacted, *even when they are being repaired or renovated*



Individual new construction can get a waiver if the local utility cannot provide reliable service

Starting in 2026, the all-electric buildings law will require most new buildings in New York that are seven stories or shorter, and commercial/industrial buildings with 100,000 square feet or more of conditioned floor area, to use electric heat and appliances instead of planet-destroying fossil fuels. Most taller buildings, as well as smaller commercial buildings, will be included in the program starting in 2029.

Existing buildings will not be impacted by the new requirements, even when they are being repaired or renovated – this includes additions, relocation and change of occupancy or building use and appliance replacements. Additionally, construction projects can be issued waivers through the Building Codes Council if the local electric corporation or municipality cannot provide reliable service to the new building within a reasonable timeframe. New Yorkers will still be allowed to use their fuel-generated power sources, like emergency generators, as backup and standby power systems.

Bringing Transparency For Hospital Closures



The Assembly Majority protects health equity across New York by improving transparency and accountability for hospital closures.

The Local Input in Community Healthcare (LICH) Act (A.1633) would require the commissioner of the Department of Health to oversee proposed closures of hospitals, including emergency and maternity departments.

These facilities would be required to form a plan to protect access to health care in surrounding communities should their application to close be approved.

Members of the public would have more opportunities to provide input before the proposed closure date and would receive more information and resources surrounding the potential closure.

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What goes in the Bin?

Food scraps: fruit, vegetables, meat, bones, dairy, prepared foods



Food-soiled paper: Napkins, towels, tea bags, plates, coffee filters



Plant waste: flowers, plants



Use of bags is encouraged to minimize mess. Plastic, paper, and compostable bags are all allowed



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Unlocking Smart Compost Bins

1. When you're within reach of an available Bin, an unlock button will appear in the App.
2. Tap the unlock button to unlock the Bin. On the Bin, a green light will flash and a melody will play indicating the Bin is unlocking.
3. Deposit your compost and smile. You did your part for a greener future!



Let's Go!

Consider Our Office A Resource!

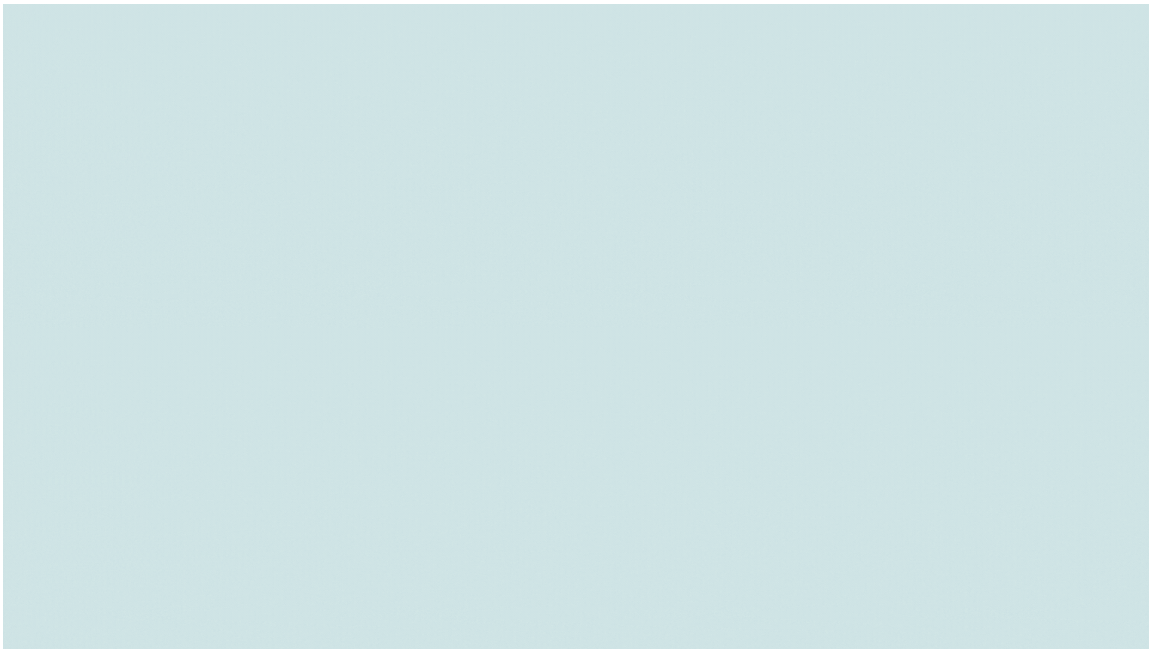
Constituent Services Success



A constituent contacted our office to point out the dirty windows at the Q station at 72nd Street. Jacob, our Special Assistant for Community Affairs persistently raised the issue with the MTA and as a result there was a coordination of canopy cleaning at 96th, 86th and 72nd Street Stations that took place. Now, we can see the sky clearly through the canopies.

Recycle Your Old Eyeglasses & Frames At The District Office

Upper Green Side will donate them to local hospitals that put them to good re-use!





WEEKLY E-NEWS

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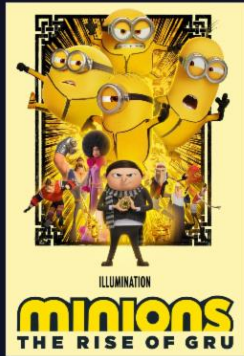
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Upcoming Events



Roosevelt Island
Operating Corporation

SUMMER MOVIE SERIES



- 07/14 SUPER PETS
- 07/21 FAMILY CAMP
- 07/28 MINIONS: THE RISE OF GRU
- 08/04 LIGHTYEAR
- 08/11 A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN



RAIN DATE
8/18

MUSIC, TRIVIA, & MORE START AT 6:00 PM
FILMS BEGIN AT SUNSET IN SOUTH POINT PARK
BRING BLANKETS & LAWN CHAIRS!



Manhattan Community Board 8 Calendar

The Manhattan Community Board 8 (CB8M) represents the Upper East Side of Manhattan and Roosevelt Island. CB8M is comprised of 50 volunteer members who serve as advocates and service coordinators for the community and its residents, as well as help citizens resolve municipal service delivery complaints.

CB8M reviews and makes recommendations on various issues, including applications for Zoning Text Amendments, building variances and special permits, liquor licenses, sidewalk cafes and street fairs, changes to landmarked buildings or buildings in historic districts, traffic and transportation issues, and more.

Each month, CB8M committees meet to discuss and resolve issues in the community.

Full Board Meeting - 3rd Wednesday
Land Use Committee - 2nd Wednesday
Street Life - 1st Tuesday
Transportation - 1st Wednesday
Housing - 1st Thursday
Parks - 2nd Thursday
Landmarks - 3rd Monday
Social Justice - 4th Monday
Zoning and Development - 4th Tuesday
Youth and Education - 4th Thursday

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