

Rebecca Seawright

ASSEMBLYMEMBER



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We organized a tour of the medical facility on Roosevelt Island with Sun River Health, Hudson-Related, Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOCC) staff and board members. The practice is expected to close in September so we have been working to identify potential healthcare providers to move into the space. It is critical for Islanders to have access to high quality and reliable healthcare services.

As an update to our previous correspondence, we have learned that the individual who scrawled antisemitic graffiti on an Upper East Side synagogue last week has been arrested and charged with a hate crime.

Many neighbors who are City retirees have contacted our office about the future of their healthcare plan. I am pleased to share that Judge Lyle Frank wrote in a decision and order that the city is “permanently enjoined from requiring any city retirees, and their dependents from being removed from their current health insurance plan.”

As we are wishing a farewell to our interns, we asked them to share their experiences serving the 76th Assembly District this summer.

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

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca A. Seawright". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT

Seawright Leads Tour of Medical Office on Roosevelt Island For Future Health Center



Pictured left to right: Assembly Member Seawright, Dr. Katherine Grimm, RIOC Director of Communications Bryant Daniels, RIOC Chief of Staff Aida Morales, RIOC Board Member Howard Polivy, and Sun River Health Chief Administrative Officer Chris Quinones.

Assembly Member Seawright organized a meeting with Sun River Health, Hudson-Related, Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC) staff and board members at the medical office that is set to close in September. Our office has been working to identify a provider who can support the Roosevelt Island Community.



Major Gift Officer at Sun River Health Joy Pak, RIOC Board Members Lydia Tang and Fay Christian, Greg Smith, and Hudson-Related's Didier Ruiz.



Dr. Katherine Grimm led a discussion on the history of the practice on the island and the unique benefits of serving Roosevelt Island's residents.

Judge Blocks City's Plan to Push Retirees to Medicare Advantage

Our office has received a lot of interest in the proposed change to medical coverage for City retirees. The New York Supreme Court just ruled against shifting retirees to a Medicare Advantage plan. The ruling is a win for the many retirees who fought for the health care that they worked so hard for and were promised. Read more below in *The City*.



The Adams administration had intended to switch 250,000 retired public-sector workers to a controversial privately run health care plan on Sept. 1.

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Farewell To Our Summer Interns

This summer has been an exciting learning experience for local high school and college students who interned with the district office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.

We have been privileged to work with them and would like to share their experiences with you!

Emilia Benenati

Something interesting about myself is that I like to play soccer. My favorite part of this internship has been collaborating with the other interns, getting to know great people, and learning about issues affecting our community. After this internship, I hope to get more involved in our community and use what I learned here throughout my life. Next year, I will be a senior at Brooklyn Technical High School.



Tatyana Berger

My name is Tatyana Berger and I am eighteen years old. I am from the Upper East Side, and am a rising freshman at The George Washington University. I am interested in studying political science and psychology. During my time interning at Assembly Member Seawright's office, I worked on a variety of projects. This included data entry, helping set up and run weekend fairs, and researching various topics. I also attended and assisted with the Women of Distinction Awards. I acted as a helping hand whenever it was necessary! When it comes to hobbies, I enjoy participating on sports teams. At my high school that I attended from kindergarten through twelfth grade, I was captain of the varsity tennis and volleyball teams. I also participated on the varsity basketball team. For five years I participated in a passion of mine, Project HAPPY, where I taught four hours of Basketball to children and adults with developmental disabilities. I am also a big lover of music, specifically the hip pop and alternative genres. Drake is my favorite musical artist! I truly aspire to use the skills I have learned at this internship as an opportunity to face and help solve community-wide conflicts. As someone who will be attending college in Washington D.C. this upcoming fall, I will use this foundation to improve my own social environment. In the future, I hope to become a lawyer, fighting for the crucial rights of others.



Adrian Berkovich

Hello! I'm Adrian, a student at the Beacon School. Ever since my childhood days of playing "Stack the States" and "Stack the Countries," I've been captivated by politics and public administration. I can proudly say that I still remember the capitals of every country and state!

During my internship at Assembly Member Seawright's office, I found my favorite activities to be writing briefings, responding to trends, and delving into research on New York State and City policies. It's fascinating how these policies impact our lives in ways we often overlook. Being an intern at the office allowed me to combine my community engagement with my passion for policy.

Looking ahead, my goal is to continue my journey in public service. I'm considering focusing on politics and international



law as I move forward after this internship. It's incredible to be given such an amazing opportunity, especially as a high school student, and I can't wait to see where this experience leads me next!

Jordan Braha

Hi there! My name is Jordan Braha and I am a student at UChicago.

I started looking for a summer internship when I returned from school and found one at Assembly Member Seawright's office. The location could not be better; the office is located about 1000 feet from where I live on the Upper East Side.

Aside from an easy commute, my internship has been a great experience. My responsibilities include vetting and responding to constituents inquiries, investigating policy and legislation for NY state, and to help organize spreadsheets used for efficient analysis by office staff.

I did not know when I left for summer break from UChicago where I was headed in terms of a career. Based on my positive experience over the past several weeks, I have found a passion for law, a direction for future internships, and a career path.



Samara Burstein

I am a high school senior at Hunter College High School and interned at Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright's constituent office during the summer of 2022 and the summer of 2023. During my time with the office, I assisted with research issues for constituents, responded to emails and phone calls, and outreach.

This summer I researched various local issues such as New York's Equal Rights Amendment and electric bicycle laws. I also worked on outreach for the Assembly Member's summer reading challenge, visiting many local summer camps and discussing the program with constituents.

Outside of the office, I am a member of the Hunter College High School speech and debate team and a member of the girls varsity swimming and diving team. I enjoy roller skating, jewelry making and metalwork, and spending time with friends. After finishing high school, I plan to study history and gender studies.



Miles Chaney

I really enjoyed working in Assembly Member Seawright's office this summer. I think it's very important that everyone in our community understands the services that this office has to offer. I enjoyed working with the staff and other volunteers giving out hand sanitizers and health supplies. I also enjoyed meeting neighbors who came to the office. I look forward to coming back next summer and attending street fairs during the year.



Meredith Cort

Something interesting about me is I go to a performing arts school for singing. My favorite part of the internship is participating in community events like the National Night Out and the Shred-A-Thon. After this internship I hope to keep making a difference in my community and to be opened to new experiences in college and beyond. Next year I will be a senior at LaGuardia High school.



Craig Hohmann

My name is Craig Hohmann, and I am a rising senior at New Explorations into Science, Technology, and Mathematics. In my free time I love to play soccer and watch old movies with my dad. Interning at Assemblymember Seawright's office has allowed me to follow my passion for politics, and my favorite part was creating legislative briefs for what bills Assemblymember Seawright has sponsored.



Ilsa Lareb

Hello! I am a Junior and a Computer Information Systems major at Baruch College at the City University of New York (CUNY). This summer has facilitated plenty of personal growth working at Assembly Member Seawright's office. My favorite part of this internship has been helping constituents through the drafting of letters of support, citations, and proclamations. I also loved researching recent amendments to NYS laws to aid individuals with their issues. After graduation, I want to work in any of the six well-established technology companies in Silicon Valley, such as Facebook, Apple, Netflix, Microsoft, Amazon, and Google (otherwise known as FANMAG). However, I do not plan on being a corporate employee permanently. I plan to secure enough capital to fund my e-commerce business and travel.



Sarah Markowitz

My favorite sport is swimming and I am on the varsity swim team at my high school as well as a club team. My favorite part of this internship has been National Night Out as well as meeting the other interns. After this internship I hope to be able to apply what I have learned here to the rest of my life. Next year, I will be a sophomore at Brooklyn Technical High School.



Liat Sinclair

I am from Miami, Florida, and am now beginning my senior year at the University of Florida where I am double majoring in Economics and Political Science and minoring in Business Administration. A few of my favorite pastimes include reading, watching movies, going to the beach, and spending time with my family and friends. This summer I had the amazing opportunity to work as an intern in Assembly Member Seawright's district office. In only 10 short weeks, I have learned so much about public service, public policy, and New York laws, and have gained important skills that will guide me for the years to come. My favorite part of this internship was no doubt the people that I had the honor of interacting with everyday. It is quite common for many to envision the government as an out-of-reach entity, but Assembly Member Seawright and her staffers have proved this sentiment wrong by being incredibly accessible and immersed in the community they serve. As an intern, I was given the opportunity to engage in constituent services and as a result, I have had so many rewarding interactions with the residents of the 76th District. Additionally, I was tasked with researching many different issues and topics that the Assembly Member works with on a daily basis and thus, I learned an incredible amount about how a government office is run and what it is like to truly be an advocate for people. As I now begin my final year of undergraduate school and prepare to attend law school in the fall of 2024, I am so excited to utilize the skills and knowledge that I have gained from this experience in my current leadership roles at school and in my future career in law.



Mia Taubenblat

Hello, my name is Mia Taubenblat. During my time at Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright's office I worked on researching constituent issues, promoting New York State Assembly programs like the Summer Reading Challenge, and organizing office information. I hope to study government and law in the future. I also love to sing, act, play guitar, and write my own songs.



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