Rebecca Seawright



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A Message From

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright

Dear Neighbor,

As a member of the Assembly Education Committee, it is with the highest regard for families in my district and students across New York City, that I voted "No" in the Education Committee on Assembly Bill A10427A which aims to change the admissions criteria of specialized high schools in New York City and to limit the Specialized High School Admissions Test (SHSAT). Please see my statement below.

This week, my bill to track policy-makers by gender passes both houses and will be delivered to the governor.

We met with the adoptee advocates in Albany at a press conference for the Unsealed Initiative ensuring protections for adoptees in New York State. I was joined by Jill Eisner this week for the Non-Toxic New York day in Albany.

I am proud to cosponsor the following upcoming events:

- Thursday, June 14 @ 4:00pm *Mind-Body Headache & Migraine Relief &Prevention Workshop* at your Community Office (78/79 Streets)
- Thursday, June 14 @6pm *East Side Overdevelopment Forum* at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, 331 East 70th Street (First and Second Avenues)
- Sunday, June 24 *Heritage of Pride Parade* contact the community office by emailing <u>Seawrightr@nyassembly.gov</u> if you would like to join our contingent!
- Sunday, June 24 from 10am-2pm *Shred-a-thon*, East 92nd Street and First Avenue
- Thursday, June 28 @ 6pm Roosevelt Island Town Hall at the Good Shephard Community Center, 543 Main Street
- Tuesday, July 17 @ 6pm *Hoarding Workshop* at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 316 East 88th Street (First and Second Avenues)
- Thursday, July 26 *Free Screening Mammograms for Eligible Women* at your Community Office (78/79 Streets). Appts. beginning at 9am.

I hope you find this update informative. Please stay in touch with my office about any issues that are important to you. As always, we are just a visit, call, or email away.

Sincerely,

REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT

Carolyn Maloney, ERA Coalition Call for Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment

Upcoming Events:

- Fresh Food Box Locations Now Open
- Movie Screening: Wonderwoman
- Movie Screening:Despicable Me
- Mind-Body Headache & Migraine Relief
- Overdevelopment Forum
- Roosevelt IslandDay
- Heritage of Pride March
- Roosevelt IslandTown Hall
- Hoarding Support
 Workshop

District Community Office:

1485 York Avenue

(78/79 Streets)

New York, NY 10075

212-288-4607

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In Albany...

Seawright Votes NO to Changing Admissions Criteria for New York City Specialized High Schools

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I received the bill last Friday and a vote was scheduled for this morning. Therefore two business days were allowed for review, discussion, and debate. On a topic this important, public hearings should first be conducted in each of the five boroughs to allow the public and stakeholders to express their views, concerns, and suggestions. Rushing to a vote as we near the end of session is not the most effective way to address the issues at hand. There are many questions crying out for answers, including how successful middle school pipeline programs can prepare students to compete and what programs must be replicated to create a more level playing field. I cannot support legislation on the future of specialized high schools with little opportunity for student, teacher, parent, alumni, and educator input.

We must be thoughtful and look at the issue holistically, with all stakeholders present before making a decision which will impact millions of children and families in New York City for decades to come. I look forward to working with New York City Schools' Chancellor Richard Carranza to further address injustices in our public school system. All students deserve access to high-quality educational opportunities and to take advantage of specialized high schools in New York City if they merit the opportunity. That is why I voted "No" on A10427A," said **Seawright**.

Seawright Bill That Tracks Policy-Makers By Gender Passes Both Houses



Albany, New York – On June 6, 2018, Assembly Bill 5487, legislation introduced by Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright that would identify how many policy-making positions are held by women in New York State Government passed the Senate and will be delivered to the Governor. The bill would compel the Secretary of State to compile a list of positions subjected to Public Officers Law Section 73-a and a representation of policy-making positions held by women compared to policy-making positions held by men. The compilation will track the length of time an individual maintains his or her position and compare the number of positions held by men and women on the Department of State's website. Making this information available will allow us to continue to push for gender equality in government, exposing where more work needs to be done to enable women to achieve leadership positions.

"Although we have our first appointed Attorney General, no woman has ever been elected in New York State as governor, attorney general or comptroller, and less than 30 percent of members of the New York State Legislature are women," Seawright said. "It is time to identify where in government gender equality is lacking, and pursue the necessary adjustments to better reflect gender realities in our society. I am hopeful that, by tracking this information and making it publicly available, our state will clear the path of inequities and enable all women to achieve their fullest potential."

Seawright Cosponsors Adoptee Legislation



Seawright with Joyce Bahr, President of the Unsealed Initiative and constituent at the Unsealed Initiative Press Conference held in the back of Assembly Chambers on Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Seawright is proud to have worked with Joyce Bahr, President of the Unsealed Initiative, to cosponsor and support Assembly Bill 9959B which will strengthen the rights of adoptees and their biological parents. This legislation would allow for an adopted person who has reached the age of 18 to request from the Department of Health a non-certified copy of his or her birth certificate and medical history if available. It is important that we give the right to personal information and family history. This basic information is pertinent to a person's physical and mental health.

Currently adoptees may only obtain original birth certificates through a cumbersome judicial process or by hiring an often expensive private investigator. Ethnic and religious heritage, medical history, and the ability to make contact with one's birth parents should not only be available to adoptees who can afford a private investigator, but to all adult adoptees.

Community Leader Jill Eisner Visits Albany for the Non-toxic New York Day in Albany







Limiting Painkiller Prescriptions Will Aid in the Fight Against the Opioid Epidemic

"The opioid crisis continues to wreak havoc in communities across our state, claiming countless lives each and every year. From 2015 to 2016, the number of drug deaths in New York State – fueled primarily by opioids like fentanyl and heroin – increased by nearly 30 percent. Many individuals become addicted to these deadly drugs after being prescribed opioid painkillers following an injury or operation.

To ensure New Yorkers aren't left with extra painkillers that could be misused or could fall into the wrong hands, I passed legislation enabling patients to partially fill controlled substance prescriptions (A.10392-A). Under current law, patients who partly fill this type of medication initially are not allowed to fill the remainder of the prescription later on. This measure would allow 30 days to fill the remainder of the prescription. It gives patients the final say when it comes to their treatment and may help stop prescription drug abuse before it happens.

Today's legislation builds on our efforts to tackle this epidemic head-on. That includes the recent creation of a \$100 million Opioid Stewardship Fund, a partnership with the pharmaceutical industry to expand prevention, treatment, and recovery programs for those struggling with substance use disorder.

I will keep doing everything I can to combat opioid addiction and help more New Yorkers struggling with addiction stay on the road to recovery," said **Assembly Member Seawright.**

New Laws Taking Effect – June 2018							
Effective Date	Chapter Number	Bill Number	Summary				
6/11/2018	Ch. 60 of 2018	A.10272 S.8121	***SEAWRIGHT COSPONSORED*** Prohibits individuals convicted of a domestic violence related misdemeanor from possessing or purchasing firearms.				
6/16/2018	Ch. 464 of 2017	A.6095-A S.4329-A	Allows charitable organizations to accept credit or debit cards as payment for raffles and allows such raffle tickets to be purchased online.				
6/16/2018	Ch. 475 of 2017	A.5175-A S.1241-A	Requires the Department of Health to notify individuals that are age 65 or older, blind, disabled, or are eligible for federal supplemental security income benefits, the option to participate in a qualifying trust to obtain additional medical assistance.				
6/16/2018	Ch. 477 of 2017	<u>A.6884-B</u> <u>S.5380-B</u>	Requires automobile brokers to be licensed, in order to prevent unlawful or deceptive practices.				
6/16/2018	Ch. 490 of 2017	A.8519-A S.5644-B	Increases consumer awareness about supplementary uninsured/underinsured motorist insurance coverage (SUM).				



Click here for the grants action news for June 2018.

In Our Community...

Team Rebecca at the First Avenue Fair



Linda, Audrey, Evelyn, Jan, Theo, Courtney and Barbara.



Rebecca Seawright, Sophia Mehl, Megan Lubkin, Mirabel Sandler and Audrey Tannen.



Theo Spedalle, Rebecca Seawright and Ruth Halberg.

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Alyssa Milano, Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, ERA Coalition Call for Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright joined Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (NY-12), House Sponsor of the Equal Rights Amendment (H.J. Res. 33), activist and actress Alyssa Milano, the ERA Coalition, and women's rights advocates to call for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). The ERA would guarantee that Constitutional rights apply equally to all persons regardless of their sex. Currently, the right to vote is the only right guaranteed to women in the Constitution.

Although the ERA passed Congress in 1972, it was ratified by only 35 of the 38 states required to amend the Constitution. Rep. Maloney has reintroduced the ERA 11 times. In 2017, Nevada ratified the ERA and just last week Illinois became the 37th state to ratify.

"Women everywhere are demanding equality," said Alyssa Milano. "The #MeToo movement was such a powerful phenomenon because for far too long, women have not felt heard. It's hard to empower women when they are not recognized as part of our constitution. Now is the time for that to change and for the ERA to become part of the law for our nation."

"I commend America' Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney for being a national champion for women and for introducing the Equal Rights Amendment every year since she has been in office!" said Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright. "Let's make this year, the year it happens. I am proud to have introduced and helped to pass the Equal Rights Amendment in the New York State Assembly. The women of our state, like the women of our country, deserve the constitutional protection of equal rights to ensure that progress made thus far in policies to prohibit sex discrimination is not weakened or undermined. The Equal Rights amendment to the New York State and the United States Constitutions will ensure that women are permanently protected from sex-based discrimination. The time to act is now!"



Upcoming Events ...



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
AT: Abyssinian Towers, 50 West 131st Street. CHT: Church of the Holy Trinity, 341 East 87th Street; or 316 East 88th Street. FAPC: Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, 7 West 55th Street; MAPC: Madison Ave Presbyterian Church, 921 Madison Ave. (73rd Street); MC: Mercy Center: 377 E. 145th Street; SJC: St. Joseph's Church, 404 East 87th Street; RC: Rutgers Church 236 West 73rd Street; PAUM: Park Avenue United Methodist Church, 106 East 86th Street. SFHC: Sydenham Family Health Center, 264 West 118 Street. CHR: Church of the Heavenly Rest, 90th Street & Fifth Avenue. Marble Collegiate Church, 1 West 29th Street.									
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	5. 1:30-2:30 CHT (87) Pet Club Social 2:00-3:00 AT Exercise 3:00-4:00 CHT (88) Tai Chi	6. 11:00-12:00 FAPC Strength & Tone 1:00-2:00. Chess 23 W. 10 Street 1:30-2:30 PAUM Exercise 2:00-4:00 CHT (87) Poker	7. 10:00 – 11:00 CHT(87) Alexander Technique 1:00-2:00 RC Chair Yoga for Arthritis 2:00 tour Collectors Club 2:30-3:30 CHR Brain Wellness	8. 10:30-11:30 CHT (88) Exercise 11:30-12:30 CHT (88) Italian Class 12:00-4:00 CHT(88) Bridge 3:00-4:00 MAPC NO Harmonica Class	9. 11:00–12:00 SJC Chair Yoga 12:30 CHT (87) Matinee Movie				
11. 10:30-11:30 MAPC Arthritis Exercise 1:30 -3:30 CHT (88) Mah Jong (last class) 2:00 – 3:00 CHT (87) Photography 4:00-5:00 CHT (87) Flamenco Dance	12. 2:00-3:00 AT Exercise 3:00-4:00 CHT (88) Tai Chi	13. 11:00-12:00 FAPC Strength & Tone 1:00-2:00. Chess 23 W. 10 Street 1:30-2:30 PAUM Exercise 2:00-4:00 CHT (87) Poker	14. 10:00 – 11:00 CHT(87) Alexander Technique 11:00 Central Park Nature Sanctuary tour 1:00-2:00 RC Chair Yoga for Arthritis	15. 10:30-11:30 CHT (88) Exercise 11:30-12:30 CHT (88) Italian Class 12:00–4:00 CHT(88) Bridge 3:00-4:00 MAPC Harmonica Class	16. 11:00–12:00 SJC Chair Yoga 12:30 CHT (87) Matinee Movie				
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June 2018

FRESH FOOD BOX LOCATIONS NOW OPEN

The Fresh Food Box GrowNYC's Fresh Food Box Program is a food access initiative that enables under-served communities to purchase fresh, healthy, primarily regionally-grown produce well below traditional retail prices. Through the power of collaborative purchasing, Fresh Food Box customers purchase for \$14-15 what would cost \$20-\$30 in a store. All Fresh Food Box sites accept SNAP/EBT and Health Bucks, to make our shares even more affordable.

The produce included in each Fresh Food Box is the best of what's seasonally available. From July through November, Fresh Food Box sources from farms in the Northeast; in the winter and spring, Northeast produce is supplemented with produce from carefully vetted farms in Southern states, like Florida. This ensures Fresh Food Box provides a wide variety of fresh produce year-round while driving sales of locally-available items such as apples, root vegetables, eggs, grains, and dried beans.

How Fresh Food Box works:

Visit a Fresh Food Box site near you

- Pay \$14 (or \$15 at workplace sites) in cash, credit/debit, EBT/SNAP, or Health Bucks for next week's share
 - Return the following week to pick up your share containing 10-15 pounds of fresh, high-quality produce

District 5 (Ben Kallos) *Now open!

244 East 93rd Street
Thursdays, 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm
June 7th to November 15th

Lenox Hill Senior Center

70th Street & 1st Avenue, 1st Avenue Entrance
Tuesdays, 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Year-round
Community Partner: Lenox Hill Neighborhood House
This site collects food scraps for compost.









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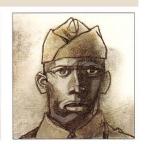
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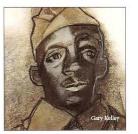




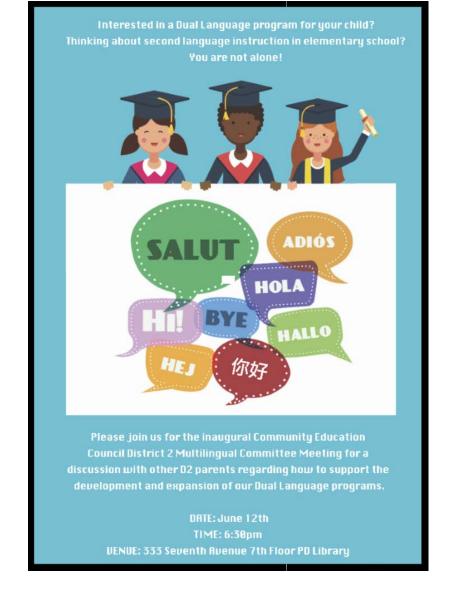
























Thursday, June 14 4:00pm

Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)

By Jan Mundo, Somatic Coach & Movement **Educator Author of** "The Headache Healer's Handbook"

Call 212.288.4607 or email Seawright R@nyassembly.gov to RSVP!



BOROUGH PRESIDENT GALE BREWER STATE SENATOR LIZ KRUEGER COUNCIL MEMBER BEN KALLOS



OVERDEVELOPMENT FORUM

Community Initiatives, Closing Loopholes & Our Fight Against Overdevelopment

Thursday, June 14, 6PM

Lenox Hill Neighborhood House 331 East 70th Street









Cosponsored by Congress Member Maloney, State Senator Serrano, Assembly Member Seawright, Council Member Powers, Carnegie Hill Neighbors, Historic Districts Council

RSVP at 212-860-1950 or visit BenKallos.com/Events

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MEETING OF THE EAST 79TH STREET ASSOCIATION

THURSDAY, JUNE 21 @ 6PM

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Please email SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov if you would like to march with Assembly Member Seawright!





Pride on the Hill

Celebrate equality at our $Pride\ on\ the\ Hill\ fair!\ We'll\ be\ providing\ information\ and\ education\ about\ the\ LGBTQ\ community\ from\ organizations,\ including:$

- The Gerald J Friedman Transgender Program for Health and Wellness

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 The Tyler Clementi Foundation
 The National LGBT Chamber of Commerce New York
 Queens Center for Gay Seniors
 Generation Q: LGBTQ Youth in Queens

- Generation Q: LOBIQ Youth in Queens
 Aid for AIDS International | Latino Commission on AIDS
 Leslie Lohman Museum of Gay and Lesbian Art
 OutRight Action International
 New York City Anti-Violence Project
 Hetrick Martin Institute | Harvey Milk School

- GMHC
- GMHC
 Born Perfect: The Campaign to End Conversion Therapy
 I'm From Driftwood: The LGBTQ Story Archive
 The LGBT Community Center
 HEAT: Health and Education Alternatives for Teens

Northwell Health

- FLUX NYC/AIDS Healthcare Foundation | Trans Latina Network

The Trever Project | Trever Next Gen

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

11:30am to 3:30pm Einhorn Auditorium 131 E. 76th Street New York, NY 10075

Questions? Call us today at (212) 434-2800.



Lenox Hill Hospital, Lenox Health Greenwich Village, and Manhattan Eye, Ear & Throat Hospital have been designated leaders in the 2018 LGBTQ Healthcare Equality Index.



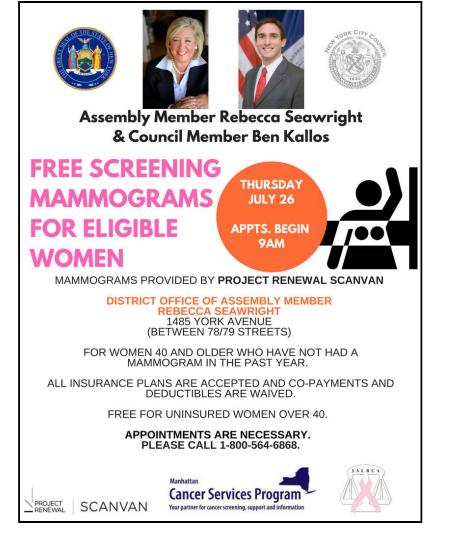












Construction Updates...

MEMORIAL SLOAN KETTERING CANCER CENTER

East 73rd/74th Street and FDR Drive site

Necessary construction activity will take place at the site on Saturday, June 9th, 7:00 am - 6:00 pm.

Please call the project's Construction Information Line at 212-639-4444 with any questions or comments.