



Happy New Year Friends and Neighbors!

This week marked the beginning of the 245th Legislative Session in Albany. In the Assembly, I am proud to have been appointed to the leadership team as Chair of the Steering Committee. Following our session, Governor Kathy Hochul delivered the State of the State Address in the Assembly Chamber.

On Thursday, January 6, we remembered the horrific events of the US Capitol insurrection at a candlelight remembrance in Carl Schurz Park.

I encourage constituent coop and condo owners impacted by the pandemic to apply for the New York State Homeowner Assistance Fund. If you missed the presentation we cosponsored this week with Senators Liz Krueger and Brian Kavanagh, see below for a recording and information on the program.

We are hosting our next booster clinic on Thursday, January 13 from 9:30 am-5:30 pm at the Senior Center on Roosevelt Island, 546 Main Street. Stop by our Thursday personal protective equipment giveaway for your N95 mask, surgical masks, and hand sanitizer.

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

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Sincerely,

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BOOSTER SHOT CLINIC

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13 BY APPOINTMENT: 9:30AM-4:30PM

CARTER BURDEN SENIOR CENTER 546 MAIN STREET

CALL 212-288-4607 TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

IN-HOME APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE FOR HOMEBOUND ROOSEVELT ISLAND RESIDENTS UPON REQUEST

> BRING YOUR VACCINE CARD AND INSURANCE CARD

Click here to make your appointment. In-home appointments can be made by calling our office at 212-288-4607.

Pick Up Your N95 Mask At The Next Thursday No-Cost PPE Giveaway



NO-COST THURSDAY **PPE** GIVEAWAY





12:00PM-2:00PM

COMMUNITY OFFICE 1485 YORK AVENUE (78/79 STREETS)

212-288-4607

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The Opening of the 245th New York State Legislative Session

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright Appointed to Assembly Leadership Team as Chair of Steering Committee



Governor Hochul Delivers 2022 State of the State Address

The Assembly Welcomes the Return of the State of the State to its Chamber



On Wednesday, following the opening of the 245th Legislative Session, Governor Kathy Hochul delivered the State of the State address from the Assembly Chamber.

She has a plan to rebuild healthcare and teacher workforces; provide tax relief to those who need it most; speed up economic growth and create good paying, middle-class jobs; strengthen our infrastructure and confront climate change; secure public safety and make housing more affordable; ensure all New Yorkers have a roof over their heads; and enact bold reforms for our State government.

The Governor's plan can be read here: https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2022-01/2022StateoftheStateBook.pdf

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright Urges Co-op and Condo Owners to Apply for New York State Homeowner Assistance Fund

Cosponsors Important Information Session With Senators Krueger and Kavanagh



On Thursday night, Assembly Member Seawright cosponsored an important presentation hosted by Senators Liz Krueger and Brian Kavanagh on the New York State Homeowner Assistance Fund which will help co-op and condo owners in her district. Featured speakers were Dina Levy from New York State Homes, and Community Renewal and Rose Marie Cantanno from the New York State Legal Assistance Group.

The recording of the event can be accessed here : <u>https://www.facebook.com/statesenatorlizkrueger/videos/63197442804423</u> 0



Homeowners Assistance Fund Help and Resources Tip: Do Not Pay For Help Applying To This Program No-Cost Support Is Available In Multiple Languages <u>www.nyhomeownerfund.org/get-local-support</u>

Apply if you're a homeowner who is:

- Behind or in forbearance on their mortgage
- In default on a reverse mortgage
- Behind on their property taxes, water, or sewage bills
- Behind on monthly maintenance charges of your coop or condo
- Behind on their chattel loans, retail installment contracts, or other types of home purchase loans and/or lot rent

To apply or learn more, visit <u>nyhomeownerfund.org</u> or call 1-844-77-NYHAF (776-9423).

> <u>Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)</u> <u>A detailed guide about the NYS HAF Application</u> <u>List of documents you may need to provide</u>

The Anniversary Of The January 6 US Capitol Insurrection

Community Gathered For Candle Light Remembrance In Carl Schurz Park



Assembly Member Seawright issued the following statement on January 6, 2022:

"I was horrified to watch an attack on our democratic institutions unfold in Washington on January 6. It was an insurrection led by our former president. His vile actions, rhetoric and the spread of misinformation to the public incited mobs to storm the capitol. It was an act of domestic terrorism and a clear attempt to overthrow a peaceful transition of power. The division grows deeper and the misinformation is proliferating. How each state and locality has handled this pandemic is proof. What happened that day was an outward expression of extremism and division that representatives like Congresswoman Maloney have to fight against in Washington to this day. That is why we can never forget, never lose sight of American values, and never back down in defence of our democracy."







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On Jan. 6, 2021, PRESIDENT TRUMP INCITED AN INSURRECTION THAT LEFT 5 PEOPLE DEAD.

The Assembly Majority will always PROTECT AND UPHOLD DEMOCRACY.

Whether it's disrupting the peaceful transition of power or passing legislation to curb voting rights, the assault on our democracy continues. Seawright is proud to cosponsor legislation in the Assembly to stand up for democracy and fight to protect the constitutional right to vote.

Assembly Member Seawright: New Tax Relief Measures Will Ease Financial Burden On New Yorkers

The <u>Assembly Majority</u> is helping working families keep more of their hard-earned dollars.

New property tax circuit breaker program saves eligible homeowners up to <u>\$350 per year</u>.

To help all New Yorkers recover and thrive, the 2021-2022 state budget included numerous tax relief measures, created new state tax credits to help small businesses rebuild and reduced taxes for the middle class.

Along with rejecting a proposal to delay middle-class income tax cuts, the state budget will help homeowners save approximately \$400 million through a new property tax "circuit breaker." The policy gives an income tax credit to taxpayers who have lived at the same address for at least six months, have incomes under \$250,000, pay more than 6% of their income in property taxes and

are enrolled in or eligible for the STAR program. The benefits will be calculated based on the taxpayers' income and will pay out up to \$350 per year. To ensure property taxes are kept in check as well as to better support teachers and students, the 2021-22 state budget increased total school funding by \$3.1 billion. Additionally, the budget provides \$40 million to extend the low-income housing tax credit for five years.

In order to ensure that the wealthiest New Yorkers pay their fair share in taxes, the budget worked to level the playing field by having millionaires and large corporations pay more. By implementing a fairer tax code, we can ensure that our economic recovery is shared by all – not just the 1%. We fought to provide relief for small businesses, including \$35 million in restaurant return-to-work tax credits for certain independently owned restaurants and \$100 million in New York City musical and theatrical production tax credits.

Throughout the pandemic, New Yorkers have come together to support each other, recover and rebuild. In order to maintain this hardworking spirit, we need policies that will support and uplift our families and communities. Tax relief measures included in the 2021-2022 budget will do exactly that. As we begin our work on the upcoming 2022-23 budget, we will continue fighting for tax relief and policies that allow New Yorkers to keep more of their hard-earned money.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this or any other community issue, please don't hesitate to contact my office at SeawrightR@ nyassembly.gov or at 212-288-4607.

Get Tested For COVID-19

Rapid Testing Sites

Manhattan Health + Hospitals Sites Ongoing sites- Metropolitan Hospital, 1901 First Avenue, New York, NY 10029 Monday- Saturday, 9am- 3:30pm 212-423-6262

Northwell Health-GoHealth Urgent Care

1555 First Avenue 8am-8pm 212-897-1995

Total Health & Wellness Medical Center

1632 1st Avenue 917-634-6063

CityMD Urgent Care- East 86th

336 East 86th Street 212-933-1364

Non-rapid Testing

CityMD Urgent Care-East 79 Street

1143 Lexington Avenue 8am-8pm 646-350-4815

Lenox Hill Hospital 100 East 77 Street 212-434-2000

For more information: <u>https://www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/get-tested/covid-19-</u> testing.page

Vaccines and booster shots:

NYC COVID-19 and Flu Vaccine Finder: Call 877-829-4692 or schedule here

City-run vaccine sites: Call 877-829-4692 or schedule here

State-run vaccine sites: Call 833-697-4829 or schedule here

CVS Pharmacy: Call 800-746-7287 or schedule here

Rite Aid Pharmacy: Call 800-748-3243 or schedule here

Walgreens Pharmacy: Call 800-925-4733 or schedule here

Testing is available to all New Yorkers statewide, *find a test site near you*.

Excelsior Pass provides a free, fast and secure way to present <u>digital proof of COVID-19</u> <u>vaccination or negative test results.</u>

In-home COVID-19 vaccinations

NYC also offers in-home COVID-19 vaccinations to any city resident who requests one. Schedule your appointment today for your in-home vaccination by filling out this form: *http://nyc.gov/homevaccine*.

COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card or need verification

If you are fully vaccinated but lost your COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card or need verification of your vaccine status, you can request a copy of your COVID-19 vaccination record. Go here for more information: *https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/services/cir-parents-guardians.page*

To schedule free transport by either ambulette or taxi (including wheelchair accessible vehicles), call 877-VAX-4NYC (877-829-4692). This services is available for everyone but if you are younger than 18, you must have your parent or guardian call to book the trip on your behalf.

No-Cost Notary Service at the District Office Call 212-288-4607 for more information

Upcoming Events

Roosevelt Island Farmer's Market

Please be advised that the Farmer's Market will return tomorrow, Saturday, January 8th (located under the Helix, near Foodtown).

Kindly note that the Food Scrap Drop-Off (FSDO) will also be available at the Farmer's Market location from 9 AM - 2 PM. In addition to food scraps, you can drop off used pens and markers for proper disposal (no pencils). The collection effort is made possible by the partnership with TerraCycle and iDig2Learn.

Carl Schurz Park Tree Collection for Mulch Last Chance to Drop Off Through Sunday 1/9 86 Street and East End Avenue



NYCACC Foster Orientations



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Orientations this Saturday, January 8.

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JOIN US BY ZOOM OR PHONE

DATE: <mark>Saturday,</mark> January 29th, 2022

TIME: 11am-noon

https://us02web.zoom.us /j/83963136343

Call in number: (646) 876 9923

Meeting ID: 839 6313 6343 ("#" at the end for phone users

CONTACT: Robin Strashun, PET Coordinator

PHONE: 212-289-3500 X203

WEBSITE: www.searchandcare.org

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