

# Rebecca Seawright



*Dear Friends and Neighbors,*

*All of us were deeply horrified to learn of the devastating mass shooting in Brooklyn's Sunset Park on Tuesday. Our hearts and prayers go out to the injured victims, families and friends impacted so viciously.*

*Governor Hochul accepted the resignation of Brian Benjamin as New York State Lieutenant Governor following his indictment on federal corruption charges. We must have absolute confidence in the integrity of all those entrusted with the honor of public service in elected office.*

*The 2022-23 state budget I helped craft gives New Yorkers' middle-class tax cuts, an extra child tax credit and Earned Income Tax Credit payment, and \$2.2 billion in property tax relief checks.*

*The final budget provides a \$250 million fund to help with utility arrears for those who had higher energy bills this past winter and furthers our investment in safe, affordable housing.*

*I am proud to announce the inclusion of our bill language in the budget to provide equitable access to highly specialized cancer care at National Cancer Institute (NCI) designated facilities. With the adoption of the budget we have expanded coverage for individuals and small groups, including Medicaid-managed care plans and other qualified health plans.*

*Wishing a happy Passover and Easter to those celebrating this weekend.*

*Please join us for one of the events we are pleased to sponsor:*

- **Monday, April 18 at 5:30pm- Vigil for Ukraine with the East Side Freedom Square Coalition** at Carl Schurz Park. [RSVP here.](#)
- **Tuesday, April 19 from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm - No-Cost Housing Legal Clinic.** RSVP by calling 212-288-4607.
- **Thursday, April 21 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, April 21 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Zoom - **Virtual Knitting Social on zoom.** [RSVP here.](#)*
- *Sunday, May 1 from 10:00 am- 2:00 pm on York Avenue (79/80 Streets) - **No-Cost Community Paper Shredding.***

*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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## **2022-23 New York State Budget Highlights**

### **Education and Transportation**

Our struggling transportation system provides \$6.17 billion for Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) transit assistance for subways, buses, bridges, and tunnels, increasing by \$993 million – or 19.2%.

This year's budget increases school aid by \$2.1 billion over last year's budget. In addition, we fought and won a \$1.5 billion increase in Foundation Aid, delivering on the commitment we made last year to fully fund Foundation Aid within three years.

### **Housing**

We provided \$4.5 billion for a new five-year affordable housing capital plan and \$1 billion for Affordable Rental Housing. Folks needing help with rent payments will benefit from a \$1.1 billion for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) and Landlord Rental Assistance Program (LRAP). In addition, the New York City Housing Authority is receiving \$350 million in capital funding for construction and desperately needed repairs.

### **Environment**

The \$4.2 billion Environmental Bond Act of 2022 will be on the ballot for voter approval in November. Projects include:

- Climate mitigation.
- Restoration and flood risk reduction.
- Water quality projects and measures to increase open space conservation and recreation facilities.

### **Criminal Justice**

We've made changes to speedy trial requirements to reinforce the intent of the original law. While there are specified deadlines for disclosing discovery, we know that there are delays in providing materials that should not be the sole basis for dismissing a case.

Includes \$40 million for district attorneys' offices for additional staff, expanded storage capabilities, and new and updated technology to help prosecutors handle increased discovery requirements.

### **Health**

More than \$1.8 billion in new funding will go to Medicaid, public health programs, and public hospitals. In addition, we are expanding health care coverage for undocumented immigrants for one year of postpartum coverage following the end of pregnancy and providing Medicaid coverage for undocumented seniors aged 65 and older.

Children's mental health and the first 988 Suicide and Behavioral Health Crisis Hotline support those experiencing a mental health or substance use disorder crisis.

### **Small businesses**

We're providing \$250 million to create a refundable tax credit for small business COVID-19-related expenses, with a minimum credit of \$1,000 per business; other innovative programs will provide a \$100 million tax cut for New York small businesses.

### **Higher Education**

SUNY and CUNY will get additional operating support, expanded tuition assistance covering part-time students, more money for Excelsior scholarships, full-time faculty, and nursing programs. In addition, More than \$335 million will go towards construction and repairs on SUNY and CUNY campuses. Expanded child care on campuses is also funded and the 17.5 hour a week work requirement.

## **Second Booster Clinic Success!**



***Owner of Drug Mart and Pharmacist Ilana Aminov, community activist John McClement, and Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright's Legislative Director Kevin Rogers.***

## Upcoming Events

**East Side Freedom Square  
Coalition Partners**

*Assembly Member  
Rebecca Seawright*

*Congresswoman  
Carolyn Maloney*

*State Senator  
Liz Krueger*

*State Senator  
Cordell Cleare*

*NYC Council Member  
Julie Menin*

*NYC Council Member  
Keith Powers*

*Assembly Member  
Dan Quart*

*Manhattan Borough President  
Mark Levine*

*Howard Teich*

*Community Board 8 Manhattan*

*East Side WWI Centennial  
Commemoration*

*Brig. General (Ret.) Loree Sutton*

*New Democratic Dimensions*

*East River Democratic Club*

*Four Freedoms Democratic Club*

*Lexington Democratic Club*

*Knickerbocker Greys*

*Ukrainian Institute of America*

*Ukrainian Congress  
Committee of America*

*Consulate General of Ukraine (New  
York)*

*Consulat général de France à New York*

*American Society of Souvenir  
Français*

*Church of the Epiphany*

*The Mansion Restaurant*

*Col. (Ret.) David Menegon*

*Russell Squire*

*Thomas Acosta*

*Natalia Ostashyn*

*Andrij Dobriansky*

*Chris O'Brien*

*Alex Bores*

*Rev. Roy A. Cole*

*Arthur Zgurov*

*"Today, every square...will now be called  
'Freedom Square' in every city of our country.*

*No one is going to break us."*

*-Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy (March 1, 2022)*

# VIGIL FOR UKRAINE

MONDAY, APRIL 18  
5:30 PM

CARL SCHURZ PARK  
(86th Street & East End Avenue)



RSVP: [TINYURL.COM/  
EASTSIDEFREEDOMSQUARE](https://tinyurl.com/eastsidefreedomsquare)



**Rebecca  
Seawright**  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER



# **NO-COST COMMUNITY SHREDDING**

**SUNDAY, MAY 1  
10 AM - 2 PM  
YORK AVENUE (79/80 ST.)**

**NO NOTEBOOKS, BINDINGS,  
OR X-RAYS**



**OFFICE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER SEAWRIGHT  
1485 YORK AVENUE  
212-288-4607  
SEAWRIGHTR@NYASSEMBLY.GOV**

4th Annual  
Roosevelt Island

#EarthLove Day



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Saturday, April 30, 10 AM - 2 PM**

**The Meditation Lawn & Blackwell Plaza (500 Main St.)**

Join us to celebrate kindness to the **Earth** and each other with **eco-friendly** activities, giveaways, and educational activities including:

- 🌿 Beautification planting
- 🌿 Plogging
- 🌿 Composting
- 🌿 Bike New York Bike Repair & Learn to Ride classes
- 🌿 Citi Bike
- 🌿 & more!

**Unveiling of the updated R.I. Green Map!**

- 🌿 Free Book Swap
- 🌿 Battery Drop
- 🌿 Clothing Drop

**Learn how to help Roosevelt Island stay green and clean!**

**Stay tuned for a detailed event schedule.**



Roosevelt Island  
Operating Corporation

**ASSEMBLY MEMBER**

**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**



# HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

**TUESDAY APRIL 26**

**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY  
AT 3:30 PM ATTORNEYS FROM THE LAW  
OFFICES OF GRIMBLE & LOGUIDICE, LLC  
WILL PROVIDE ADVICE ON HOUSING-  
RELATED MATTERS AT NO-COST 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!

**A VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY WILL HOST A  
ONE -ON-ONE SESSION WITH  
ATTENDEES.**

**DISTRICT OFFICE OF ASSEMBLY  
MEMBER REBECCA SEAWRIGHT  
1485 YORK AVENUE  
(78-79 STREETS)**

**RSVP REQUIRED:  
CALL: 212-288-4607  
EMAIL: SEAWRIGHTR@NYASSEMBLY.GOV**

*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.*

**RSVP for the legal clinic here**





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## METROCARD BUS

STOPS HERE (79/York):

**WED. 4/6, 4/20**

**10:00AM- 12:00PM**

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REFILL YOUR  
METROCARD

APPLY FOR  
REDUCED FARE

CASH ONLY

# CALLING ALL ARTISTS AND CRAFTERS ON THE UPPER EAST SIDE & ROOSEVELT ISLAND!

Community Board 8 Manhattan  
Presents

 SUMMER ART SHOW! 

June 11, 2022

James Cagney Place  
(East 91st Street between Second and Third Avenues)

This outdoor exhibition will feature paintings, prints, photography and crafts!

Submit an image of the artwork you wish to display by May 6 to [info@cb8m.com](mailto:info@cb8m.com) using "Art Submission" in the subject line.

All sale proceeds go directly to artists.



@CB8M



@CB8Manhattan





# NO-COST NOTARY

1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)



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