



SEAWRIGHT NO-COST PAPER SHREDDING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 9 AM - 12 PM
ROOSEVELT ISLAND
MOTORGATE TURNAROUND

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Mark your calendars for our next no-cost paper shredding on Roosevelt Island at the Motorgate Turnaround on Thursday, August 22 from 9am -12pm.

I was honored to join Governor Kathy Hochul and Rabbi Marc Schneier this week to thank the Governor for signing my hate crime legislation mandating training for convicted offenders and expanding prosecutorial range to help combat criminal behavior.

Enclosed in this report is a special feature “What you need to know about the new Good Cause Eviction Law.” Our office hosts a no-cost housing legal clinic every other Tuesday for renters who need assistance navigating the housing court process, responding to notices, dealing with the threat of eviction, getting repairs, and understanding your rights as a tenant in New York City. Sign up is required. Contact our office for more information.

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

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**Seawright Thanks Governor Hochul for Signing Her Hate Crime
Legislation Mandating Training of Convicted Offenders and Expanding
Prosecution Range on Hate Crimes**



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Governor Kathy Hochul, and Rabbi Marc Schneier reflected on Tisha B'av, the saddest day of the Jewish calendar and its meaning today following the October 7 Hamas-led attack on Israel.



WH Synagogue President Jeff Zuckerman, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Victoria Schneps-Yunis, Governor Kathy Hochul, and Rabbi Marc Schneier. Victoria Schneps-Yunis, the "Queen of Media" presented Governor Hochul with an award for her leadership in securing New York communities of all backgrounds.

Seawright Received Award for Championing New York State's Equal Rights Amendment on the Ballot This Fall!



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright accepted this honor in recognition of her mentor Dr. Sarah Weddington, Roe v. Wade attorney, who successfully argued and won the right to choose for all women across the United States.



Louise Braver (left), Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright (right), and Victoria Schneps-Yunis (seated).



Laura Lovelace, Joan McNaughton, Jean Shafiroff and Assembly Member Rebecca

Promoting Youth Scholarship Opportunities and Voter Education



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Luis A. Miranda, and Jay Hershenson.

Luis Miranda is a Puerto Rican political strategist, philanthropist, education advocate, and author of the book "Relentless: My Story of the Latino Spirit That Is Transforming America."

He is also Chair for the advisory boards to the Caribbean and Latin American Studies Department at the CUNY Graduate Center.

Seawright Snapshots



Seawright met with Alexandra Nicklas, founder of Different and Able, to discuss how to provide resources for people with neurological differences.



Malena Galletto, who graduated from Bronx Science High School in June was awarded a citation for her academic achievements from Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright. She was accepted into all 28 colleges she applied for including eight Ivy Leagues.

What You need to know about...

The New "Good Cause Eviction" Law

Universal rent control protects market-rate tenants from unreasonable eviction and rent increases above defined reasonable standard

What does the "Good Cause" law do? It empowers tenants to challenge evictions that are arbitrary, retaliatory, or discriminatory, as it limits landlords to only evict tenants if there is a specified good cause. The law also protects tenants from facing hefty rent increases, as landlords must justify any rent hikes above 10%, or the consumer price index (which measures inflation) plus 5%, whichever is lower.

What is a "Good Cause"? You are entitled to stay in your apartment unless your landlord specifies proof of a "Good Cause" for eviction. "Good Causes" include: breach of lease, nuisance, malicious or grossly negligent substantial damage, unreasonable refusal of access for necessary repairs, demolition, and non-payment of rent.

- Where a rent increase is found unreasonable, a tenant's failure to pay the increase *does not* constitute good cause for removal.

Who does this law cover? The law assumes all market-rate tenants are covered, but includes a comprehensive list of exemptions. Some notable exemptions include landlords with under 10 units, owner-occupied buildings that contain 10 units or less, units with a monthly rent that is greater than 245% of the fair market rent, condos and coops, new housing, and units already subject to rent regulation, like rent-stabilized units and public housing that have more robust protections for tenants.

Looking for more info?

Watch the town hall we cosponsored with Senator Krueger on "Good Cause Eviction." Click here to watch on [Facebook](#).

Read more about the Law on the legal aid society's website: legalaidnyc.org/get-help/housing-problems/what-you-need-to-know-about-new-yorks-good-cause-eviction-law/

Visit the Attorney General's Residential Tenants Rights Guide: ag.ny.gov/publications/residential-tenants-rights-guide

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

News You Can Use

Community Education Council District 2 Vacancy Announcement

CEC2 is an education council that advocates on behalf of all students in District 2.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, you must have a child currently attending a District 2 elementary or middle school, and your child must have or have had at any point an "ELL" (English Language Learner) designation. In addition, you must be able to attend the CEC2 monthly meetings.

APPLICATION

Please apply to the DOE directly at CCECinfo@schools.nyc.gov. Do **not** submit the application to CEC2. Applications in nine languages and all information about eligibility for CECs [can be found here](#). Please also visit www.cecd2.net to learn more about our Council. Do not delay your application!

- [CEC D2 Vacancy Announcement - Arabic](#)
- [CEC D2 Vacancy Announcement - Bangla](#)
- [CEC D2 Vacancy Announcement - Chinese](#)
- [CEC D2 Vacancy Announcement - French](#)
- [CEC D2 Vacancy Announcement - Haitian Creole](#)
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- [CEC D2 Vacancy Announcement - Urdu](#)

Join the Empire State Service Corps



Paid internship opportunities for SUNY students are now available through the Empire State Service Corps. Make a difference in one of 7 key areas:

- K-12 Tutoring
- SNAP and Basic Needs Outreach
- Peer Mental Health
- Sustainability
- Anti-Hate and Bias Prevention
- Civic Engagement
- FAFSA Completion

SUNY Students can apply [HERE](#) and Host Sites can apply [HERE](#).

New York State Healthcare Worker Bonuses

More than **\$2 billion** in bonuses paid out to NYS health care workers!



As part of the state budget, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright cosponsored and strongly supported the healthcare worker bonus enabling more than 800,000 frontline heroes to receive bonuses of up to \$3,000 to put money back in their pockets and strengthen our workforce. More info here: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-over-2-billion-bonuses-paid-more-800000-health-care-workers-across>

ASSEMBLY MEMBER

REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT



HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY

**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!



**SCAN ME TO
RSVP!**

**RSVP REQUIRED:
CALL: 212-288-4607**

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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.

Upcoming Events



Rebecca
Seawright
ASSEMBLYMEMBER



NO-COST COMMUNITY SHREDDING

2024 UPCOMING DATES:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22
ROOSEVELT ISLAND, MOTORGATE
TURNAROUND (688 MAIN STREET)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29
YORK AVE & 91ST ST

9AM TO 12PM

NO NOTEBOOKS, BINDINGS, OR X-RAYS

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Roosevelt Island Thrift and RIVAA present

SIP & SHOP

ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 AT 6:30 PM

RUMMAGE SALE AUGUST 23-25

FRIDAY FROM 6-9 PM SATURDAY FROM 11 AM - 8 PM SUNDAY FROM 11 AM - 5 PM

We kick off the weekend with a Sip & Shop - an evening to chat with your neighbor, enjoying a refreshment, and shop. The fun continues through the weekend at the Rummage Sale where you'll find a wide variety of secondhand goods from multiple vendors!

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Roosevelt Island Visual Art Association

RIVAA Gallery Roosevelt Island
527 Main Street, New York, 10044
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Past Editions Of Our Community Update**

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