



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

February is Black History month. In this edition of our Community Update, we are spotlighting the story of three civil rights workers who were brutally murdered for investigating the burning of a Black church, where a civil rights rally took place in Mississippi in 1964. Andrew Goodman, one of the activists was from the Upper East Side and worked alongside James Chaney and Michael Schwerner to get voters registered and fight against inequality. Our office is sponsoring an essay writing contest for local students who write about a Black American who stood up to injustice or broke down barriers. Send your entry to [SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov) by February 29.

On Holocaust Remembrance Day, I spoke on the floor of the Assembly in support of a resolution to commemorate the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, as a time to remember the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust and the millions of other victims of Nazi persecution. It was moving to pause in our deliberations to hear my colleagues' families' stories of how they were impacted by the Holocaust.

I am proud to be introducing legislation that would upgrade the penalty for leaving the scene of an e-bike or moped accident to a Second-Degree Class A Misdemeanor. We rallied with the E-Vehicle Safety Alliance in Albany this week to support its passage. This bill, along with the vital legislative package would regulate e-vehicles requiring the licensing, registration, insurance, and inspection of e-bikes and mopeds, and the examination of batteries.

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

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*Sincerely,*

**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**

## Seawright Speaks On Holocaust Remembrance Day in NY



*"Antisemitism and attacks on Jewish people have climbed to heights not seen since the Holocaust. We must bear witness to the testimonies of the remaining survivors before we lose them forever,"* said Assembly Member Seawright.

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## Spotlight On Black History Month Featuring Heroes in Harm's Way: Dr. King and Chaney, Goodman and Schwerner



In tribute to Black History Month, we are sharing "Heroes in Harm's Way: Dr. King, and Chaney, Goodman and Schwerner," a new and powerful video, produced by Queens College of CUNY. It

magnificently commemorates the upcoming 60th anniversary in June of the murders of college students James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner and Freedom Summer. In 1964, hundreds of young students helped register Black voters in the Deep South. Andrew Goodman lived on the Upper East Side. As we work to register new voters in time for this vitally important election year, this video should be widely viewed.

## Standing With The E-Vehicle Safety Alliance And Victims of E-Bike Collisions To Demand Safety Reforms



Assembly Member Seawright said at a press conference on the Million Dollar Staircase at the Capitol in Albany, ***"Not a day goes by that I don't hear from constituents who have had near life threatening experiences on our sidewalks and crosswalks. Enough is enough! No New Yorker should have to fear navigating their own neighborhoods and communities."***

Assembly Member Seawright has introduced legislation to upgrade leaving the scene of an accident for e-bikes and mopeds to a Second-Degree Class A Misdemeanor.

Additionally, she is cosponsoring legislation to make our streets safer:

- A8052 to require the registration of moped dealers
- A8450 to require mopeds to be registered at the point of sale
- A7628 to change DMV Police Reporting Form (DMV-103) to specify the type of e-vehicle in an accident. New York currently lacks information on the makeup of accidents involving e-bikes as the state's accident reports do not mention e-bikes. This will help to inform us how many accidents are related to e-vehicles.





Seawright holds a sign that says “we are the majority, vote now” urging the passage of the legislative package.



Andrew Fine, Vice President of the East 86 Street Neighborhood Association, and member of the E-Vehicle Safety Alliance, Senator Liz Krueger and Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.

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## Advocating For Additional Funding For Special Olympics of New York





Stacey Hengsterman, CEO of Special Olympics, Athlete David Ritwo, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Athlete Kathleen Maggi, Diane Colonna, Vice President of Downstate Operations Special Olympics.

Assembly Member Seawright is advocating for additional funding to support Special Olympics New York's request to increase the number of schools participating in its Unified Champion Schools Program. The Unified Champion Schools program uses sports and competition to provide opportunities for students with and without intellectual disabilities to compete alongside one another. Working in partnership with the New York State Public High School Athletic Association for the past four years, the program blends educational-based programming and high school athletics to promote inclusiveness, inspire youth leadership, and encourage whole-school engagement.

## Leading Age Coalition: Roosevelt Island Coler Hospital and Arch Care Mary Manning Walsh Advocating Against Medicaid Cuts in the Budget



Rafael Dominguez representing the Health and Hospitals Corporation, Assembly Member Seawright, Jonathan Feltheimer, Assistant Administrator at Mary Manning Walsh and Marie Rosenthal representing

## 1199 SEIU Strong Healthcare Workers In support of the Home Care Savings and Reinvestment Act



Assembly Member Seawright cosponsors and strongly supports The Home Care Savings & Reinvestment Act to stop the state from giving insurance companies billions of dollars by taking home care management out of the hands of profit-driven intermediaries.

**Consider Our Office A Resource**

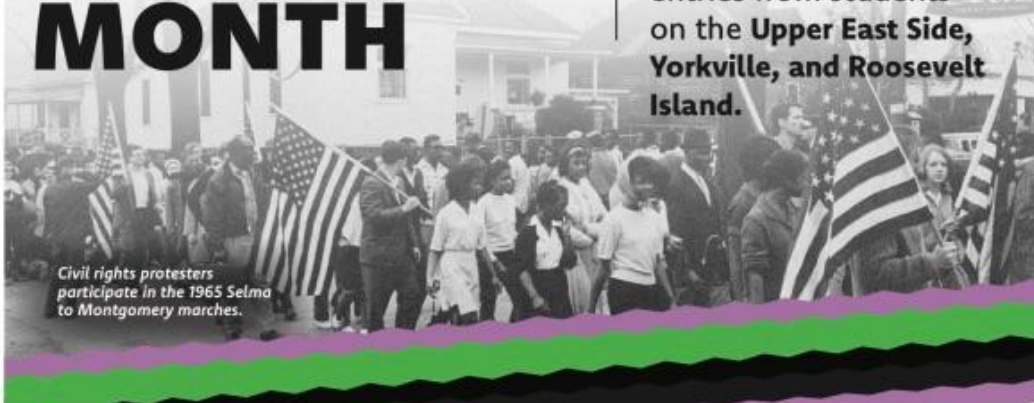


FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**Assembly Member  
Rebecca A. Seawright**

is sponsoring a National Black History Month essay contest, with awards going to the top entries from students on the **Upper East Side, Yorkville, and Roosevelt Island.**



Civil rights protesters participate in the 1965 Selma to Montgomery marches.

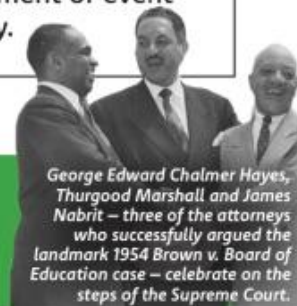
## ESSAY CONTEST

Tell us about a Black American who stood up to injustice or broke down barriers. Or tell us about a significant moment or event that helped shape American history.



Send your essay by 02/29/24 to:

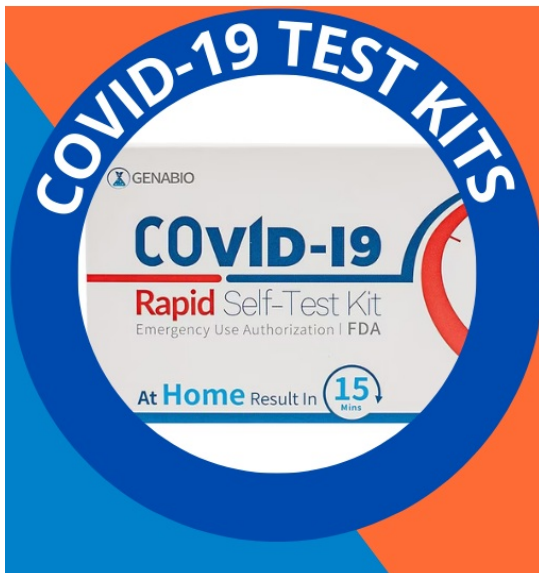
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George Edward Chalmer Hayes, Thurgood Marshall and James Nabrit – three of the attorneys who successfully argued the landmark 1954 Brown v. Board of Education case – celebrate on the steps of the Supreme Court.

**Rebecca  
Seawright**  
ASSEMBLY MEMBER

**NO-COST  
THURSDAY  
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GIVEAWAY**



**12:00PM - 2:00PM**

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**Community Board Applications Are Now Open!**

Prospective members must submit a biography or resume and complete a comprehensive online application explaining why they want to join the board, what skills they offer, and their relationship to their districts. These applications are reviewed and evaluated by an



independent screening panel. Qualified applicants are interviewed on the panel's recommendation by staff members of the Manhattan Borough President's office. [Click here to apply!](#)

## Upcoming Events

COMMUNITY BOARD 8 MANHATTAN presents

# Winter Crafts Show featuring **LOCAL NYC CRAFTERS**



Please Join us on:  
February 10, 2024

Free Admission!  
11am to 4pm

Location: Robert F. Wagner  
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## Manhattan Community Board 8 Calendar

The Manhattan Community Board 8 (CB8M) represents the Upper East Side of Manhattan and Roosevelt Island. CB8M is comprised of 50 volunteer members who serve as advocates and service coordinators for the community and its residents, as well as help citizens resolve municipal service delivery complaints.

CB8M reviews and makes recommendations on various issues, including applications for Zoning Text Amendments, building variances and special permits, liquor licenses, sidewalk cafes and street fairs, changes to landmarked buildings or buildings in historic districts, traffic and transportation issues, and more.

Each month, CB8M committees meet to discuss and resolve issues in the community.

Full Board Meeting - 3rd Wednesday  
Land Use Committee - 2nd Wednesday  
Street Life - 1st Tuesday  
Transportation - 1st Wednesday  
Housing - 1st Thursday  
Parks - 2nd Thursday  
Landmarks - 3rd Monday  
Social Justice - 4th Monday  
Zoning and Development - 4th Tuesday  
Youth and Education - 4th Thursday

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