Rebecca Seawright

ASSEMBLYMEMBER





Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This week, I dedicate our special report to the life and legacy of Gloria Steinem, a trailblazing icon and cherished constituent who passed away at the age of 92. Gloria's courageous advocacy transformed our nation and inspired generations of women to recognize their power, raise their voices, and demand equality. Her extraordinary legacy will continue to guide and inspire us.

As we observe Labor Day, we honor the generations of working people and organized labor who fought for fair wages, safe workplaces, reasonable hours, and the dignity every worker deserves. Their achievements strengthened New York and our nation, and we remain committed to protecting workers' rights and building a future in which every New Yorker can thrive.

In this week's Community Update, I am sharing important information about New York's efforts to protect mail-in voting and disability rights, a consumer alert about student-loan scams, the expansion of free pre-K, and financial assistance available to New Yorkers struggling with hospital bills. We celebrate Dolly Parton's extraordinary contributions to literacy, education, and public service as Manhattan prepares to recognize Dolly Parton Appreciation Day.

As a reminder, our District Office will be closed on Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day, a legal federal holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 8, at 9:30 a.m.

I invite you to join us at our upcoming events:

- Wednesday, September 9, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm – **Benefits Screening with LiveOn NY** at our Community Office, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets). By appointment only. Call 212-288-4607 or email **SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov** to schedule.

- Friday, September 11, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm- **25th Anniversary 9/11 Remembrance East Side Lighting the Way** at the Carl Schurz Park Lower Plaza (enter at East 86 Street and East End Avenue).

- Monday, October 5 at 2:00 pm - **Planning Ahead for Your Pet** at our Community Office, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets). Call 212-288-4607 or email SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov to RSVP.

Our office is always just a phone call, email, or visit away.

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Statement from Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright on the Passing of Gloria Steinem



Gloria changed what America believed women could do—and what women knew they had the right to demand. A trailblazing journalist, author, organizer, and champion for equality, she transformed our nation and inspired generations.

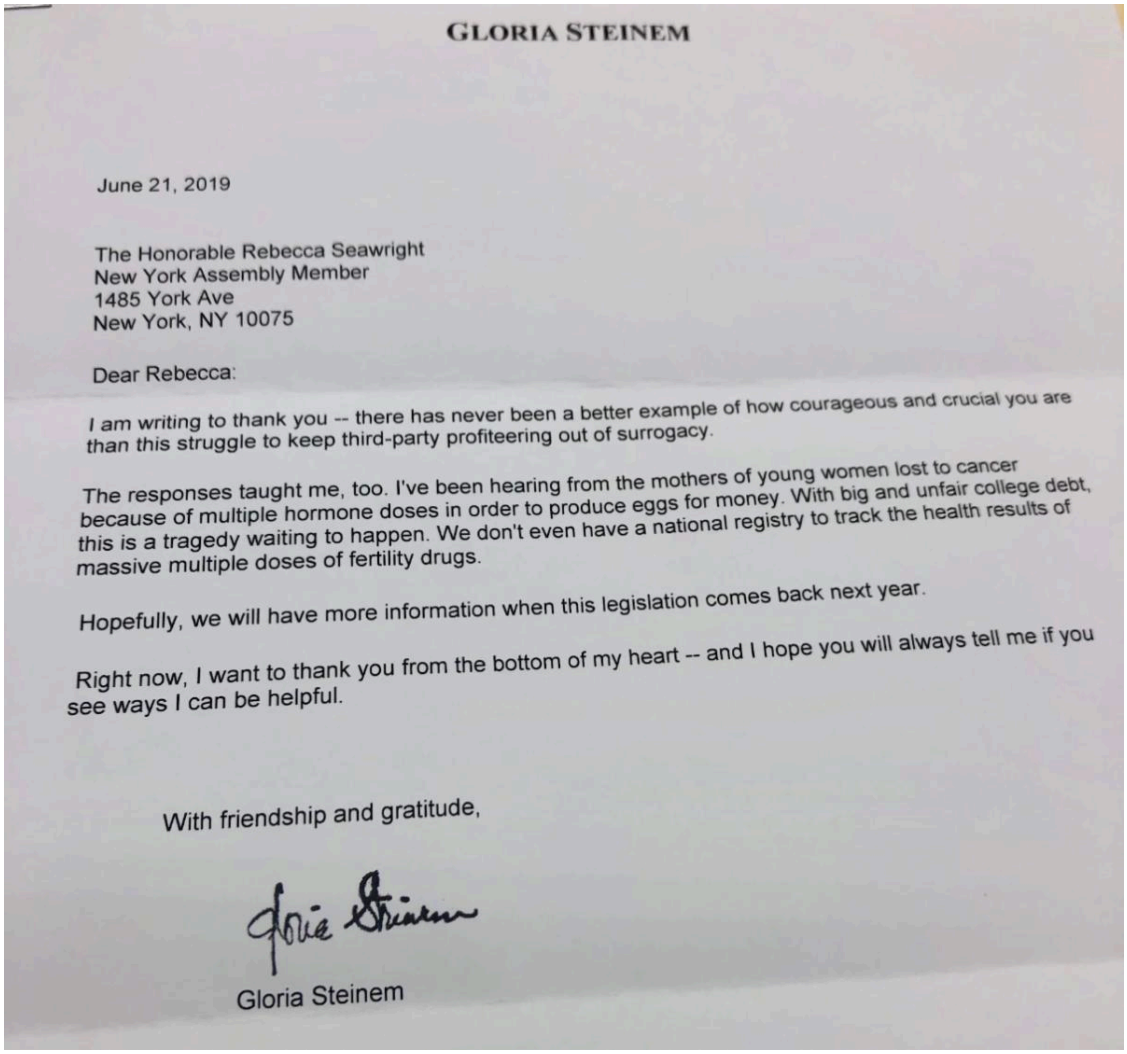
I was proud to stand with Gloria Steinem in the successful fight for the New York State Equal Rights Amendment, ensuring that her lifelong pursuit of equality would be reflected in our State Constitution.

Gloria was a cherished constituent and neighbor. Our district office had the privilege of assisting her with notary services, and I have fond memories of seeing Gloria: A Life on Broadway, a powerful celebration of her extraordinary life.

On a personal level, it has been a pleasure to witness my daughter draw inspiration from Gloria's activism. Her admiration is a beautiful reminder that Gloria's influence reaches across generations, inspiring young women to recognize their power, raise their voices, and demand equality.

I was also honored to join my colleagues and advocates in co-naming the corner of East 32nd Street and Third Avenue "Ms. Magazine Way," recognizing Gloria's founding of Ms. magazine in 1972. This revolutionary publication, created by women for women, elevated women's perspectives on critical issues including reproductive freedom, sexuality, sexual harassment, and discrimination. Gloria understood the importance of ensuring that women's voices and work—especially in media—were heard, respected, and equally represented.

New York and America are more equal because Gloria Steinem refused to accept anything less. Her courage, conviction, and legacy will continue to guide us.



GLORIA STEINEM

June 21, 2019

The Honorable Rebecca Seawright
New York Assembly Member
1485 York Ave
New York, NY 10075

Dear Rebecca:

I am writing to thank you -- there has never been a better example of how courageous and crucial you are than this struggle to keep third-party profiteering out of surrogacy.

The responses taught me, too. I've been hearing from the mothers of young women lost to cancer because of multiple hormone doses in order to produce eggs for money. With big and unfair college debt, this is a tragedy waiting to happen. We don't even have a national registry to track the health results of massive multiple doses of fertility drugs.

Hopefully, we will have more information when this legislation comes back next year.

Right now, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart -- and I hope you will always tell me if you see ways I can be helpful.

With friendship and gratitude,

Gloria Steinem

In this June 2019 letter, Gloria Steinem thanked Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright for her advocacy on behalf of women, praising her courage and offering her continued friendship and support. The personal correspondence reflects a shared commitment to advancing women's rights and the encouragement Gloria so generously extended to fellow advocates and leaders.



Protecting Mail-In Voting and Free and Fair Elections

Attorney General Letitia James is challenging new federal restrictions that could disrupt mail-in voting ahead of the midterm elections. As these legal challenges continue, constituents are encouraged to join two virtual town halls sponsored by State Senator Liz Krueger and featuring experts from the Brennan Center for Justice.

Election Security: What's the State of Play?

- Thursday, September 24, from 6:30–7:30 p.m.
- **Register for the September 24 town hall**

The Role of Big Money in Politics

- Tuesday, September 29, from 6:30–7:30 p.m.
- **Register for the September 29 town hall**

Both programs will include a question-and-answer session. Every eligible voter deserves convenient access to the ballot and confidence that their vote will be counted.

Learn more about New York's legal action to protect mail-in voting

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Protect Yourself From Student Loan Scams

Attorney General Letitia James is warning New Yorkers about scammers attempting to exploit confusion surrounding recent changes to federal student-loan repayment programs. Borrowers should never pay upfront fees for student-loan assistance, share their Federal Student Aid login information, or trust promises of immediate loan forgiveness.

Read the Attorney General's alert and safety tips

New York Stands Up for Disability Rights

Governor Kathy Hochul is leading a coalition of 18 governors urging the federal government to preserve longstanding protections that allow people with disabilities to live and receive services in their communities. Assembly Member Seawright remains committed to advancing independence, inclusion, dignity, and opportunity for New Yorkers with disabilities.

Learn more from the Governor's Office

Expanding Access to Free Pre-K Across New York

New York State is making its largest investment in pre-K expansion to date, with more than 400 school districts increasing their free pre-K offerings this year. Working with the State Legislature, New York is investing $550 million in this expansion as part of the effort to provide every four-year-old with access to high-quality pre-K by 2028.

Learn more about New York's pre-K expansion

Manhattan Borough President Brad Hoylman Proclaims Dolly Parton Appreciation Day "9 to 5"



Office of the Manhattan Borough President
City of New York

Proclamation

Whereas: We are proud to acknowledge those organizations and individuals that are committed to improving our city and enriching the community; and

Whereas: born and raised in Tennessee, Dolly Parton rose from humble beginnings to become one of the most celebrated artists in American history, earning recognition for timeless songs, groundbreaking performances, and her distinctive voice and spirit; and

Whereas: beyond her remarkable contributions to music and entertainment, Dolly Parton has devoted herself to literacy, education, children, and communities through initiatives including the Imagination Library, which has provided millions of free books to children around the world; and

Whereas: Dolly Parton's compassion, resilience, humor, and dedication to giving back have made her an enduring symbol of hope and generosity, touching countless lives far beyond the stage and screen; and

Whereas: we celebrate the extraordinary life, legacy, and lasting contributions of Dolly Parton, whose talent, kindness, and humanitarian spirit continue to inspire people across generations and throughout the world;

Now Therefore, I, Brad Hoylman-Sigal, Manhattan Borough President, do hereby commend Dolly Parton for her contributions to the Society, and proclaim Friday, September 25, 2026,

"Dolly Parton
Appreciation Day"
in the Borough of Manhattan.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Borough of Manhattan to be affixed.

Brad Hoylman-Sigal
President, Borough of Manhattan

Manhattan Borough President Brad Hoylman-Sigal has proclaimed Friday, September 25, 2026—“9-to-5”—as Dolly Parton Appreciation Day in the Borough of Manhattan. The proclamation celebrates Dolly Parton’s extraordinary contributions to music, entertainment, literacy, education, and public health. Through her Imagination Library, she placed millions of free books into the hands of children around the world, helping generations discover the joy of reading.

We join Manhattanites in celebrating an American icon whose talent, generosity, and commitment to helping others created a legacy that will continue to inspire generations. **View the official proclamation here.**

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SPOTLIGHT ON AGING:

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- Create an Advance Pet Plan and an alert wallet card
- Organize essential veterinary and caregiving information
- Identify trusted helpers and emergency backup arrangements
- Explore PET resources and eligibility-based financial support

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026 | 2:00 PM

District Office of Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright

1485 York Avenue, New York, NY 10075

Between East 78th and East 79th Streets

RSVP

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Pet owners of all ages are welcome.

Search and Care: 212-289-5300 | SandC@searchandcare.org | searchandcare.org

Help Is Available for Hospital Bills



As federal cuts threaten health coverage and drive up costs for New Yorkers, it is more important than ever to know what assistance is available. Newly released guidance from the New York State Attorney General explains how eligible New Yorkers can access free or discounted hospital care and receive help with medical bills and payment plans. **Learn more and see if you qualify.**

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NO-COST NOTARY PUBLIC SCHEDULE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10AM-1PM	10AM-12PM	10AM-1PM	10AM-12PM	10AM-1PM

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING PHOTO ID AND YOUR WITNESSES IF YOUR DOCUMENT REQUIRES THEM





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WED. 9/16, 10/7

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Upcoming Events

BATTLE IN THE MARGINS

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19th 3pm-6pm
FDR Four Freedoms State Park, Roosevelt Island


"Get Ya Get Ya Get Ya" by Cyrus Aaron


"No Neutral Ground" by Steven Sapp


"The Loyalists" by Lauren Marissa Smith

three ten-minute plays explore Black life in New York City during the American Revolution - directed by Devin E. Haqq; sound by DJ Jahmedicine

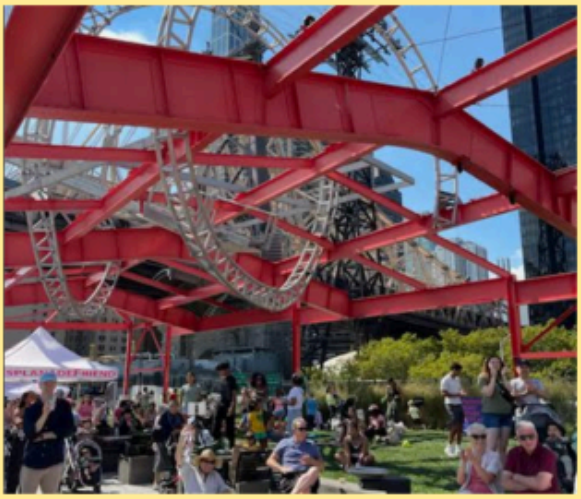
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RSVP is encouraged.

Seating @ 2:30pm **Plays @ 3:20pm**
Drum Set @ 3:00pm **Talk Back @ 5:00pm**

Black Gotham Experience | SYN TAX | Enslavement to Freedom 1627 - 1827 - 2027 | New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation | New York State Commission on African American History | New York State Department of State | Four Freedoms Park Conservancy

EsplanadeFriends

September Events



Andrew Haswell Green Park (E. 60th and the East River)

Live Music Event

Latin Rhythms 9/26 1-4PM

FREE Ice treats and FUN kids activities

Other FREE Events

See Website for sign-up and location

Yoga (IronStrength NYC)	9/9 6PM
Birding (NYC Bird Alliance, formerly NYC Audubon)	9/13 10AM
Fishing Clinic	9/28 5-7PM

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