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Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 2:11 PM

To: 'Sam Barron'

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Subject: Why are you not calling up the indicated recipients of the OPEN LETTER for comment?

-- RE: WHAT IS THE STATUS? Follow-up to your article "Astorino Snubbed by Political

Party he Helped Create" (Aug 2, 2017-White Plains Daily Voice/Sam Barron)

Dear Mr. Barron,

As reflected by the e-mail I just sent you, which is below, it contains the e-mail chain that includes my August 10th e-mail reply to your August 10th e-mail asking me to shorten the OPEN LETTER to 350 words.

For what purpose are you requesting that I shorten the OPEN LETTER? Don't you know how to summarize the OPEN LETTER for purposes of a story? Presumably you read it and can appreciate its significance. Why are you NOT calling up the letter's indicated recipients, beginning with Reform Party Chair Curtis Sliwa, Senator Latimer, County Executive Astorino, and County Legislator Jenkins for their comment? Have they examined the referred-to substantiating EVIDENCE on CJA's webpage for the OPEN LETTER: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2017/8-10-17-open-ltr.htm? What are their responses to that readily-verifiable, posted EVIDENCE?

Please team-up with other journalists at the <u>White Plains Daily Voice</u>, if you need help with this far-reaching, political story – including in recognizing that it blows open this year's electoral race for Westchester's highest executive officer and torpedoes the 2018 re-election prospects of our Westchester-domiciled governor and *every* incumbent state senator and assembly member from Westchester, none more powerful than <u>Senate Minority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins</u>, who was briefly rumored to have considered running in this year's race for Westchester county executive.

By the way, at 12:58 p.m. today., just over half an hour after receiving your below e-mail, I received an e-mail from Nicole Briggs, whose sole and unceremonious response was: "Please remove me from your media list ASAP. I have not worked for The Daily Voice in over a year." You may be sure I will not hereafter include her as, if she remains a journalist, she does not deserve the dynamite LEAD I laid out before her.

Thank you.

Elena Sassower 914-421-1200

From: Sam Barron [mailto:sbarron@dailyvoice.com]

Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 12:17 PM

To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>

Subject: Re: WHAT IS THE STATUS? Follow-up to your article "Astorino Snubbed by Political Party he Helped Create" (Aug 2, 2017-White Plains Daily Voice/Sam Barron)

I asked you to shorten it to 350 words. If you sent me a shortened letter, I missed it-sorry

On Thu, Aug 17, 2017 at 12:15 PM, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) < elena@judgewatch.org > wrote:

TO: Sam Barron/White Plains Daily Voice

I have received no response from you to my below second August 10th e-mail, replying to yours. Have you responded?

It is now a full week later. What is the status of your reporting on my August 10th OPEN LETTER, questioning the procedural legitimacy of what the Reform Party's executive committee did in endorsing Senator Latimer to run for Westchester county executive on the Reform Party line – and calling for the endorsement to be withdrawn based on Senator Latimer's corruption in office, as Senator, documentarily proven by EVIDENCE posted on CJA's webpage for the letter: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2017/8-10-17-open-ltr.htm.

Why is the White Plains Daily Voice NOT taking the LEAD in reporting on the OPEN LETTER, written by a White Plains resident, no less? Do you and the eight other <u>Daily Voice</u> journalists and staffers to whom I sent my initial August 10th e-mail -- Managing Editor Joe Lombardi and Curator Kathy Reakes, among them - not agree that it is an extraordinary, on-point, FOLLOW-UP to your August 2nd article, "Astorino Snubbed by Political Party He Helped Create", which, on August 6th, Managing Editor Lombardi and Curator Reakes had e-mailed to <u>Daily Voice</u> news alert subscribers, presumably throughout Westchester, as its article that "Tops Westchester News".

By the way, and related, you and the eight other <u>Daily Voice</u> recipients of my initial August 10th e-mail were also recipients of my March 12th e-mail to the <u>White Plains Daily Voice</u> entitled "Observing 'Sunshine Week': Getting answers from local senate and assembly members about the NYS budget – starting with answers about the Legislature's own budget" – to which I have received no response. In view of its importance, a copy is attached. Was there no response – and, if not, why?

As my preference is to give the LEAD to a small, presumably shoe-string, news outlet that needs a MAJOR story, such as this, to put it "on the map", I would appreciate a status update, as soon as possible.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) [mailto:elena@judgewatch.org]

Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 2:49 PM **To:** 'Sam Barron' sbarron@dailyvoice.com

Subject: thank you for your prompt response, Sam -- RE: FOLLOW-UP: Your article "Astorino Snubbed by Political Party he Helped Create" (Aug 2, 2017-White Plains Daily Voice/Sam Barron)

You know best how to summarize the OPEN LETTER – and I invite you to do so in your investigative follow-up – or in your news alert about the letter—linking to the webpage of our website on which the OPEN LETTER and other relevant info, such as about the parties, is posted: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/ending-the-road-latimer.htm. TAKE THE LEAD – and put in calls to Sliwa and the heads of the other political parties, as well as, of course, Latimer, Astorino, & Jenkins.

I am available to REPLY to whatever responses they give.

Thank you.

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From: Sam Barron [mailto:sbarron@dailyvoice.com]

Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 2:22 PM

To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>

Subject: Re: FOLLOW-UP: Your article "Astorino Snubbed by Political Party he Helped Create" (Aug 2, 2017-White Plains

Daily Voice/Sam Barron)

Can you shorten to 350 words?

On Thu, Aug 10, 2017 at 2:15 PM, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) < elena@judgewatch.org > wrote:

TO: Sam Barron/White Plains Daily Voice

Responding to your August 2, 2017 article "Astorino Snubbed by Political Party He Helped Create", <a href="http://whiteplains.dailyvoice.com/politics/astorino-snubbed-by-political-party-he-helped-create/717871/?utm_source=breaking-email-news-update&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=breaking-white-plains-19443, which uncritically quotes Senator Latimer as saying: "I've long advanced true reform of government," and that "It's clear that Rob Astorino simply does not represent the values of civic participation, transparency, and oversight that the Reform Party is committed to defending in our elections" – as if to say, he does – attached, by way of REBUTTAL, is the OPEN LETTER of the White Plains-based, non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), entitled "The NYS Reform Party of Curtis Sliwa MUST Rescind its Endorsement of, & Party Line to, Senator George Latimer for Westchester County Executive & the Other Parties Must Follow Suit – Unless they Deem Corruption in Office a Qualification", sent less than two hours ago, by the below e-mail, to candidates Latimer, Astorino, and Jenkins – and all eight recognized political parties.

I am available to assist you in your follow-up reporting of this MAJOR political story, impacting on the re-election prospects of New York's Westchester-domiciled governor and EVERY incumbent Westchester state legislators – none more powerful than Senate Minority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, who IS my state senator, as well as CJA's.

Please feel free to post this e-mail – and the attached letter – on the White Plains Daily Voice website.

Thank you.

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Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 12:27 PM

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Subject: OPEN LETTER: The NYS Reform Part of Curtis Sliwa MUST Rescind its Endorsement of, & Party Line to, Senator Geo. Latimer for Westchester Co. Executive & the Other Parties Must Follow Suit -- Unless They Deem Corruption in Office a Qualification

Attached is the Center for Judicial Accountability's OPEN LETTER of today's date entitled "The NYS Reform Party of Curtis Sliwa MUST Rescind its Endorsement of, & Party Line to, Senator George Latimer for Westchester County Executive & the Other Parties Must Follow Suit – Unless they Deem Corruption in Office a Qualification", herewith sent to ALL eight recognized political parties and to the three candidates seeking election/re-election to the office of Westchester County Executive: Messrs. Latimer, Astorino, and Jenkins.

The OPEN LETTER is already posted on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible via the prominent link "OUTING CORRUPT & COLLUSIVE INCUMBENTS & Ending their Road to Re-Election & Higher Office in 2017, 2018, & Beyond – WITH EVIDENCE". The direct link to the webpage for the letter, which also furnishes THE EVIDENCE on which it is based, is here: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/ending-the-road-latimer.htm.

I am available to answer questions, under oath, and to assist you to the max, toward what should be our common goal of open, honest, fiscally-responsible, responsive, and accountable government, such as we do NOT remotely have on the state level... You can change that!

Thank you.

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