

Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 12:32 PM
To: 'Gregory J. Blass'
Subject: this is what I had written before your call -- yes! yes! yes! -- RE: Sept 6th e-mail from Suffolk Legislator William Lindsay -- Resolution #1576-2017 -- Freezing Salaries of Suffolk Co. Elected Officials
Attachments: 1-26-17-mail-senate-local-gov.pdf; 2-8-17-email-kaminsky-marchione.pdf

But there is MORE! The December 24, 2015 report on which the current round of D.A. pay raises rest is a “false instrument” – statutorily-violative, fraudulent, and unconstitutional. The Albany Legislators, from Suffolk County – as, for instance, Boyle – have knowingly and deliberately failed to discharge their oversight responsibilities to override its judicial pay raise recommendations. This is what I testified about on January 30, 2017, in Albany, at the Senate-Assembly budget hearing on “local government officials/general government” at which lawyer-Senator Boyle should have been present, but was not – notwithstanding my January 26, 2017 email to him and to EVERY other member of the Senate Committee on Local Government. However, present was Senator Brooks – who, incredibly, has now been elevated to Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Local Gov’t, of which Boyle is a member – replacing lawyer-Senator Kaminsky, who, incredibly, had been elevated to that position, upon his special-election to the Senate in 2016.

Sitting next to Senator Brooks, during my January 30, 2017 testimony, was Senator Marchione, who chairs the Senate Committee on Local Government. Did they each think they had NO obligation to apprise the membership of the Senate Committee on Local Government of my testimony with respect to the D.A. salary-reimbursement issue – as to which, on February 8, 2017, I sent a follow-up e-mail to Marchione & Kaminsky. Was Boyle apprised of NONE of this by his Senate colleagues – including Senate Majority Leader Flanagan, to whom I addressed my February 6, 2017 letter pertaining to my testimony and CJA’s citizen-taxpayer action?

Boyle and Kaminsky are lawyers, as is Flanagan. Shouldn’t Suffolk County Legislator Lindsey be able to turn to them – and the many other Senate & Assembly lawyer-legislators for findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to the state of the record in CJA’s citizen-taxpayer action? Here’s the list of Long Island State Legislators:

<http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2017/long-island-state-legislators.htm>

From: Gregory J. Blass [mailto:gblass@optonline.net]
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 11:19 AM
To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Subject: Re: Sept 6th e-mail from Suffolk Legislator William Lindsay -- Resolution #1576-2017 -- Freezing Salaries of Suffolk Co. Elected Officials

Hi, Elena -

Excellent progress! Let me revisit the issue of the Suffolk DA's salary. The County Legislature can make a persuasive argument TO THE STATE DELEGATION IN ALBANY that they want the state law changed so as to return to local control the salary structure of its locally elected DA. Given that the Suffolk's incumbent DA is not running for reelection, leaving the position open to the results of the November election, there is not even the appearance of any punitive motive that might be ascribed to this effort.

It will take some research on the legislators' part to understand the genesis of this relinquishment of home rule back in 1980, but they will see from the minutes of meetings back then, if they have been preserved, that there were objections quite substantive in the context of today's fiscal crisis.

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 7, 2017, at 8:20 AM, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org> wrote:

Dear Greg,

Below is my response to Legislator Lindsay's e-mail to me, which is further below.

Call me when you can so that we can discuss this – and other further developments!!

Thanks.

Elena
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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) [<mailto:elena@judgewatch.org>]
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Subject: Thank you -- RE: Superseding Letter: Informing the Suffolk County Legislature & Suffolk County Voters -- TODAY's Legislative Board Meeting -- Resolution #1576-2017 -- Freezing Salaries of Suffolk Co. Elected Officials

Dear Legislator Lindsay,

I so greatly appreciate your kind e-mail. I will be back in touch with you, with updates on the lawsuit – and on my follow-up FOIL requests to Suffolk County pertaining to D.A. salary, already sent.

Thank you, again.

Yours, for good government,

Elena Sassower
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From: Lindsay, William [<mailto:William.Lindsay@suffolkcountyny.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 12:01 PM
To: 'Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)' <elena@judgewatch.org>
Cc: Reynolds, Kristi <Kristi.Reynolds@suffolkcountyny.gov>
Subject: RE: Superseding Letter: Informing the Suffolk County Legislature & Suffolk County Voters -- TODAY's Legislative Board Meeting -- Resolution #1576-2017 -- Freezing Salaries of Suffolk Co. Elected Officials

Dear Ms. Sassower:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding IR 1576. As the original sponsor of 2 similar pieces of legislation which failed to make it out of committee, I read your arguments with great interest. I was unaware that 1576 couldn't affect the District Attorney's salary but will affect all 18 Legislator's, County Clerk, County Comptroller and County Executive. Obviously there is nothing we can do at the County level to supersede the State legislation.

If you could continue to provide me with updates as your lawsuit works its way through the judicial process, I would greatly appreciate it.

I wish you the best of luck with that process.

Best regards,

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Subject: Superseding Letter: Informing the Suffolk County Legislature & Suffolk County Voters -- TODAY's Legislative Board Meeting -- Resolution #1576-2017 -- Freezing Salaries of Suffolk Co. Elected Officials

Re-sent to reflect, in the title line, that the Legislative Board meeting is TODAY.

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Subject: Superseding Letter: Informing the Suffolk County Legislature & Suffolk County Voters -- Tomorrow's Legislative Board Meeting -- Resolution #1576-2017 -- Freezing Salaries of Suffolk Co. Elected Officials

Please supersede yesterday's letter with the attached letter. It makes non-substantive corrections, except for additions to page 4, including by two footnotes. It is already posted on CJA's website, here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2017/suffolk-da.htm>.

Apologies for any inconvenience.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) [<mailto:elena@judgewatch.org>]
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Subject: Informing the Suffolk County Legislature & Suffolk County Voters -- Tomorrow's Legislative Board Meeting -- Resolution #1576-2017 -- Freezing Salaries of Suffolk Co. Elected Officials

Attached is the Center for Judicial Accountability's letter of today's date. As yet, I have been unsuccessful in obtaining e-mail addresses for D.A. Candidate Sini and for Sheriff Candidate Zacaese.

The letter is posted on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible via the prominent homepage link: "OUTING CORRUPT & COLLUSIVE INCUMBENTS & Ending their Road to Re-Election & Higher Office in 2017, 2018, & Beyond – WITH EVIDENCE".

Here's the direct link to the menu page for the 2017 elections: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2017-ending-the-road.htm>

I am available to answer questions, etc.

Thank you.

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