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Subject: **INFORMING THE VOTERS: Tompkins County's re-election-seeking D.A. Van Houten & its re-election-seeking State Legislators Kelles & Webb, etc.**
Attachments: [7-18-24-daasny-notice-complaint.pdf](#);
[7-17-24-complaint-vs-soares-to-albany-ethics.pdf](#);
[7-17-24-transmittal-to-soares.pdf](#)

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The duty of the Tompkins County D.A. is to enforce New York's penal laws and obey conflict of interest protocols. That is the subject of the Center for Judicial Accountability's above-attached July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint to Tompkins County D.A. Matthew Van Houten, sent to him by the below e-mail. It involves his \$221,100 D.A. salary, statutorily-linked to the Tompkins county court judge salary, \$101,300 of which is the product of three "false instrument", penal law-violating commission reports that Tompkins County's two state legislators, Assemblywoman Anna Kelles and Senator Lea Webb, each running for re-election, are knowledgeable of and complicit in.

D.A. Van Houten is himself running for re-election unopposed, having procured the Democratic and Working Families lines without primary challenge for either line. Why is that? Likewise, why is Assemblywoman Kelles running for re-election unopposed, also on the Democratic and Working Families lines for which she faced no primary for either line. As for Senator Webb, running on Democratic and Working Families lines, she also faced no primary for either line.

I received no response from D.A. Van Houten to the July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint, which requested his response by August 1, 2024 to two simple questions:

- (1) whether he would be repudiating the \$101,300 salary difference and advising Tompkins County to secure a judicial declaration voiding the three "false instrument", penal law-violating commission reports?;
- (2) whether he would be recusing himself from the July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint and securing an independent prosecutor?

As D.A. Van Houten will surely be more responsive to inquiries from the WRVO, I am cc'ing him.

Please call me so that we can discuss the above two questions and your election reporting and editorializing about Tompkins County's D.A. race, state legislative races, and judicial races – all involving "false instrument", penal law-violating salaries for these offices.

Thank you.

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Subject: NOTICE & grand jury/public corruption complaint -- Your D.A. salary increases, the judicial salary increases on which they are based, & the violations of NY penal laws by state legislators within your jurisdictions

District Attorneys Association of the State of New York (DAASNY)

**ATT: President/Richmond County D.A. Michael McMahon
NYS' 61 Other D.A. and Acting D.A. Members**

Above-attached are CJA's July 18, 2024 NOTICE & grand jury/public corruption complaint and underlying July 17, 2024 ethics complaint to the Albany County Ethics Commission against Albany County D.A. Soares and its accompanying transmittal letter to him.

So that I may be guided accordingly, please let me hear from each of you by no later than two weeks from today, August 1, 2024, with respect to both the NOTICE and July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint, herewith filed with you.

Thank you.

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