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Subject: **INFORMING THE VOTERS: Chautauqua County's Re-election-Seeking Candidates D.A. Schmidt & State Senator Borrello, 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 Chautauqua 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 Chautauqua County D.A. Jason Schmidt, sent to him by the below e-mail. It involves his \$221,100 D.A. salary, statutorily-linked to the Chautauqua county court judge salary, \$101,300 of which is the product of three "false instrument", penal law-violating commission reports that Chautauqua County's two state legislators, Senator George Borrello, running for re-election, and Assemblyman Andy Goodell, Esq., retiring, are knowledgeable of and complicit in.

D.A. Schmidt is himself running for re-election unopposed, on Republican and Conservative lines for which he faced no primary challenge on either line. How is that possible when the D.A. salary is \$221,100 – on top of which are thousands of dollars in non-salary compensation benefits. Likewise, with state legislative salaries at \$142,000 and also topped by thousands of dollars in non-salary compensation benefits, how is it possible that Senator Borello is running for re-election unopposed, on Republican and Conservative lines for which he faced no primary for either line – and that there were no primaries for Assemblyman Goodell's seat: not for the Republican and Conservative lines, whose single candidate is Andrew Molitor, and not for the Democratic and Working Families lines, whose single candidate is Michael Bobseine, also running on a "Restore Freedom Party" line. According to 2022 statistics, [Chautauqua County has a population of 127,440 and a median household income of \\$54,625](#).

I received no response from D.A. Schmidt 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 Chautauqua 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. Seaman will surely be more responsive to inquiries from Investigative Post, I am cc'ing him.

I look forward to discussing with you the above two questions and your election reporting and editorializing about Chautauqua 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

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**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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