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Subject: **INFORMING THE VOTERS: Herkimer County's Re-Election-Seeking D.A. Carpenter & its 4 Re-Election Seeking State Legislators, Griffo, Walczyk, Smullen, Miller, 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](#)

TO: [North Country Public Radio \(NCPR\) -- NPR](#)
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The duty of the Herkimer 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 Herkimer County D.A. Jeffrey Carpenter, sent to him by the below e-mail. It involves his \$221,100 D.A. salary, statutorily-linked to the Herkimer county court judge salary – \$101,300 of which is the product of three “false instrument”, penal law-violating commission reports that Herkimer County's four state legislators, Senators Joseph Griffo, Mark Walczyk, Robert Smullen, and Brian Miller, all running for re-election, are knowledgeable of and complicit in.

D.A. Carpenter is himself running for re-election, uncontested, on Republican and Conservative lines for which he faced no primary challenge on either line. So, too, Senator Walczyk and Assemblyman Smullen are running for re-election, uncontested, on Republican and Conservative lines for which they faced no primary for either line. As for Senator Griffo and Assemblyman Miller, they also faced no primary challenges for the dual Republican and Conservative lines on which they are running. How is that possible in a county which, according to 2022 statistics, has a population of 60,293 and median household income of \$68,104. New York's state legislative salaries – the highest in the nation – are \$142,000, plus, as with D.A. salaries, many thousands of dollars in non-salary compensation benefits.

I received no response from D.A. Carpenter 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 Herkimer 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. Carpenter will surely be more responsive to inquiries from NCPR, I am cc'ing him.

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