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Subject: **INFORMING THE VOTERS: Westchester County's D.A. & state legislative races -- & your "PRESERVING DEMOCRACY" Initiative**

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: [WLIW Team](#)

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This follows my phone conversation shortly before noon this morning with Jason Salt, senior representative of the member and viewer relations department, who picked up my call. The reason I was calling was that I was unable to find, on the [WLIW website](#) or [WNET website](#), ANY e-mail address for news tips or for your newsroom. From what I understood from Mr. Salt, you have no local newsroom, other than for New Jersey, for which Mr. Salt gave me an e-mail address of [news@njspotlightnews.org](#) and a phone number of 973-233-8877. I called the number, immediately – but it was answered only by a voice recording, on which I left a message at about 12:02 pm, and then left a second message, about 10 minutes later. It's now four hours later and I have received no call back.

Although I repeatedly asked Mr. Salt for e-mail addresses for you, as you are the “[WLIW TEAM](#)” featured on the WLIW website, he would only give me [programming@wliw.org](#) and [programming@thirteen.org](#). I have since discovered, on the WNET's website of “[Leadership](#)”, an e-mail address [leadership@wnet.org](#).

If WLIW and WNET have no New York local newsroom, what are the news sources on which you rely when you report news pertaining to New York governance and state and local elections? I asked this question of Mr. Salt several times – and did not get a clear answer. Assumedly, and I so-stated, it is the constellation of NPR/PBS entities that operate in New York, including as part of the [New York Public News Network](#) formed this past January – and it was from its listed 12 members that I saw WLIW.

According to the WLIW “[About](#)” webpage, WLIW broadcasts to “New York City's five boroughs, Long Island, [and] Westchester”. I told Mr. Salt that the news story I wished to submit for WLIW's investigative reporting is about the 2024 Westchester County elections for district attorney, state legislators, and judges – impacting on state legislative and judicial elections in New York's other 61 counties and on the D.A. races in 13 of those counties. Indeed, almost a majority of New York's 213 state legislators, all of whose seats are up for election, are from the five counties of New York City, the two Long Island counties of Nassau and Suffolk, and Westchester County – the WLIW coverage range.

Investigative reporting of the Westchester County D.A. race and of the D.A.'s criminal jurisdiction over Westchester's 13 state legislators is imperative. All 13 incumbents are running for re-election – and the most powerful of these 13 is also the most powerful of the 213: [Temporary Senate President/Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins](#). Next in power, of Westchester's 13, would be [Senate Codes Committee Chair Jaamal Bailey, Esq.](#), whose Senate district is also in the Bronx, and whose other committee memberships include the Senate Judiciary Committee, Senate Finance Committee, Senate Rules Committee, Senate Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and Correction, and Senate Committee on Children and Families. Their corruption of constitutional, lawful state governance, involving the state budget and pay raises, is prioritized by the above-attached July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint (at pp. 2-3) that I sent to Westchester D.A. Mimi Rocah, who is not running for re-election, and to the two D.A. candidates vying to succeed her, Susan Cacace, running on the Democratic line, and John Sarcone, running on the Republican line. Below are the transmitting July 24, 2024 and July 18, 2024 e-mails, to which I received no responses.

As D.A. Rocah and D.A. Candidates Cacace and Sarcone will surely be more responsive to WLIW and WNET, I am cc'ing them so that they can prepare themselves for your inquiries.

I am available, no matter how early or late, to discuss this fully-documented election story, upending ALL New York's 14 D.A. races, ALL its 213 state legislative races, and ALL its judicial races from supreme court to city court.

Finally, as this extraordinary story of citizen-action and patriotism, decades in the making, is IDEAL for WNET's "[Preserving Democracy](#)" Initiative, with its "[Citizen's Guides](#)" and "[What's Happening in Your State](#)", please confirm that you will forward this e-mail to all relevant editors, reporters, and entities involved in the Initiative, with a strong recommendation for review and evaluation, on a priority basis.

Thank you.

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Subject: Winning Your Westchester D.A. Race & Demonstrating Your Fitness for the Office: NOTICE & Grand Jury/Public Corruption Complaint

TO: [Would-Be Westchester County D.A. Susan Cacace \(D\)](#)
[Would Be Westchester County D.A. John Sarcone \(R\)](#)

I am director and co-founder of the non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), which, for several decades, has documented the collusion of all three branches of our state government in the subversion and collapse of lawful, constitutional governance. New York's 62 D.A.s, whose duty it is to enforce the state's penal laws, including against law-breaking public officers, are key participants in this.

Only five of this year's 14 D.A. races are contested, the Westchester D.A. race among them.

Last week, I sent Westchester D.A. Mimi Rocah – and all 61 of New York's other D.A.s and acting D.A.s – the above three attachments by the below July 18th e-mail entitled "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", requesting their answers, by August 1st, to two simple questions:

- (1) whether they will be repudiating their state-mandated D.A. salary increases, paid from their county budgets, because they are based on three "false instrument", penal law-violating commission reports raising judicial salaries;
- (2) confirmation that they will be recusing themselves from CJA's July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint pertaining thereto and securing an independent prosecutor.

What would your answers be, if elected? Please let me hear from you by August 1st so that, based on your answers, Westchester county voters can be apprised as to whether a write-in campaign must be launched for suitable D.A. candidates who will abide by their duty of enforcing New York's penal laws, without fear or favor, including by recusing themselves when compromised by self-interest and relationships.

I am available to answer questions, including as to the particulars of my communications with D.A. Rocah and predecessors D.A. Anthony Scarpino, Acting D.A. James McCarty, and D.A. Janet DiFiore.

Thank you.

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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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