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Subject: **INFORMING THE VOTERS: Livingston County's D.A. Candidates McCaffrey & William, its Re-Election-Seeking State Senator Helming, & its Retiring Assemblywoman Byrnes, 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: [WXXI](#)

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The duty of the Livingston 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 and here-linked [July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint](#) to [Livingston County D.A. Gregory McCaffrey](#), involving his \$221,100 D.A. salary, statutorily-tied to the Livingston county court judge salary. Of this, \$101,300 is the product of three "false instrument", penal law-violating commission reports that Livingston County's two state legislators, one running for re-election, are knowledgeable of and complicit in.

D. A. McCaffrey is himself [running for re-election](#), on Democratic and Conservative lines, against [D.A. Candidate Ashley Williams](#), running on the Republican line. Below is my July 24th e-mail to Candidate Williams, transmitting the July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint to her and, beneath it, my July 18th transmitting e-mail to D.A. McCaffrey. Each were asked to respond, by August 1st to two simple questions:

- (1) whether they would repudiate the \$101,300 salary difference and advise Livingston County to secure a judicial declaration voiding the three "false instrument", penal law-violating commission reports?;
- (2) whether they would recuse themselves from the July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint pertaining thereto and secure an independent prosecutor.

Neither D.A. McCaffrey nor D.A. Candidate Williams have responded. Surely, however, they will be more responsive to inquiries from WXXI – and I am cc'ing them on this e-mail so that they can be fully prepared.

What do they have to say about the \$221,100 Livingston County D.A. salary – and about Livingston County's state legislators whose public corruption is prioritized by the July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint (at pp. 2-4). Will they disclose their political, professional, and personal

relationships with them – and with the other public officers complained-against and implicated by the grand jury/public corruption complaint?

And can they explain how it is possible that notwithstanding [Livingston County has a population of 61,980 and median household income of \\$70,443](#) and [state legislator salaries are \\$142,000, the highest in the nation](#), on top of which, as with D.A. salaries, are many thousands of dollars more in non-salary compensation benefits:

- [Senator Pamela Helming \(SD54\)](#) is running for re-election on both Republican and Conservative lines for which she faced no primaries for either line, against [Scott Comegys](#), running on the Democratic line for which he faced no primaries for that line;
- the two candidates running for election to the seat of retiring [Assemblywoman Marjorie Byrnes, Esq. \(AD133\)](#) are [Andrea Bailey](#), running on both Republican and Conservative lines for which she faced no primaries for either line, and [Colleen Walsch-Williams](#), running on the Democratic line for which she faced no primaries for that line.

Indeed, D.A. Candidate McCaffrey faced no primaries for his Democratic and Conservative lines and D.A. Candidate Williams faced no primaries for her Republican line. Can they explain how that is possible?

I look forward to discussing with you the above questions and assisting your investigative journalism about Livingston County's D.A. race, two state legislative races, and judicial races for supreme court to city court – all involving “false instrument”, penal law-violating salaries for these offices. Meantime, here's [CJA's webpage for the 2024 Livingston County D.A. election](#).

Thank you.

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Subject: GOOD NEWS! You Can Win Your Livingston & Cortland D.A. Races & Demonstrate Your fitness for the Office: NOTICE & Grand Jury/Public Corruption Complaint

TO: [Would-Be Livingston County D.A. Ashley Williams](#)
[Would be Cortland County D.A. Elizabeth McGrath](#)

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 and, among them, your two D.A. races against incumbent Livingston County D.A. McCaffrey and incumbent Cortland County D.A. Perfetti.

The GOOD NEWS is that you can easily win – and without money – against them simply by using the bully-pulpit of your candidacies to “whistle-blow” about the public corruption involving D.A. salaries that they have each known about, perpetuated, and benefitted from since 2016. This is the subject of my below July 18th e-mail to them and their fellow 60 D.A.s. 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 increasing 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.

If elected, what would your answers be? Please let me hear from you by August 1st so that, based on your answers, Livingston and Cortland county voters can be apprised as to whether write-in campaigns 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 they are compromised by self-interest and relationships.

I am available to answer questions, including as to the particulars of my communications with D.A.s McCaffrey and Perfetti.

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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