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**Subject:** **INFORMING THE VOTERS: Wayne County's Uncontested D.A. Candidate Callanan & its Re-Election-Seeking 2 State Legislators, Helming & Manktelow, 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 Wayne 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 [Wayne County Acting D.A. Christine Callanan](#), sent to her by the below e-mail. It involves her \$221,100 D.A. salary, statutorily-tied to the Wayne county court judge salary. Of this, \$101,300 is the product of three "false instrument", penal law-violating commission reports that Wayne County's two state legislators, each running for re-election, are knowledgeable of and complicit in.

Acting D.A. Callanan is herself running for election as D.A. – and did not respond to the July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint, requesting her response by August 1<sup>st</sup> to two simple questions:

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

Surely she will be more responsive to inquiries from WXXI – and I am cc'ing her on this e-mail so that she can be fully prepared.

What does Acting D.A. Callanan have to say about the \$221,100 Wayne County D.A. salary – and about Wayne County's state legislators whose public corruption is prioritized by the July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint (at pp. 2-4). Will she disclose her 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 Acting D.A. Callanan explain how it is possible that notwithstanding [Wayne County has a population of 91,324 and median household income of \\$71,007](#) 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 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; and
- [Assemblyman Brian Manktelow \(AD130\)](#) is running for re-election on both Republican and Conservative lines for which he faced no primaries for either line, against [James Schuler](#), running on the Democratic line for which he faced no primaries for that line.

Indeed, can Acting D.A. Callanan explain how it is possible that her own election is uncontested – and that she is running on both Republican and Conservative lines for which she faced no primaries.

Please call me so that we can discuss the above questions and your investigative journalism about Wayne 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 Wayne County D.A. election](#).

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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