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**Subject:** **YOUR 2024 ELECTIONS REPORTING: Cortland County D.A. Candidates Perfetti & McGrath -- & Cortland County's re-election-seeking state legislators Oberacker, Kelles, & Gallahan, 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 annual salary of Cortland County's district attorney, statutorily-linked to the annual salary of its county court judges, is \$221,100 – \$101,300 of which is the product of three "false instrument", penal law-violating commission reports. This is the subject of my above-attached fully-documented July 18, 2024 NOTICE/grand jury public corruption complaint that the two Cortland County D.A. candidates have had for weeks.

Below is my July 18<sup>th</sup> transmitting e-mail to incumbent [D.A. Patrick Perfetti](#), running on the Republican and Conservative lines, and above it, my July 24<sup>th</sup> transmitting e-mail to [D.A. Candidate Elizabeth McGrath](#), running on the Democratic and Working Families lines, requesting their responses by August 1<sup>st</sup>. I have received none.

As D.A. Candidates Perfetti and McGrath would presumably be more responsive to the [Ithaca Times](#), I am cc'ing them so that no time is wasted. What do they have to say about the \$221,100 Cortland County D.A. salary – and about Cortland County's three re-election-seeking state legislators, Senator Oberacker and Assembly Members Kelles and Gallahan, whose public corruption is prioritized by the July 18, 2024 NOTICE/grand jury complaint (at p. 2). Will D.A. Candidates Perfetti and McGrath disclose their political, professional, and personal relationships with these incumbent state legislators – and with the other public officers complained-against and implicated by the July 18, 2024 NOTICE/grand jury complaint?

Please call me so that we can discuss the information that Cortland County voters must have if they are to cast informed votes in the D.A. race, in the three state legislative races, and in the judicial races that are on the Cortland County ballots.

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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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