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Subject: Your yesterday's e-mail inquiring as to what I'm "looking for" and offering "to streamline things"
Attachments: 3-28-16-email-to-press.pdf; 3-31-16-email-to-press.pdf; nys-constitution-article7-sections-1-7-and-article4-section7.pdf

TO: Abbi Leman, Associate Director of Communications – CUNY/Institute for State & Local Governance

Following up on the voice message I left for you a short time ago (718-938-3310), in response to your yesterday's e-mail at 8:14 pm, stating:

"I understand you've been trying to get in touch with our executive director, Michael Jacobson. Could you let me know what information you're looking for? Perhaps I can help streamline things."

Below is the self-explanatory e-mail I sent at 4:10 pm yesterday to Mr. Jacobson's executive assistant, with a copy to Mr. Jacobson, setting forth some preliminary information I'm looking for, including by its title.

Additionally, I would appreciate knowing who is in charge of the Institute's "Lindsay Fellowship for Government Leadership and Practice" – and the curriculum for same. Is there NO instruction to the Fellows about the New York State Constitution and its Article VII pertaining to the budget? And what instruction is furnished about legislative rules – and the 2004, 2006, and 2008 reports of the Brennan Center for Justice, which detailed that New York's Legislature is the MOST dysfunctional of this nation's 50 state legislatures and Congress because of Senate and Assembly rules vesting autocratic powers in the Temporary Senate President and Assembly Speaker, emasculating the rank and file legislators and reducing the committees to empty shells – and highlighting the ease with which the legislators of each house can change the rules, at any time – and especially, in January, following the election of the new legislature.

Please advise, as soon as possible – and especially as to CUNY's professors whose expertise is the New York State Constitution and the state budget who are part of the Institute for State & Local Governance.

By copy of this e-mail to William Glasgall, Director of the Volcker Alliance State and Local Program, and to Laurie Miller, Associate Director of the Cornell Institute of Public Affairs Public Engagement Program, I identically request to know, from them, who are the professors and scholars of the New York State Constitution and its Article VII pertaining to the budget on whom their institutions rely.

Thank you.

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