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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 3:19 PM
To: 'goodbend@aol.com'
Subject: You can win against Democratic Party D.A. Candidate Mimi Rocah, easily & without \$. It requires nothing more than using the bully-pulpit of your candidacy to "whistle-blow"

Following up our brief phone conversation moments ago, for which I thank you, here's what I had written, ready to send you – and which I now send to you.

TO Westchester County District Attorney Candidate Bruce Bendish

I have been unable to find either a website or facebook page for your campaign as the Republican Party's candidate for Westchester County district attorney. Do you have either? And, if not, is this because you and the Republican Party do not believe that in a county where Democrats outnumber Republicans 2-1, you can win in the general election against Democratic Party D.A. candidate Mimi Rocah?

The good news – and the reason for this e-mail – is to alert you that you can win, easily and without money, against Candidate Rocah by whistle-blowing that she is unfit, as evidenced by her refusal to respond to the straight-forward questions I posed to her, by e-mail, on August 7th – repeating and adding to the questions I had asked her by a June 16th message sent *via* the contact feature of her campaign website, without response.

Below is the August 7th e-mail – and beneath it the June 16th message. Both are also posted on the Center for Judicial Accountability's website, www.judgewatch.org, on the webpage I entitled "Testing the Fitness of Presumptive Westchester County D.A. Rocah" – and you will find there the referred-to January 8, 2018 and June 10, 2020 public corruption complaints that D.A. Scarpino has been "sitting on". What is your opinion of the complaints – starting with the June 10, 2020 complaint against Westchester County's mostly Democratic state legislators, virtually all of whom are running for re-election unopposed. Would you not agree that if they cannot be taken out by election, they must be taken out by indictment and conviction. Do you have any doubt that based on the open-and-shut, *prima facie* evidence furnished by CJA's substantiating webpage for the complaint: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>, a grand jury would readily indict and a trial jury readily convict. If elected, how will you address your financial and other conflicts of interest with respect to these two complaints, if D.A. Scarpino does not put me before a grand jury to give testimony before he leaves office – and what salary would you expect Westchester County taxpayers to pay you, should you be elected. Is it \$136,700 or \$210,900?

I look forward to speaking with you directly about this politically-explosive situation, having nothing to do with partisanship, but with honest, accountable, fiscally-responsible, and constitutional governance, such as Candidate Rocah apparently disfavors. I am available over the weekend and in the evening hours.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 11:30 AM
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Subject: What are your answers? June 16th message, sent via the contact feature of your campaign website.

TO: Westchester District Attorney Candidate Mimi Rocah

I have received no response from you to my below June 16th message, sent *via* the contact feature of your campaign website. Did you receive the message – and did you respond?

As you defeated D.A. Scarpino in the June 23rd Democratic party primary – and Westchester County is 2-1 Democratic -- the indicated webpage “Holding Re-Election-Seeking Westchester County D.A. Scarpino Accountable” has now been renamed: “Testing the Fitness of Presumptive Westchester County D.A. Rocah”: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2020/da-elections/presumptive-da-rocah.htm>.

What is your response to the two public corruption complaints there posted – as to which my June 16th message asked:

“Will you – as a candidate – ‘blow the whistle’ about the January 8, 2018 corruption complaint that D.A. Scarpino has been ‘sitting on’ – and speak out about how he should be handling the June 10, 2020 corruption/grand jury complaint, pursuant to Article I, §6 of the New York State Constitution? And, if not, is it because you suffer conflicts of interests with respect to these complaints – exposing, as they do, the public corruption of several of your endorsers, as, for instance, State Senator Alessandra Biaggi and your former boss, U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara – and the nonfeasance of such endorsers as Berit Berger, Executive Director of the so-called Center for the Advancement of Public Integrity.

If elected, how will you address your financial and other conflicts of interest with respect to each of these two complaints, if action has not been taken by D.A. Scarpino before then.”

Please furnish your answers by next Friday, August 14th – and be sure to specify what salary you would expect Westchester County taxpayers to pay you, should you be elected. Is it \$136,700 or \$210,900?

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:41 PM
To: 'Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)' <elena@judgewatch.org>
Subject: sent via the contact feature on Candidate Rocah's website, <https://www.mimirocahforda.com/> -- June 16, 2020, at 2:38 pm

Subject: You can win, easily & without \$, vs Westchester D.A. Scarpino. All it takes is using the bully-pulpit of your candidacy to "whistle-blow" about the corruption complaint he's been "sitting on" & the corruption/grand jury complaint, just filed

TO: Westchester District Attorney Candidate Mimi Rocah

I am director and co-founder of the non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), based in White Plains.

Are you aware that the Westchester district attorney's salary comes out of the Westchester County budget – and that the increases in that salary, from the \$136,700 it was prior to April 1, 2012 to the more than \$210,000 it is today, are the product of two "force of law" commission reports which are "false instruments", violative of Penal Law §175.35. On January 8, 2018, I filed a fully-documented corruption complaint with Westchester D.A. Scarpino pertaining to his larcenous district attorney salary, seeking corrective action, including prosecution of the Westchester County public officers responsible and complicit. Among these, Westchester County's 14 state Senate and Assembly members – and D.A. Scarpino. To date, more than 2-1/2 years later, D.A. Scarpino has been "sitting on" the complaint, while financially benefiting from the fraudulent salary increases that Westchester County taxpayers pay for.

Last week, I filed a second corruption complaint with D.A. Scarpino, related to the first. This June 10, 2020 complaint, also fully documented, is solely against Westchester County's 14 state legislators and seeks a grand jury inquiry and indictments pursuant to Article I, §6 of the New York State Constitution for their "'wilful misconduct in office', including fraud and larceny with respect to their OWN legislative salaries & the Legislature's OWN budget." It furnishes proof that the "force of law" committee report that boosted their salaries from \$79,500 to \$110,000 is a "false instrument", violative of Law §175.35 in virtually identical respects as the two "force of law" commission reports that boosted D.A. Scarpino's salary.

Both complaints are posted on CJA's website, www.judgwatch.org, accessible via the prominent center link: "ELECTIONS 2020 – Taking Out Corrupt & Collusive Legislative Incumbents & Conspiring D.A.s – All Beneficiaries of Statutory-Violative, Fraudulent, Unconstitutional Pay Raises & Other Larcenies of Taxpayer Monies". The direct link to the webpage on which they are posted, entitled "Holding Re-Election-Seeking Westchester County D.A. Scarpino Accountable", is here: <http://www.judgwatch.org/web-pages/elections/2020/da-elections/scarpino.htm>.

Will you – as a candidate -- "blow the whistle" about the January 8, 2018 corruption complaint that D.A. Scarpino has been "sitting on" – and speak out about how he should be handling the June 10, 2020 corruption/grand jury complaint, pursuant to Article I, §6 of the New York State Constitution? And, if not, is it because you suffer conflicts of interests with respect to these complaints – exposing, as they do, the public corruption of several of your endorsers, as, for instance, State Senator Alessandra Biaggi and your former boss, U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara – and the nonfeasance of such endorsers as Berit Berger, Executive Director of the so-called Center for the Advancement of Public Integrity.

If elected, how will you address your financial and other conflicts of interest with respect to each of these two complaints, if action has not been taken by D.A. Scarpino before then.

I look forward to discussing this with you, directly – and as soon as possible, consistent with the transparency, disclosure, and "tough ethical standards" you have promised: <https://www.mimirocahforda.com/tough-ethical-standards>

Thank you.

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