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Subject: Which candidate is fit for election to the 125th AD seat? Kelles or McIntyre?
Attachments: 5-11-20-email-to-kelles.pdf

TO: 125th Assembly District Candidates
Anna Kelles (D, WF)
Matthew McIntyre (R, L)

How should voters decide which of you is fit to fill the 125th Assembly seat of retiring Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton?

The GOOD NEWS is that there is an issue dispositive of candidate fitness. It involves the \$110,000 yearly legislative salary you will be paid, if you are elected. Such salary is the product of a December 10, 2018 report that is a “false instrument”, violative of a succession of penal laws – and this, as well as the larceny of the Legislature’s OWN budget and other “wilful misconduct in office” are the subjects of FULLY-DOCUMENTED public corruption/grand jury complaints against Assemblywoman Lifton and all other legislative incumbents, filed with all 62 of New York’s district attorneys – which all 62 district attorneys have been “sitting on”.

The complaints are by the non-partisan, non-profit citizens’ organization Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) – and those specifically against Assemblywoman Lifton were filed with the district attorneys of Tompkins and Cortland Counties – as these are the two counties which the 125th Assembly district encompasses. The June 15, 2020 complaint filed with Tompkins County D.A. Matthew Van Houten is [here](#). The June 19, 2020 complaint filed with Cortland County D.A. Patrick Perfetti is [here](#). The substantiating EVIDENTIARY webpage for the complaints is [here](#).

Do you agree that voters are entitled to know, before they elect either of you, what salary you would expect to be paid? Will it be \$110,00 – or \$79,500? Based upon the open-and-shut, *prima facie* EVIDENCE on which the complaints rest – accessible from the [substantiating webpage](#) – no candidate may be deemed fit who is unable to unequivocally announce to voters that, if elected, (1) he/she will not take the \$30,500 salary increase because it is fraudulent; and (2) he/she will ensure public findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to the complaints, prosecution of the complained-against legislative incumbents and their conspirators, and “claw-backs” of the fraudulent salary increases already paid-out.

By the way, on December 31, 2020, when Assemblywoman Lifton retires, she will not only have collected nearly the two full years of fraudulent salary increases that must be “clawed-back” -- \$61,000 – but she will be retiring on a pension calculated with the \$110,000 figure. As I furnished Assemblywoman Lifton with the two public corruption/grand jury complaints against her so that she could be ready for questioning, will you – on behalf of the voters – ask her what, if anything, she denies or disputes. And will you publicly call on D.A. Van Houten and D.A. Perfetti to explain why they have not presented the complaints to Tompkins and Cortland grand juries. How about calling upon the local press to do its part to investigate and report on the complaints. This would include the press to whom I already furnished the complaints: Ithaca Journal, Ithaca Times – and, most recently, The Cornell Daily Sun. Also, Cortland Standard and The Cortland Voice.

As these publications will doubtless be ramping up their election coverage in the coming weeks – and possibly making editorial endorsements – I am cc’ing them on this e-mail so that they can assess which of you possesses the integrity and “whistle-blowing” capacity, requisite for public service. Or do you dispute that these are essential qualities for the job you seek? Suffice to note that although this is my first outreach to Candidate McIntyre, I did reach out to Candidate Kelles when she was running in the Democratic primary against six other candidates. Above attached is my May 11, 2020 e-mail to her entitled “You can win, easily & without money, NY’s 125th Assembly seat. All it takes is ‘whistle-blowing’”, to which I received no response.

I am available to answer your questions – and invite you to call me, including over the weekend, early in the morning, and at night – time being of the essence.

Thank you.

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