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**Subject:** GOOD NEWS! You have an open-&-shut public corruption issue that will WIN you election -- & demonstrate your fitness for public service  
**Attachments:** 6-4-20-complaint-albany-da-soares-revised.pdf; albany-7-23-20-da-foil.pdf

### TO: NON-INCUMBENT CANDIDATES FOR ALBANY COUNTY STATE SENATE & ASSEMBLY SEATS

SD-45: \*David Yule (R)

SD-46: Michelle Hinchey (D, WF); Richard Amedure (R, C, I); Robert Alft (G)

AD-102: Betsy Kraat (D)

AD-108: \*Petros Papanicolaou (R, C); Sam Fein (WF)

AD-109: \*Robert Porter (R,C, L)

AD-110: \*Dave Feiden (R, C)

AD-111: Paul Delorenzo (R)

**This is to alert you to GOOD NEWS.** You can EASILY win election to the state legislative seats you seek – and without expenditure of money. All it requires is using the “bully-pulpit” of your candidacy to whistle-blow about the above-attached FULLY-DOCUMENTED public corruption/grand jury complaint against Albany County’s seven state legislators – six seeking re-election -- which Albany County District Attorney Soares, himself seeking re-election, has been “sitting on”. The complaint establishes, with EVIDENCE, that they both must be indicted on EVIDENCE *so prima facie* and open-and-shut as to assure convictions.

The Albany Times Union has long known about the complaint – and illustrative is the below September 18<sup>th</sup> e-mail to its publisher, highest editors, and relevant reporters, to which Albany County’s seven state legislative incumbents and D.A. Soares were cc’d so that they could be ready for press inquiries. Individually and collectively, if you stand up for honest, accountable government and make the complaint your campaign issue, you will win – easily. Demand that complained-against legislative incumbents respond to the complaint, that D.A. Soares explain why he has not presented it to an Albany County grand jury, and that the press do its part to investigate and report.

I am available to answer your questions – and invite you to call me.

Needless to say, voters are entitled to know from you what salary you expect to be paid, if you were to be elected to the Legislature – and whether you will commit to ensuring: (1) public findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to the complaint; (2) prosecution of all culpable public officers and their conspirators; and (3) “claw-backs” to recover the approximately half-a-billion dollars in fraudulent salary increases, already paid out. Please advise.

Finally, I ask your help in forwarding this e-mail to the above-listed four candidates whose names are preceded by an asterisk (\*), as I do not have e-mail addresses for them. Three candidates appear to have neither campaign websites or facebook pages and the fourth, Candidate Feiden, does not post an e-mail address on either his campaign website or facebook page.

As the Albany Times Union will doubtless be ramping up its election reporting in the coming weeks – and interviewing you for purposes of its candidate endorsements – I am cc'ing its publisher, highest editors, and relevant reporters on this e-mail.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** Albany County Elections 2020 -- Informing Voters with EVIDENCE: public corruption/grand jury complaint vs Albany County's 7 state legislators -- 6 running for re-election -- which D.A. Soares, also running for re-election, is "sitting on"

**TO:** Albany Times Union

As you know, Albany County's seven state legislators – six running for re-election -- are subjects of a **fully-documented** public corruption/grand jury complaint, filed with Albany County District Attorney Soares, also running for re-election, who has been "sitting on" it. The complaint involves the "force of law" commission/committee scheme that gave all eight of them pay raises – and a legislature not operating at a remotely constitutional level.

The June 4, 2020 complaint, by the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), is above-attached – and below are the e-mails transmitting it and the above-attached July 23, 2020 FOIL request to D.A. Soares. CJA's substantiating evidentiary webpage for the complaint is here: <http://www.jugewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>.

As stated by the complaint, Albany County voters are entitled to know that their state legislators cannot be re-elected because they must be indicted for larceny and other corruption on EVIDENCE so DISPOSITIVE as to assure their convictions. So, too, retiring Senator Amedore, who will be pocketing a salary-based pension that is a further larceny.

To facilitate your inquiries of the complained-against state legislators and D.A. Soares, I am cc'ing them on this e-mail. What, if anything, do they deny or dispute. Let them start where the complaint starts: my July 16, 2019 e-mail to the Legislature's 15 stipend-receiving leaders requesting that they forward the e-mail to the 198 other state legislators, with its attached July 15, 2019 written NOTICE and substantiating analysis establishing that the December 10, 2018 Report of the Committee on Legislative and Executive Compensation – raising their legislative salaries from \$79,500 to \$110,000 – is “a **fraud** on the People of the State of New York – and a **larceny** of their tax dollars’, violating a succession of penal laws, and that their duty was to void it, to return the pay-raise monies they had already received, and to initiate criminal prosecutions of the Committee’s four members and abetting attorneys.” The analysis is 46 pages, excluding exhibits. Will they furnish you with their findings of fact and conclusions of law? If not, I’m sure ordinary Albany County citizens would be able to help you with what is obvious. Just accompany your story with links to the complaint and the evidentiary webpage so that they can see for themselves the open-and-shut, *prima facie* EVIDENCE that D.A. Soares has been withholding from an Albany County grand jury to maintain his own fraudulently-boosted D.A. salary, paid by Albany County taxpayers.

I am available to answer your questions and assist you, to the max -- on a story not only upending Albany County’s state legislative and D.A. races, but, additionally, ALL New York’s other state legislative races and its 14 other D.A. races – and **that’s for starters**.

Thank you.

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**Subject: Your wilful nonfeasance & violation of duties: June 4, 2020 public corruption complaint in support of an Albany County grand jury inquiry of "wilful misconduct in office of public officers", pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution...**

**TO: Albany County District Attorney P. David Soares**

I have received no acknowledgment or other communication from you or from your Public Integrity Unit to my June 4, 2020 public corruption/grand jury complaint – just as, likewise, I received none to my four prior public corruption complaints dated July 19, 2013, January 7, 2014, June 21, 2016, and March 6, 2018.

The standard for grand jury indictments, “legally sufficient evidence”, is identified by your Public Integrity Unit, whose webpage about itself, <http://albanycountyda.com/Bureaus/PublicIntegrityUnit/about.aspx>, reads, in full:

“The Public Integrity Unit is a manifestation of the Albany County District Attorney’s commitment to abide by one standard of justice for all. No person, no

matter their rank or affiliation, is above the law. Nowhere does this principle apply more meaningfully than to our elected officials. Endowed with the public trust, our elected officials and government employees are expected to act for the benefit of the citizens of Albany County, and not for personal profit or gain. On the other hand, great caution must be exercised to ensure that no person suffers personal or professional disrepute because of the dissemination of baseless or unfounded allegations of criminal conduct. For that reason, no criminal charge can be leveled unless and until supported by **legally sufficient evidence**. Integrity means that criminal charges are prosecuted in the courtrooms of our state, in a manner that is fair, just and above reproach." (bold added).

Each of my five complaints not only furnished "legally sufficient evidence", but evidence so *prima facie* and open-and-shut as to leave no doubt that a grand jury would speedily indict – and a trial jury speedily convict – the complained-against public officers and their accomplices.

As your wilful nonfeasance and violation of duties with respect to these fully-documented complaints raises reasonable questions as to your performance with respect to *other* public corruption complaints filed by *other* members of the public, I have today filed a FOIL/public information request with Albany County's Public Information Officer to help answer those questions. A copy is attached.

Finally, I take this opportunity to correct the obvious error, at page 5 of the June 4, 2020 corruption/grand jury complaint, in the first name of Assemblywoman Fahy, which is Patricia, not Patrick. Please supersede with the attached complaint correcting page 5.

Thank you.

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**Subject: Superseding CORRUPTION COMPLAINT in support of an Albany County grand jury inquiry of "wilful misconduct in office of public officers", pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution -- & indictments based on CJA's July 15, 2019 NOTICE and analysis...**

**TO: Albany County District Attorney P. David Soares**

Please supersede the corruption/grand jury complaint sent by the below June 4<sup>th</sup> e-mail, with the attached, correcting typos and making other essentially minor and clarifying changes. The superseding original will now be mailed.

Apologies for the inconvenience.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** CORRUPTION COMPLAINT in support of an Albany County grand jury inquiry of "wilful misconduct in office of public officers", pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution -- & indictments based on CJA's July 15, 2019 NOTICE and analysis...

Attached is the Center for Judicial Accountability's above-entitled corruption complaint of today's date. Original will be mailed. CJA's webpage on which it will be posted is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>

Thank you.

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