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TO: [Senator](#) & [Would-Be New York City Mayor](#) Jessica Ramos

Here linked is my [written testimony for the Legislature's February 15, 2023 budget hearing on "local government officials/general government"](#), inadvertently omitted from my below March 14th e-mail to you, listing my testimonies at and for the Legislature's budget hearings since you took office as a senator in January 2019.

I have already posted it on [CJA's webpage for your mayoral candidacy](#), which now also includes a helpful link to an "[Archive of CJA's Testimonies, since 2013, at & for the Legislature's Budget Hearings -- WITH EVIDENTIARY WEBPAGES](#)".

As stated by my March 14th e-mail:

"The ONLY difference in the testimony, from year to year, is that, with each year, there is that much more evidence substantiating the previous year's testimony and the [June 9, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint](#) that, to date, remains pending before Queens D.A. Katz." (capitalization, underlining, and hyperlinking in the original).

Thank you.

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Subject: **ELECTIONS ARE ABOUT ACCOUNTABILITY: Your Performance, in Office, as a NYS Senator & Your 2025 Electoral Race for NYC Mayor**

TO: [Senator](#) & [Would-Be New York City Mayor](#) Jessica Ramos

Elections are a time of accountability. Based on your on-the-job performance as a state senator, why do you believe yourself fit to be mayor of New York City – or for any office of public trust?

In reports issued in [2004](#), [2006](#), and [2008](#), New York University's Brennan Center for Justice described New York's Legislature as the most dysfunctional in the nation. This dysfunction, reflected in sham committees that do not meaningfully discharge their lawmaking and oversight responsibilities, would have been obvious to you upon taking office in January 2019 and in March and April 2019, voting on the FY2019-20 state budget. What did you actually know and understand about the budget, starting with the Legislature's own budget that pays your salary? Did your fellow legislators share with you [the testimony I had submitted for the Legislature's February 11, 2019 budget hearing on "local government officials/general government"](#) with its appended two sets of questions, the first pertaining to the Judiciary budget, the second pertaining to the Legislative budget – both loaded onto the same budget bill?

The following year, after enactment of the FY2020-21 budget, I filed with Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz a [June 9, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint](#) against you and your fellow Queens state legislators for fraud and larceny pertaining to the budget and, specifically, the Legislative budget and its "false instrument"/ "force of law" legislative pay raises. Three and a half months later, by a [September 21, 2020 e-mail](#), I sent the complaint to NY's "local journalism", cc'ing you, your fellow legislators, and D.A. Katz. Entitled "Queens Elections 2020 – Informing Voters with EVIDENCE...", the e-mail identified that D.A. Katz was "sitting on" the complaint, knowing that it established that you and your fellow legislators had to be indicted – and would be convicted. I received no response from you or your Queens colleagues.

My subsequent e-mails to you were as a Senate Judiciary Committee member, which you became in 2023 – and to these serious and substantial e-mails I also received no response from you or your colleagues:

- [my April 16, 2023 e-mail](#) – "Request to testify in opposition to Rowan Wilson's confirmation as chief judge & Caitlin Halligan's confirmation as associate judge, plus FOIL request";
- [my April 17, 2023 e-mail](#) – "AGAIN: Request to testify vs Rowan Wilson's confirmation as chief judge & Caitlin Halligan's confirmation as associate judge - - & the duties of the Senate Judiciary Committee";
- [my January 19, 2024 e-mail](#) – "Judiciary Budget ALERT: \$34.6M at pp. 18-19 of Budget Bill #S.8301/A.8801 must be stricken, as it is the product of statutory violations & fraud by the Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation";
- [my January 25, 2024 e-mail](#) – "Today's 'public protection' budget hearing -- & your questioning of Chief Administrative Judge Zayas & Commission on Judicial Conduct Administrator Tembeckjian".

In addition to my above-described [written testimony for the Legislature's February 11, 2019 budget hearing](#), I gave testimony at and for the Legislature's subsequent budget hearings:

- Here's [my \(written\) oral testimony at the February 10, 2021 budget hearing on "public protection"](#);

- Here's [my \(written\) oral testimony at the January 25, 2022 budget hearing on "public protection"](#);
- Here's [my written testimony for the February 7, 2023 budget hearing on "public protection"](#);
- Here's [my written testimony for the January 25, 2024 budget hearing on "public protection"](#);
- Here's [my written testimony for the February 6, 2024 budget hearing on "local gov't officials/general gov't"](#);
- Here's [my written testimony for the February 4, 2025 budget hearing on "local gov't officials/general gov't"](#);
- Here's [my written testimony for the February 13, 2025 budget hearing on "public protection"](#);
- [Here's my written testimony for the February 25, 2025 budget hearing on "higher education"](#).

The ONLY difference in the testimony, from year to year, is that, with each year, there is that much more evidence substantiating the previous year's testimony and the [June 9, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint](#) that, to date, remains pending before Queens D.A. Katz. Are you unaware of this testimony – and the two citizen-taxpayer action lawsuits I commenced "on behalf of the People of the State of New York & the Public Interest" in June 2022 and March 2024, suing all three government branches, including you, as a member of the Senate, and seeking declarations of unconstitutionality, unlawfulness and cessation/claw-backs of larcenous disbursements. Has it not been discussed by your legislative colleagues, including at the closed-door party conferences that substitute for discussion and debate at open committee meetings?

New York City voters, whose votes and financial support you are soliciting for your mayoral run, are entitled to your responses to the above e-mails, testimony, and lawsuits because they establish corrupt, posturing, and larcenous conduct by you and your fellow legislators, inexplicable except as a manifestation of self-interest, over the public interest. What, if anything, do you deny or dispute?

To assist you in furnishing that measure of accountability by your answers, I have created a [webpage for your mayoral run](#) from which the foregoing is accessible, plus the complaints with ethics and criminal authorities against you and your co-conspirators. It is part of a series of webpages, featured by the first prominent center link on CJA's homepage, www.judgewatch.org, entitled "[ELECTIONS 2025 -- INFORMING THE VOTERS -- ALERT: Corrupt candidates & incumbents are on the ballot](#)".

To further encourage your response, this e-mail will be posted on CJA's webpage for your mayoral candidacy – and furnished to the other New York City mayoral candidates and the media.

Thank you.

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