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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 2:04 PM
To: 'Senate Foil'; 'Robin Marilla'
Subject: FOIL: Senate & Assembly requests to the Attorney General for advisory opinion for Bill/Resolution #S-8309 & #A-10651 to amend the NYS Constitution to add a new article V-A on "state government integrity"

**TO: Senate Records Access Officer/Secretary of the Senate Alejandra Paulino
Assembly Records Access Officer Robin Marilla**

On April 30, 2018, Senator Liz Krueger introduced, into the Senate, Bill/Concurrent Resolution #S-8309, proposing to amend the New York State Constitution by adding a new Article V-A, whose purpose was "to replace JCOPE and the LEC with a single, truly independent, enforcement agency, similar to the Commission on Judicial Conduct established in Article VI of the State Constitution, to deter corruption in the legislative and executive branches of state government." It was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee and, on May 18, 2018, referred to the Attorney General for opinion. On June 8, 2018, the opinion was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2017/s8309>.

On May 10, 2018, the identical bill/concurrent resolution, #A-10651, was introduced, into the Assembly, by Assemblyman Robert Carroll, Esq. It was referred to the Assembly Committee on Governmental Operations and the next day, May 11, 2018, referred to the Attorney General for opinion. On June 7, 2018, the opinion was referred to the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

https://nyassembly.gov/leg/?default_fld=&leg_video=&bn=A10651&term=2017&Summary=Y&Actions=Y&Committee%26nbspVotes=Y&Floor%26nbspVotes=Y&Memo=Y&Text=Y&LFIN=Y&Chamber%26nbspVideo%2FTranscript=Y.

Pursuant to Senate Rule XIV ["Freedom of Information"] and Assembly Rule VIII ["Public Access to Records"], request is made for ALL records pertaining to:

- (1) the Senate and Assembly requests to the Attorney General for an advisory opinion, including the letter/transmittal request;
- (2) the Attorney General's advisory opinion; and
- (3) actions by the Senate and Assembly Judiciary Committees or any other Senate and Assembly Committees with respect to the Attorney General's advisory opinion – or by Senate and Assembly leadership.

Thank you.

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