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From: Watson, Cherise (DOS) <Cherise.Watson@dos.ny.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2019 4:48 PM
To: elena@judgewatch.org
Subject: FOIL: F2019-1264 (5 Day)

Re: F2019-1264

Dear Ms. Sassower:

We have received your Freedom of Information Law request dated September 9, 2019, in which you sought “

- **All records establishing the date and time the following entries were posted:**

“8-21-2019”: “Meeting of the New York State Public Campaign Financing Commission – Broadcast at 1 p.m. via Facebook” –

which links directly to a Department of State Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/NewYorkDepartmentOfState/>

“8-21-2019” “New York State Public Campaign Financing Commission Announces Public Hearings”—posting a “Media Advisory”:

<https://www.dos.ny.gov/press/2019/Campaign-Hearings-8-19.html>;

“9-04-2019”: “New York State Public Campaign Financing Commission Announces September 10 Public Hearing in Manhattan” – posting a “Media Advisory”:

<https://www.dos.ny.gov/press/2019/Campaign-Hearings-9-4-19.html>;

- **All records reflecting why the hyperlink in the “9-04-2019” “Media Advisory” pertaining to “the general public comment hearing taking place at 4 p.m. at BMCC” is to the SAME “9-04-2019” “Media Advisory”;**
- **All records establishing what, if any, dissemination/notification of the above three entries was made by the Department of State to the media – and records reflecting which media and/or journalists;**
- **All records reflecting why the New York State Public Campaign Financing and Election Commission, established pursuant to Chapter 59, Part XXX, of the Laws of 2019 (Part XXX of Revenue Budget Bill #S.1509-C/A.2009-C), does not have its own website – and reflecting approvals by the Department of State and/or the Committee on Open Government: <https://www.dos.ny.gov/coog/> as to the propriety of its utilizing the Department of State’s website;**
- **All records pertaining to the procedures by which entities such as the Public Campaign Financing and Election Commission would establish websites for themselves – and the terms and conditions for same.”**

Your request is currently being reviewed and the Department will be in further contact within twenty business days. At that time, your request will either be granted or denied, in whole or in part, or you will be given a date that records responsive to your request will be made available for inspection or copying.

Sincerely,

Cherise Watson
Assistant Records Access Officer
NYS Department of State

From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Monday, September 09, 2019 11:01 AM
To: Watson, Cherise (DOS) <Cherise.Watson@dos.ny.gov>
Subject: FOIL Request: Postings on the Dept. of State's website for the Public Campaign Financing and Election Commission (Chapter 59, Part XXX, of the Laws of 2019 -- Part XXX of Revenue Budget Bill #S.1509-C/A.2009-C)

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TO: Department of State/FOIL Officer Cherise Watson

Following up our phone conversation earlier this morning, this is to request, pursuant to FOIL (Public Officers Law VI), the following pertaining to the Department of State's webpage of "Newsroom and Webcasts":
<https://www.dos.ny.gov/about/newsroom.html>:

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Thank you.

Elena Sassower, Director
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