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Subject: FOIL/Records Request -- & POSTING: Assembly Minority's "Green Book"/analysis of the Governor's fiscal year 2020-2021 budget

TO: Assembly Records Access Officer Robin Marilla

Pursuant to Assembly Rule VIII ("Public Access to Records"), this is to request a pdf of the "Green Book" of the Republican Assembly Minority constituting its review and analysis, by its Counsel and Ways and Means Committee staff, of the Governor's fiscal year 2020-21 state budget.

I hereby also request that the "Green Book" be posted on the Assembly's webpages for the budget: <https://nyassembly.gov/2020budget/>, which should feature a tab for the "Green book", just as it has a tab for the Democratic Assembly Majority "Yellow book". Alternatively, the tab should be renamed to "Counsel/Staff Analyses" – and open to a page where both the "Yellow Book" and "Green Book" are accessible.

Earlier this morning, I spoke with Tim Derocher, Legislative Director to Assembly Ways & Means Committee Ranking Member Ra – following up on our phone conversation on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 (518-455-4627). He stated that he would provide me with a copy of the "Green Book", when it is available. I understood him to mean that it has not yet been completed and distributed to the Assembly Republican Minority. I requested, additionally, that Ranking Member Ra take steps to have the "Green Book" posted on the Assembly's webpages for the budget – and, at very least, that he post the "Green Book" on his own Assembly webpage: <https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Edward-P-Ra>, much as Senate Finance Committee Ranking Member Seward has posted the Senate Minority's "White Book" on his: <https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/james-l-seward> -- <https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/articles/2020/james-l-seward/analysis-2020-21-governors-budget-proposal>.

A short time ago, I telephoned Assembly Minority Leader Barclay's office (518-455-3751) and spoke with his senior executive assistant, Dawn Rizzo, about the foregoing, requesting that Assembly Minority Leader Barclay take steps to ensure that the "Green Book" is included in the Assembly's aggregated budget webpages: <https://nyassembly.gov/2020budget/>. This, in addition to posting it on the Assembly Minority's webpage: <https://nyassembly.gov/Minority/>. I also left a message on that subject for Assembly Minority Counsel Kevin Engel with Ann Riccitelli, office manager in the Assembly Minority Counsel's office (518-455-4257).

Thank you.

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