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Dear Elena Sassower:

This message acknowledges receipt of your request. Your request was received in this office on 2/14/2023 and given the reference number R000436-021623 for tracking purposes.

Records Requested: (1) why the Legislature's FY2022-23 budget that Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Heastie transmitted to Governor Hochul by their December 1, 2022 coverletter included (at pp. 1, 6, 10) the Independent Redistricting Commission – and, likewise, why their December 1, 2021 coverletter to Governor Hochul, transmitting the Legislature's FY2022-23 budget included (at pp. 1, 6, 10) the Independent Redistricting Commission; (2) why, for FY2021-22, the behind-closed-doors “three people in a room” – consisting of Governor Cuomo, Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins, and Assembly Speaker Heastie – popped a \$4,000,000 appropriation for the Independent Redistricting Commission into their March 30, 2021 and April 3, 2021 amendings of the legislative portion of the FY2021-22 Legislative/Judiciary appropriation bill, moving it from the State Operations appropriation bill, where Governor Cuomo had originally placed it; (3) whether, prior to the FY2021-22 budget, any appropriations were made for the Independent Redistrict Commission – and, if so, by which bills; (4) why, since redistricting is every ten years, is the FY2023-24 appropriation for the Independent Redistricting Commission back to the \$4,000,000 appropriated in FY2021-22 – represented, by the Legislature's FY2023-24 budget (at p. 1) as being a “restoration...to a full fiscal year of activity”; (5) how the \$4,000,000 was calculated as being needed for FY2023-24, considering, in the FY2022-23 Legislative/Judiciary appropriation bill (at p. 63), there was a whopping \$2,641,106 left over for “reappropriation” from the FY2021-22 appropriation of \$4,000,000; (6) Why, since the FY2023-24 Legislative/Judiciary appropriation bill (at pp. 71-72) contains \$2,838,050 left over for “reappropriation” from FY2021-22 and FY2022-23, those reappropriated funds were not deducted from the \$4,000,000 needed for the Independent Redistricting Commission for FY2023-24, if it was actually needed.

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