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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 5:16 PM
To: 'Senate Foil'
Subject: AGAIN -- FOIL/records request: Legislative Ethics Commission's annual budgets for FY2021-22 -- and for the five prior fiscal years

TO: Senate Records Access Officer/Secretary of the Senate Alejandra Paulino, ESQ.

Your below March 11, 2021 e-mail responds to my above-entitled March 10, 2021 FOIL/records request, stating:

“Please be advised the information pursuant to your request can be found on the website below.
<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/liz-krueger/legislature-announces-joint-budget-hearing-schedule-0>”

Are you on drugs – or drunk? How can the Legislature’s January 20, 2021 announcement of its schedule of hearings on the FY2021-22 state budget – which is the link you’ve provided – fulfil my request for the Legislative Ethics Commission’s annual budgets for FY2021-22 – and for the five prior fiscal years?

Please promptly – and without further deceit – furnish me the requested records that you recite in your below March 11, 2021 e-mail.

Thank you.

Elena Sassower, Director
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)
www.judgewatch.org
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From: Senate Foil <foil@nysenate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 4:22 PM
To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.(CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>

Subject: Re: FOIL/records request: Legislative Ethics Commission's annual budgets for FY2021-22 -- and for the five prior fiscal years

Importance: High

March 11, 2021

Ms. Elena Ruth Sassower, Director
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.
www.judgewatch.org

Dear Ms. Sassower:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email dated March 10th, 2021 pursuant to the Freedom of

Information Law.

You are requesting, “for: (1) the proposed budget prepared by the Legislative Ethics Commission’s executive director for the Commission’s approval for FY2021-22 – and for each of the five prior fiscal years: FY2020-21, FY2019-20, FY2018-19, FY2017-18, FY2016-17; (2) the proposed budgets that the Legislative Ethics Commission approved for each of these six fiscal years, if different; (3) records reflecting the Legislative Ethics Commission’s transmittal of its proposed budget for each of these six fiscal years to legislative authorities “for legislative approval”; (4) records reflecting the Legislative Ethics Commission’s requests for, and/or authorizations of, the reappropriations for the Legislative Ethics Commission appearing in an out-of-sequence, mistitled §4 at the back of the Governor’s Legislative/Judiciary budget bills – to wit, for FY2021-22 -- at pp. 37-40 of the Governor’s Legislative/Judiciary Budget Bill #S.2501/A.3001; for FY2020-21 – at pp. 34-37 of the Governor’s Legislative/Judiciary Budget Bill #S.7501/A.9501; for FY2019-20 – at pp. 33-37 of the Governor’s Legislative/Judiciary Budget Bill #S.1501/A.2001; for FY2018-19 – at pp. 32-36 of the Governor’s Legislative/Judiciary Budget Bill #S.7501/A.9501; for FY2017-18 – at pp. 33-36 of the Governor’s Legislative/Judiciary Budget Bill #S.2001/A.3001; for FY 2016-17 – at pp. 30-33 of the Governor’s Legislative/Judiciary Budget Bill #S.6401/A.9001...”

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I have attached a copy of the Senate’s Rules and Regulations Relating to the Public Inspection and Copying of Legislative Records for your information.

Sincerely,
Alejandra N. Paulino, Esq.
Secretary of the Senate

From: "Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.\(CJA)" <elena@judgewidth.org>
To: <foil@nysenate.gov>, <marillar@nyassembly.gov>
Date: 03/10/2021 09:54 AM
Subject: FOIL/records request: Legislative Ethics Commission's annual budgets for FY2021-22 -- and for the five prior fiscal years

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

Article V of the Legislative Ethics Commission’s By-Laws is entitled “Annual Budget” and it reads:

“The Executive Director shall prepare a proposed annual budget, which shall require the approval of the Commission before it is submitted for legislative approval. The budget year shall be the State fiscal year.”

Pursuant to Senate Rule ____ [“Freedom of Information”] and Assembly Rules VIII [“Public Access to Records”], request is made for:

(1) the proposed budget prepared by the Legislative Ethics Commission’s executive director for the Commission’s approval for FY2021-22 – and for each of the five prior fiscal years: FY2020-21, FY2019-20, FY2018-19, FY2017-18, FY2016-17;

(2) the proposed budgets that the Legislative Ethics Commission approved for each of these six fiscal years, if different;

(3) records reflecting the Legislative Ethics Commission's transmittal of its proposed budget for each of these six fiscal years to legislative authorities "for legislative approval";

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