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**Subject:** Request for a meeting, as soon as possible, to discuss the Judiciary budget -- & other issues within the Judiciary Committee's jurisdiction  
**Attachments:** 1-11-17-meeting-request-bonacic-sjc.pdf; 1-18-17-meeting-request-form-hoylman.pdf

### TO: Brielle Christian, Counsel to Senate Judiciary Committee Chair John Bonacic –

Following up your return call to me on Wednesday, responding to my phone message for you the day before, here's the link to the Assembly Judiciary Committee's rigged December 1, 2017 hearing on the Judiciary's enacted budget for the current fiscal year: [http://nystateassembly.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=8&clip\\_id=4407](http://nystateassembly.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=4407). Kindly advise whether the Senate Judiciary Committee intends to hold its own hearing on the Judiciary's current enacted budget – or on the Judiciary's December 1, 2017 proposed budget for fiscal year 2018-2019.

Irrespective – and certainly if the answer is no – please schedule a meeting for me with Chair Bonacic, as soon as possible, to review the respects in which the Judiciary's proposed budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 repeats the SAME constitutional and statutory violations and fraud as its proposed and enacted budgets for the current and past fiscal years, particularized by the pleadings in CJA's citizen-taxpayer actions – including as to the judicial salary increases. These judicial salary increases are the product of two commission reports, as to which there has been NO oversight by the Assembly and Senate Judiciary Committees – or by any other committees of the Legislature. This has cost New York taxpayers, since April 1, 2012, probably \$300 million dollars, including the cost of statutorily-linked district attorney salary increases. The December 1, 2017 proposed judiciary budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 will add approximately \$70 million to that figure – on top of which, unless overridden by the Legislature, will be further salary increases of approximately \$10,000 per judge, effective April 1, 2018.

The VIDEOS of my testimony at the Legislature's January 30, 2017 and January 31, 2017 budget hearings summarize the situation, and you can view them here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2017-legislature/budget-hearings.htm>. Likewise, the VIDEO of my testimony at the Legislature's February 6, 2013 budget hearing, when the monies paid out for the judicial/D.A. salary increases was under \$30 million. The pleadings and record of the citizen-taxpayer actions are here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/menu-budget-reform.htm>.

I have already filled out Senator Bonacic's meeting request form – last January. My list of proposed agenda items, all within the Senate Judiciary Committee's jurisdiction and encompassed by the citizen-taxpayer actions, are no less relevant and even more exigent now. It is attached, as is Senator Hoylman's meeting request form which I also filled out last January.

As the Judiciary budget and other proposed agenda issues are ALL non-partisan, government integrity matters, I request that Chair Bonacic invite Senate Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Hoylman to join the meeting. Likewise, Assembly Judiciary Committee Chair Dinowitz and Assembly Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Palumbo. I have already contacted all three, requesting meetings with them.

Thank you.

Elena Sassower, Director

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