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Subject: NEWS ALERT: Commission to Investigate Public Corruption Has Taken Down the Sept. 18th Public Hearing (in Buffalo) from its Website.
Attachments: 8-5-13-ltr-calcaterra-8pp.pdf

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Also, in the event you missed Susan Arbetter's [Capitol Pressroom](#) interview of me on August 21st about the letter we were hand-delivering to the Governor on that date about the Commission and the Public Trust Act, here's the direct link to the "Latest News" webpage of our website where they are both posted: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/cja/latest-news.htm>.

As always, I am available to be interviewed – and to answer questions.

Thank you.

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Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 9:14 AM

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Cc: 'robert.freeman@dos.state.ny.us'

Subject: Request that the Upcoming Public Hearings of the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption be Live-Streamed, Videoed, & Stenographically Recorded, Etc.

Dear Executive Director Calcaterra:

This is to request that the upcoming public hearings of the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption be streamed live and video recorded, in addition to being recorded and transcribed stenographically.

Please confirm that this will be done – and explain why the Commission’s website now indicates no public hearing on Wednesday, September 18th (in Buffalo), but only on Tuesday, September 17th (in Manhattan) and Tuesday, September 24th (outside Albany).

Finally, it appears that in response to our August 5th letter (at p. 5), the Commission has now expanded its website to include a button entitled “EXECUTIVE STAFF”, furnishing their names and brief bios. However, where is the Commission’s response to the balance of our August 5th letter? We have received none – and our below e-mail to you and Commission co-chairs D.A. William Fitzpatrick, D.A. Kathleen Rice, and Milton Williams, Jr. , sent last week, alerted you and them of that fact. Please advise.

Thank you.

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Subject: Status: Our August 5, 2013 Letter --"Keeping the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption True to its Name & Announced Purpose"

Dear Executive Director Calcaterra:

We have received no response from you to our attached August 5, 2013 letter, sent by the below e-mail. Nor have we received any response from the Commission’s three co-chairs – D.A. William Fitzpatrick, D.A. Kathleen Rice, and Milton Williams.

Have you or they responded?

As stated at the conclusion of the letter:

“As the issues here presented are threshold – the integrity of the Commission and its ability to be true to the announced purposes for which it was established – we trust you, if not the Commission’s three co-chairs, will be responding without delay.” (at p. 8, underlining in original)

Please advise.

Thank you.

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Subject: Superseding Letter -- Keeping the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption True to its Name & Announced Purpose

The attached corrects typos and makes non-substantive changes to our above-entitled August 5th letter, which it supersedes. It has also been posted on our identically-entitled webpage for the Commission. Here's the direct link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/commission-on-public-corruption.htm>

Apologies for any inconvenience.

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Subject: Keeping the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption True to its Name & Announced Purpose

Attached is the Center for Judicial Accountability's above-entitled letter of today's date to Commission Executive Director Regina Calcaterra – to which the Commission's three co-chairs are indicated recipients, as is Commission member Soares.

The letter is already posted, with substantiating evidence, on the webpage we created for the Commission, on our website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible *via* the top panel "Latest News" by its hyperlink "Holding Government Accountable for its Grand Larceny of the Public Fisc and Other Corruption". Here's the direct link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/commission-on-public-corruption.htm> .

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