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Subject: ONE LAST TIME: What's the status? -- Empowering L.I. Voters with Info about the On-the-Job Performance of their Senate & Assembly Delegation
Attachments: 8-10-17-open-ltr.pdf; 9-5-17-suffolk-da-candidates.pdf

TO: Sandra Peddie/Newsday

Why have I received no response from you to my below March 1st e-mail, or to my February 27th e-mail, or to my February 23rd e-mail – or to the voice mail messages I left for you about them, on February 28th, March 2nd, and March 7th?

Are you rejecting my proposals that Newsday empower Long Island voters with information about the on-the-job performance of their state Senate and Assembly delegation, all of whose members are up for re-election and all defendants in a citizen-taxpayer action, suing them for their sham legislative committees which REFUSE to oversee the integrity of government operations within their jurisdictions. Are you not familiar with Newsday's January 8th editorial "*Honestly, it's time for a change*" <http://www.judgewatch.org/press-nys/2018/articles-jan/1-6-18-newsday-editorial.pdf> – correctly identifying that the responsibility for corruption lies with "state lawmakers", all up for re-election in 2018.

Have you shared my story proposals with your editors – and with Newsday's editorial board, whose March 3th editorial: "*Break up the game among Long Island political insiders*" <https://www.newsday.com/opinion/editorial/gary-melius-oheka-castle-long-island-politics-1.17047730>, while referring to the "the importance of maintaining the integrity of a system of checks and balances" – the purpose of which is to prevent corruption – does not identify that Senate and Assembly legislative committees have the paramount role in overseeing that "system" – let alone reveal that the legislative committees are not only NOT discharging that oversight role, but, rather -- as chronicled by CJA's citizen-taxpayer actions – have REFUSED to do so, with knowledge of the corruption that their oversight would reveal.

Consistent with Newsday's January 8th editorial and its warning of electoral consequences to state lawmakers who "ignore the demands of honest government", shouldn't Newsday's March 3rd editorial have called upon each and every member of Long Island's Senate and Assembly delegation to VOLUNTARILY come forward and publicly identify when the legislative committees on which they sit – and for which they are responsible – last engaged in oversight hearings of, for example:

- (1) district attorneys – and their purported monitors, *to wit*, judges and court-controlled attorney grievance committees;
- (2) judges -- and their monitor, the Commission on Judicial Conduct;
- (3) the practice of cross-endorsements and the operations of the political parties...
- (4) the state attorney general.

Certainly, too, the March 3rd editorial could have announced that Newsday reporters would be setting up interviews with every member of Long Island's Albany delegation so as to enable Long Island voters to hold each of their elected state legislators accountable for the failure and refusal of the legislative committees to discharge their oversight duties and take appropriate corrective steps. These committee are, first and foremost:

- (1) the Senate Codes Committee;
- (2) the Senate Judiciary Committee;
- (3) the Senate Election Law Committee;

- (4) the Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations;
- (5) the Assembly Codes Committee;
- (6) the Assembly Judiciary Committee;
- (7) the Assembly Election Law Committee;
- (8) the Assembly Committee on Governmental Operations;
- (9) the Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis, and Investigations; and
- (1) the Senate and Assembly Commission on Government Administration.

Isn't this what Newsday readers, who responded to Newsday's March 6th solicitation for their "take" on "*Long Island's culture of power brokers*": <https://projects.newsday.com/opinion/long-island-power-your-take/#!/09b88ff5cf83d5296c3db310dcac93ed>, would have expected?

Before contacting your editors and Newsday's editorial board, directly – I will call you one last time. Please give me the courtesy of your response.

So that my original February 23rd e-mail will be conveniently before you, I will retransmit it to you. My February 27th e-mail is below.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
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Subject: What's the status? -- Empowering L.I. Voters with Info about the On-the-Job Performance of their Senate & Assembly Delegation

Dear Sandra,

While waiting to hear from you regarding my proposal that Newsday empower its readers by articles about the on-the-job performance of Long Island's Senate and Assembly delegation -- as to which I left you a voice mail message yesterday morning -- I constructed a webpage with links for each of them, highlighting the legislative committees on which they sit that are particularly pertinent to the issues: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2017/long-island/long-island-state-legislators.htm>

Flanagan, as Temporary Senate President is – by reason thereof -- a member of all Senate committees, all of whose members and chairs he appoints.

Please call me, as soon as possible – as I'd like to give you the LEAD on FOIL responses I just received pertaining to the Legislative budget.

Thank you.

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