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Subject: Questioning for Tomorrow's Gubernatorial Debate -- ISSUE #1

CORRUPTION -- unlawful and unconstitutional judicial pay raises & the NYS Budget, including behind-closed-doors 3-men-in-a-room

budget deal-making

# TO: Gubernatorial Debate Moderators: Marcia Kramer/CBS2 & Rich Lamb/WCBS News Radio 880

This follows up my phone calls to your stations [800-CH-2-NEWS; 877-987-WCBS] a short time ago – and my brief conversation with Zayd, a production assistant at WCBS radio, to whom I showed CJA's webpages pertaining to this year's gubernatorial race: <a href="http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/menu-2018-governor.htm">http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/menu-2018-governor.htm</a>.

Candidate Molinaro has an EASY WIN against Incumbent Governor Cuomo, whose "grand larceny of the public fisc", involving commission-based judicial pay raises, costing taxpayers over \$300 million, and a slush-fund state budget surpassing \$170 billion, is particularized, with open-and-shut, documentary EVIDENCE, in a succession of lawsuits brought by our non-partisan, non-profit citizens organization since 2012 and by corruption and ethics complaints that prosecutorial and disciplinary authorities have been "sitting on" since 2013. This is all laid out on CJA's webpage pertaining to Cuomo's 2018 re-election candidacy: <a href="http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2018/cuomo.htm">http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2018/cuomo.htm</a>.

Below is the e-mail about it that I sent more than two weeks ago to Candidate Molinaro's campaign — and beneath it my prior e-mails to his fellow statewide candidates on the Republican/Conservative ticket: Comptroller Candidate Trichter and Attorney General Wofford — all of whom are campaigning to END New York's "culture of corruption" and save taxpayer money.

What examination has Candidate Molinaro done of the EVIDENCE – consistent with his "Albany Accountability Act": <a href="https://molinaroforny.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Albany-Accountability-Act-Final-5.pdf">https://molinaroforny.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Albany-Accountability-Act-Final-5.pdf</a>? And what have Candidates Trichter and Wofford told him about their own examinations of it – or have they not examined it, notwithstanding it can EASILY WIN for them their own electoral races – and bring to New York honest, fiscally-responsible, constitutional governance?

I am available to assist you, to the max, in exposing how betrayed the People of New York State have been, not only by their corrupt incumbent officeholders, but by their posturing challengers. Call me, no matter how late tonight – or early tomorrow – on what is a MAJOR, electoral story, upending the statewide races – and the races involving incumbent legislative seats, beginning at the top, with the two men who have shared "the room" with Cuomo: Republican Senate Majority Leader Flanagan and Democratic Assembly Speaker Heastie.

Thank you.

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Subject: Gubernatorial Candidate Molinaro can EASILY defeat Cuomo -- & WITHOUT \$. All it requires is WHISTLE-BLOWING from the bully pulpit of his candidacy to bring him down & Comptroller DiNapoli, among other Democratic incumbents

## TO: Molinaro for Governor Campaign – ATT: Matthew/volunteer

This follows up my phone conversation with volunteer Matthew, earlier this morning, giving him a tour of webpages from CJA's website, , furnishing the facts and EVIDENCE that can WIN for Mr. Molinaro his race for governor against incumbent Governor Cuomo – none more comprehensive than CJA's webpage pertaining to Cuomo and his 2018 re-election campaign, here: <a href="http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2018/cuomo.htm">http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2018/cuomo.htm</a>.

Matthew confirmed for me, during the course of our conversation, that a colleague had indicated to him that the campaign was aware of CJA's website on the subject. I had no reason to believe that it wasn't. However, as I had not previously been in touch with the campaign, directly, I wanted to make certain of that fact.

Below are my September 18<sup>th</sup> and September 21<sup>st</sup> e-mails to Comptroller Candidate Trichter, requesting that he alert Candidate Molinaro -- to which I received no response. Attorney General Candidate Wofford and Republican operative E. O'Brien Murray were indicated recipients of both e-mails – and each e-mail included my August 30<sup>th</sup> e-mail to them, to which they had not responded.

I will be in touch, next week, after I finish my next set of papers for the Appellate Division, Third Department in the appeal of CJA's explosive citizen-taxpayer action, which I described to you, showing you the link for the reply brief I submitted yesterday: <a href="http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/citizen-taxpayer-action/2nd/record-app-div.htm">http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/citizen-taxpayer-action/2nd/record-app-div.htm</a>.

IF Candidates Molinaro, Trichter, and Wofford do NOT use this unfolding citizen-taxpayer action to bring down Cuomo, DiNapoli, and Democratic legislative incumbents BEFORE the November 6, 2018 election – its record proof will bring down these incumbents AFTER – with indictments and convictions of them for "grand larceny of the public fisc" and other corruption. Surely, Candidate Wofford, a Harvard Law School graduate, can confirm the open-and-shut, *prima facie* significance of the lawsuit record for non-

lawyers Molinaro and Trichter, if they themselves are unable to discern it, readily, in which case they should not be seeking public office.

I am available to assist Candidate Molinaro, to the max – as likewise Candidates Wofford and Trichter – as without the above-summarized lawsuit EVIDENCE and CJA's filed corruption/ethics complaints that criminal and disciplinary authorities have been "sitting on" – all accessible from CJA's webpage pertaining to Cuomo and by CJA's companion webpages for DiNapoli: <a href="http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2018/dinapoli.htm">http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2018/dinapoli.htm</a> and the now-departed Schneiderman: <a href="http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2018/schneiderman.htm">http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2018/schneiderman.htm</a> – they have NO CHANCE of winning an election which, WITH THIS EVIDENCE, THEY CAN WIN.

Thank you.

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Subject: Follow-up: WINNING vs. Comptroller DiNapoli IS EASY & CAN BE DONE WITHOUT \$ -- all it requires is WHISTLE-BLOWING from the bully pulpit of your candidacy to defeat him & Governor Cuomo, et al.

#### **TO: Comptroller Candidate Jonathan Trichter**

When we spoke three days ago, I neglected to recollect that you are not only the NYS Republican Party's candidate for state comptroller, but the NYS Conservative Party's comptroller candidate. My outreach to the Conservative Party, including Chair Michael Long and the county chairs, is here: <a href="http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/parties/conservative-party.htm">http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/parties/conservative-party.htm</a> and is further reflected here: <a href="http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/who-else/menu-who-else.htm">http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/who-else/menu-who-else.htm</a>. As with my outreach to the Republican Party, its purpose was to alert them that they could WIN the statewide offices – and legislative seats – EASILY & WITHOUT MONEY, simply by whistle-blowing about CJA's unfolding citizen-taxpayer action: <a href="http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/citizen-taxpayer-action/2nd/menu-2nd-citizen-taxpayer-action.htm">http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/citizen-taxpayer-action/2nd/menu-2nd-citizen-taxpayer-action.htm</a>. This is also why I called you – and, a year ago, Harry Wilson, and, thereafter, other would-be statewide candidates: <a href="http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/challengers/testing-incumbent-challengers.htm">http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/challengers/testing-incumbent-challengers.htm</a>.

Did you wish me to send you a hard copy of the appeal brief and three-volume record on appeal in the citizen-taxpayer action, as I offered to do? And have you forwarded my below e-mail to Republican/Conservative Party gubernatorial candidate Molinaro, directly, as I had requested?

Please advise.

Thank you.

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Subject: WINNING vs. Comptroller DiNapoli IS EASY & CAN BE DONE WITHOUT \$ -- all it requires is WHISTLE-BLOWING from the bully pulpit of your candidacy to defeat him & Governor Cuomo, et al.

#### TO: Republican Party Comptroller Candidate Jonathan Trichter -

Following up our very brief phone conversation earlier, in which you stated, in response to my question, that you did not know who I was, nor know about the lawsuits suing Comptroller DiNapoli for corruption with respect to the state budget, below is my August 30<sup>th</sup> e-mail to Republican party operative E. O'Brien Murray, reiterating what I told him in a phone conversation we had just had, wherein he too stated to me that he did not know who I was – or anything about the lawsuits. My referred-to communications with Harry Wilson, beginning last September, which I also mentioned to you, are posted here: <a href="http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/challengers/harry-wilson.htm">http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/challengers/harry-wilson.htm</a>, and my communications with Republican party chairman Cox and the Republican party county chairs, beginning last January, are here: <a href="http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/parties/republican-party.htm">http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/parties/republican-party.htm</a>.

The <u>verified pleadings</u> in the lawsuits will give you ALL the EVIDENCE you need to defeat Comptroller DiNapoli. As therein chronicled, DiNapoli and his co-defendant public officers – Governor Cuomo, former Attorney General Schneiderman, incumbent legislators, and Chief Judge DiFiore -- must ALL be indicted for their "grand larceny of the public fisc" and other corruption, involving the state budget and the commission-based judicial pay raises and the district attorney pay raises based thereon – the pay raises alone constituting a theft of more than \$300 million taxpayer dollars since April 1, 2012.

The <u>verified pleadings</u> can most easily be accessed from the special webpage I created last January, for Comptroller DiNapoli and his re-election: <a href="http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2018/dinapoli.htm">http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2018/dinapoli.htm</a>.

The webpage is arranged chronologically and starts with the March 1, 2012 corruption complaint I filed with DiNapoli's "Investigations Unit". It ends with the March 6, 2018 and May 16, 2018 corruption complaints against him and his co-defendants that I filed with Albany County District Attorney Soares and Attorney General Underwood, based on THIS FISCAL YEAR'S BUDGET. Indeed, you might find that a good place to start is by watching the VIDEOS of my testimony at the Legislature's January 30, 2018 and February 5, 2018 budget hearings pertaining to THIS FISCAL YEAR'S BUDGET:

http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2018-legislature/menu-2018-legislative-session.htm.

To facilitate your review, I would be pleased to send you a copy of the appeal brief and three-volume record on appeal, now before the Appellate Division, Third Department: <a href="http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/citizen-taxpayer-action/2nd/appeal/7-4-18-appellants-brief.htm">http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/citizen-taxpayer-action/2nd/appeal/7-4-18-appellants-brief.htm</a> – the same as I proffered to Republican Attorney General candidate Wofford and Mr. Murray. More about that, to follow.

Needless to say – and as I did say, when I called you – I can help you WIN. All it takes is a scandal – and based on the open-and-shut, *prima facie* EVIDENCE now before you, you need nothing more than to use the bully-pulpit of your candidacy to oust a demonstrably corrupt incumbent – and to advance honest, fiscally-responsible, constitutional governance for the benefit of ALL New Yorkers.

Please call me with any questions you have. I will assist you, to the max.

To further assist AG candidate Wofford and Mr. Murray, who I am cc'ing on this e-mail, the comparable election webpage relating to former Attorney General Schneiderman is here: <a href="http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2018/schneiderman.htm">http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2018/schneiderman.htm</a>. The comparable webpage for Governor Cuomo – which I request you to directly forward to Republican gubernatorial candidate Molinaro, with this e-mail -- is here: <a href="http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2018/cuomo.htm">http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2018/cuomo.htm</a>. All the Republican statewide candidates – and Republican legislative challengers -- CAN WIN with this EVIDENCE.

Thank you.

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Subject: WINNING the AG RACE IS EASY & CAN BE DONE WITHOUT \$ -- LIKEWISE the RACE FOR GOVERNOR, LT. GOVERNOR, COMPTROLLER -- & LEGISLATIVE SEATS. ALL IT TAKES IS A SCANDAL -- & WHISTLE-BLOWING --

### TO: E. O'Brien Murray -

Thank you for your call, about an hour ago. As briefly discussed, THE REPUBLICAN PARTY CAN WIN – EASILY & WITHOUT MONEY – IN THIS YEAR'S ELECTIONS -- and I have been trying to help the Republican Party understand this, going back, more than a year, including by my outreach to Harry Wilson, last

September, when he was deemed a gubernatorial front-runner because, among other things, he was ready to put up \$10 million of his own money, and then picking up, from the beginning of January onward, with my repeated outreach to Chairman Cox and Republican county chairs, to help them understand that they needed to field STRONG candidates for their statewide ticket – and for legislative seats – including for the special legislative elections in April -- because the incumbents were all going down in a major corruption scandal, involving the \$170 billion state budget -- & commission-based judicial salary increases embedded therein. If you did not know who I was, and it seemed to me that you did not, then there is a real disconnect in the Republican Party ranks – which should be very concerning, because every aspect of this story checks out & is verifiable, readily, including from the record of the citizen-taxpayer action that I summarized to you by phone.

It was completely fortuitous that I recognized Mr. Wofford on Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, as he was exiting from the auditorium at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, after the debate between the four Democratic attorney general candidates – with you not far behind. Below is the self-explanatory e-mail I had sent that morning to each of the Democratic AG candidates pertaining to their UNFITNESS for that important office of public trust – and beneath it my e-mails with the debate moderators – Errol Louis and Liz Benjamin – on the same subject. I had a copy in my bag – and as we were speaking in the auditorium, I was searching to find it, so that I could give it to Mr. Wofford, with its above three attachments, as well as the SUBSTANTIATING PROOF that was in the box I had with me: the appeal brief and three-volume record in the citizen-taxpayer action.

I will happily mail the appeal brief and three-volume record to Mr. Wofford to facilitate his review – and that of Mr. Cox – both lawyers. However, one does not need to be a lawyer – as, indeed, I am not – to recognize its politically explosive significance.

I am ready to assist the Republican Party, to the max, in restoring honest, constitutional governance to this state, such as we do NOT have — and will NOT have under corrupt, agenda-driven Democratic incumbents and any of their four posturing attorney general candidates. I have no other motive but clean, honest government.

Thank you.

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The included e-mail chain & attachments have been removed, for simplicity's sake – but are all accessible from CJA's website.