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Subject: FOLLOW-UP -- LEAD: The Queens Daily Eagle can SOAR with a story vanquishing NY's "culture of corruption" & making EVERY Queens Senate & Assembly seat competitive in the 2020 elections
Attachments: 12-9-19-foil2-notice.pdf; 11-25-19-signed-ltr-to-marks.pdf; 8-21-19-nylj-ltr.pdf

TO: David Brand/Managing Editor – The Queens Daily Eagle

Kindly advise as to the status of your review of the below MAJOR story, involving commission/committee-based pay raises for state judges, state legislators, our statewide elected executive officers, the state budget, and the 2020 elections, as I have received no e-mail or telephone message from you or from Queens Daily Eagle Publishers Nussbaum and Hasty.

Will you not be reporting further on the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation – and on judicial pay raises, which, by the title of your September 17th article, "*State inaction could delay pay raises for justices*", you seem to support.

And what about your reporting of the 2020 elections, when EVERY incumbent Queens state legislator is up for re-election? Will you also not be reporting on their records, in office – beginning with the most powerful among them, Deputy Senate Majority Leader Michael Gianaris? How about Assembly Speaker *Pro Tempore* Jeffrion Aubry – who, like Deputy Senate Majority Leader Gianaris – receives a stipend that was preserved by the December 10, 2018 report of the Committee on Legislative and Executive Compensation, in deference to his additional leadership duties. What have these two Queens state legislators done to verify the facts set forth by my July 16th e-mail NOTICE to them of their duty to take steps to VOID the December 10, 2018 report raising legislative and executive salaries because it is "a fraud on the People of the State of New York and larceny of their tax dollars" – and so-demonstrated by CJA's July 15, 2019 analysis thereof. And did they forward the July 16th e-mail and its attached analysis to ALL other Senate and Assembly members, as requested? What do the other members of the Queens Albany delegation – six other Senators and seventeen other Assembly members – have to say about it – or don't they know about it? Do you think that this is not the kind of information that Queens voters must have if they are to exercise a meaningful vote on whether to re-elect their incumbent public officers?

For your convenience, the direct link to CJA's 2020 elections webpage on which the July 16th e-mail to Deputy Senate Majority Leader Gianaris and Assembly Speaker *Pro Tempore* Aubry is posted, is here:
<http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/force-of-law-commissions/part-hhh-chapter59-laws-2018/7-15-19-analysis-of-report.htm>.

Please advise, including as to conflicts of interest impacting your local journalism.

Thank you.

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