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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2020 11:36 AM
To: 'stephenwitt@kingscountypolitics.com'
Subject: Leading the Way: Irrigating the Brooklyn & Queens "news deserts" by reporting on the records-in-office of the state legislative incumbents

TO: Stephen Witt/Founder-Publisher – Kings County Politics/Queens County Politics

I was so excited to learn about your two publications – Kings County Politics and Queens County Politics – from Sara Rafsky's report: "*Media Mecca or News Desert?: Covering local news in New York City*" (Columbia Journalism Review, January 7, 2020) – and can help you achieve your goal of meaningful political reporting and funding to enable it.

I completely agree with your quoted comment "The media should take some responsibility for NYC's low voter turnout". Indeed, the reason that New York's elections are, by and large, non-competitive, is that the media willfully REFUSES to examine the records-in-office of incumbent public officers, with knowledge that such records establish corruption for which the incumbents must be indicted – and would be convicted. This includes both the non-profit and for-profit local entities that Ms. Rafsky identifies as providing political reporting, such as Gotham Gazette, City Limits, City & State, and Politico-NY, and such others as she features, as, for instance, the Daily News, the New York Times, WNYC, and NY-1. If you'd like to see the evidentiary proof of this, from the 2018 election cycle, where the media rigged the races for Governor/Lt. Governor, Comptroller, State Senate and Assembly seats, as well as the race for Attorney General (where the media willfully refused to examine the corruption-fighting deceits of the primary and general election candidates), here's the link to CJA's webpage entitled: "**Yes, Virginia, there really is a "FAKE NEWS MEDIA" & it election-rigs, flagrantly**": <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/press/menu-fake-news.htm>.

Insofar as this year's elections – when ALL State Senate and Assembly incumbents will be facing the voters – the menu webpage I've prepared is accessible from CJA's homepage, www.judgewatch.org, via the prominent center link: "**ELECTIONS 2020 -- Taking Out the Corrupt & Collusive Legislative Incumbents -- All Beneficiaries of Statutory-Violative, Fraudulent, Unconstitutional Pay Raises & Other Larcenies of Taxpayer Monies**": <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2020/menu-2020-legislative-races.htm>. For your convenience, I have created separate pages for Brooklyn and Queens. Needless to say, the most important legislators in those boroughs, occupying the topmost leadership positions, are Deputy Senate Majority Leader Gianaris, ESQ., Assembly Speaker *Pro Tempore* Aubry, and Ways & Means Chair Weinstein, ESQ., who, with Assembly Codes Committee Chair Lentol were recipients of my featured July 15, 2019 NOTICE: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/force-of-law-commissions/part-hhh-chapter59-laws-2018/7-15-19-analysis-of-report.htm>. Why shouldn't Kings County Politics and Queens County Politics LEAD with getting their responses to the July 15, 2019 NOTICE, as I received none from them. Where are their findings of facts and conclusions of law with respect to my particularized presentation?

Please call me, as soon as possible, to discuss. I am available at nights and over the weekend.

Thank you.

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Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2020 5:00 PM

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Subject: E-mail address requested for Sara Rafsky: "Media Mecca or News Desert?: Covering local news in New York City"/Columbia Journalism Review (Jan 7, 2020)

TO: Columbia Journalism Review

Sara Rafsky's report "*Media Mecca or News Desert?: Covering local news in New York City*" in the January 7, 2020 Columbia Journalism Review has a "twitter" link to "follow the author", but no e-mail address for contacting her.

What is Ms. Rafsky's e-mail address? Please send it to me – and/or forward her this e-mail and my request that she call me, as soon as possible. I have a goldmine of primary-source, documentary evidence germane to the subject about which she writes, to the integrity of her sources, and to the necessity of follow-up scholarship.

By the way, are you aware that there is no voice mail feature for your phone number, 212-854-1881, listed on your "Contact" page: https://www.cjr.org/about_us/contact.php. It simply disconnects after reciting the message: "I'm sorry no one is available to take your call. Thank you for calling. Goodbye."

Thank you.

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