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To: 'stephenwitt@kingscountypolitics.com'; 'stephenwitt@queenscountypolitics.com'
Subject: AGAIN: Leading the Way: Irrigating the Brooklyn & Queens "news deserts" by reporting on the records-in-office of the state legislative incumbents

Dear Mr. Witt –

I have been looking forward to speaking with you about my below January 17th e-mail, sent to you shortly after we spoke. Shall I call you at the number I called previously, 917-257-6014 – and if so, when would be most convenient? Otherwise, please call me at 914-421-1200.

As my e-mail had inadvertently failed to identify that Assembly Codes Committee Chair Lentol is an attorney, I have now corrected that omission in the below retransmittal.

Thank you.

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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' <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>.