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Subject: Your article "Cuomo Ignores Call For Probe..." -- & the 2020 elections for Westchester DA, the 14 other DAs, & all 213 state legislative seats
Attachments: 6-10-20-complaint-westchester-da-scarpino.pdf

TO: Gothamist

RE: Your just published article "*Cuomo Ignores Call For Probe Into Rampant Police Corruption Allegations in Mount Vernon*" (George Joseph).

Governor Cuomo suffers from conflict-of-interest with respect to a probe of Westchester County District Attorney Scarpino. For the past 2-1/2 years, D.A. Scarpino has been covering up systemic governmental corruption directly involving the Governor by "sitting on" two fully-documented public corruption complaints: the first dated January 8, 2018, and the second dated June 10, 2020.

Westchester Democratic D.A. Candidate Mimi Rocah – to whom your article gives **free publicity** – is fully aware of these two complaints – and that they bring down such supporters of her candidacy as Senator Alessandra Biaggi, running for re-election, to whom your article also gives **free publicity**. Both are allowed to uncritically posture as champions of honest, accountable government that delivers justice – when the opposite is true.

Below is my August 7th e-mail to D.A. Candidate Rocah and beneath it my prior June 16th message to her concerning the two complaints that D.A. Scarpino has been "sitting on" – to which she has not responded.

Will you report on why D.A. Rocah has not responded – and what it says about her fitness to be district attorney. Does she deny what the June 10, 2020 complaint makes *immediately* obvious – that it will – of necessity – bring down Governor Cuomo, in tandem with Westchester County's 14 state legislators who are its subjects, Senator Biaggi, among them, and Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, the most powerful – and, in the process, New York City's state legislative incumbents, starting with Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Deputy Senate Majority Leader Michael Gianaris, Senate Finance Committee Chair Liz Krueger, Assembly Ways and Means Chair Helene Weinstein – and then continue on, throughout the state, to every state legislative incumbent seeking re-election or higher office – and to all 15 district attorney races, virtually all involving district attorney incumbents.

So that you can verify this, *readily*, the June 10, 2020 complaint is above-attached – and CJA's substantiating webpage from which ALL evidence is accessible is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>.

When can I expect your call on this?

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 11:30 AM
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Subject: What are your answers? June 16th message, sent via the contact feature of your campaign website.

TO: Westchester District Attorney Candidate Mimi Rocah

I have received no response from you to my below June 16th message, sent *via* the contact feature of your campaign website. Did you receive the message – and did you respond?

As you defeated D.A. Scarpino in the June 23rd Democratic party primary – and Westchester County is 2-1 Democratic -- the indicated webpage “Holding Re-Election-Seeking Westchester County D.A. Scarpino Accountable” has now been renamed: “Testing the Fitness of Presumptive Westchester County D.A. Rocah”: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2020/da-elections/presumptive-da-rocah.htm>.

What is your response to the two public corruption complaints there posted – as to which my June 16th message asked:

“Will you – as a candidate – ‘blow the whistle’ about the January 8, 2018 corruption complaint that D.A. Scarpino has been ‘sitting on’ – and speak out about how he should be handling the June 10, 2020 corruption/grand jury complaint, pursuant to Article I, §6 of the New York State Constitution? And, if not, is it because you suffer conflicts of interests with respect to these complaints – exposing, as they do, the public corruption of several of your endorsers, as, for instance, State Senator Alessandra Biaggi and your former boss, U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara – and the nonfeasance of such endorsers as Berit Berger, Executive Director of the so-called Center for the Advancement of Public Integrity.

If elected, how will you address your financial and other conflicts of interest with respect to each of these two complaints, if action has not been taken by D.A. Scarpino before then.”

Please furnish your answers by next Friday, August 14th – and be sure to specify what salary you would expect Westchester County taxpayers to pay you, should you be elected. Is it \$136,700 or \$210,900?

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:41 PM
To: 'Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)' <elena@judgewatch.org>
Subject: sent via the contact feature on Candidate Rocah's website, <https://www.mimirocahforda.com/> -- June 16, 2020, at 2:38 pm

Subject: You can win, easily & without \$, vs Westchester D.A. Scarpino. All it takes is using the bully-pulpit of your candidacy to "whistle-blow" about the corruption complaint he's been "sitting on" & the corruption/grand jury complaint, just filed

TO: Westchester District Attorney Candidate Mimi Rocah

I am director and co-founder of the non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), based in White Plains.

Are you aware that the Westchester district attorney's salary comes out of the Westchester County budget – and that the increases in that salary, from the \$136,700 it was prior to April 1, 2012 to the more than \$210,000 it is today, are the product of two "force of law" commission reports which are "false instruments", violative of Penal Law §175.35. On January 8, 2018, I filed a fully-documented corruption complaint with Westchester D.A. Scarpino pertaining to his larcenous district attorney salary, seeking corrective action, including prosecution of the Westchester County public officers responsible and complicit. Among these, Westchester County's 14 state Senate and Assembly members – and D.A. Scarpino. To date, more than 2-1/2 years later, D.A. Scarpino has been "sitting on" the complaint, while financially benefiting from the fraudulent salary increases that Westchester County taxpayers pay for.

Last week, I filed a second corruption complaint with D.A. Scarpino, related to the first. This June 10, 2020 complaint, also fully documented, is solely against Westchester County's 14 state legislators and seeks a grand jury inquiry and indictments pursuant to Article I, §6 of the New York State Constitution for their "'wilful misconduct in office', including fraud and larceny with respect to their OWN legislative salaries & the Legislature's OWN budget." It furnishes proof that the "force of law" committee report that boosted their salaries from \$79,500 to \$110,000 is a "false instrument", violative of Law §175.35 in virtually identical respects as the two "force of law" commission reports that boosted D.A. Scarpino's salary.

Both complaints are posted on CJA's website, www.judgwatch.org, accessible *via* the prominent center link: "ELECTIONS 2020 – Taking Out Corrupt & Collusive Legislative Incumbents & Conspiring D.A.s – All Beneficiaries of Statutory-Violative, Fraudulent, Unconstitutional Pay Raises & Other Larcenies of Taxpayer Monies". The direct link to the webpage on which they are posted, entitled "Holding Re-Election-Seeking Westchester County D.A. Scarpino Accountable", is here: <http://www.judgwatch.org/web-pages/elections/2020/da-elections/scarpino.htm>.

Will you – as a candidate -- "blow the whistle" about the January 8, 2018 corruption complaint that D.A. Scarpino has been "sitting on" – and speak out about how he should be handling the June 10, 2020 corruption/grand jury complaint, pursuant to Article I, §6 of the New York State Constitution? And, if not, is it because you suffer conflicts of interests with respect to these complaints – exposing, as they do, the public corruption of several of your endorsers, as, for instance, State Senator Alessandra Biaggi and your former boss, U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara – and the nonfeasance of such endorsers as Berit Berger, Executive Director of the so-called Center for the Advancement of Public Integrity.

If elected, how will you address your financial and other conflicts of interest with respect to each of these two complaints, if action has not been taken by D.A. Scarpino before then.

I look forward to discussing this with you, directly – and as soon as possible, consistent with the transparency, disclosure, and "tough ethical standards" you have promised: <https://www.mimirocahforda.com/tough-ethical-standards>

Thank you.

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