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**Subject:** **AGAIN: The Albany Times Union's duty to rescind its June 17, 2020 editorial "Albany County DA: Soares" & to take other corrective steps to protect the public & the integrity of the elections**

**Attachments:** [EO 202.46.pdf](#);  
[6-4-20-complaint-albany-da-soares-revised.pdf](#)

**TO: Albany Times Union**

I am unaware of any response from the [Albany Times Union](#) to my below July 3, 2020 e-mail, sent with the above two attachments -- other than automated acknowledgments of receipt from [treaderrep@timesunion.com](mailto:treaderrep@timesunion.com) and from [TUcommentary@hearstcorp.com](mailto:TUcommentary@hearstcorp.com).

Is this correct? You have not responded? What is your opinion of my above June 4, 2020 sworn, fully-documented public corruption/grand jury complaint that D.A. Soares has been "sitting on"? You've had more than two months to examine it and its substantiating EVIDENTIARY webpage: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>.

Is there anything in the complaint you deny or dispute – and, if not, when will you be reporting on it?

Please advise without further delay. Time is of the essence.

Thank you.

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**TO: Albany Times Union Editorial Page Editor Jay Jochnowitz**

This follows the voice mail message I left yesterday afternoon at approximately 4:22 pm, on the Reader Representative line: 518-454-5432, which I called after searching the Times Union's website, including its "Contact" page: <https://www.timesunion.com/help/>.

My message concerned your June 17<sup>th</sup> editorial, "[\*Albany County DA: Soares\*](#)", endorsing Albany County District Attorney Soares because "While we haven't always agreed with him, we've never had cause to doubt Mr. Soares' fundamental integrity" (bold and underlining added)—and contrasting this to Candidate Matt Toporowski, on the "vital point" of truthfulness.

Please furnish me with the names of, and contact information for, the members of the Times Union's editorial board who are claiming not to have "had cause to doubt Mr. Soares' fundamental integrity", as I see neither on the Times Union website. Is it listed?

Meantime, below, with the above two attachments, is the e-mail I sent shortly before 10 am today to all reporters listed on the roster of the Albany Legislative Correspondents Association. This includes four Times Union reporters, not one of whom has called me for further information. I request that you forward it to each of the Times Union's editorial board members, so that, after examining the webpage for the fully-documented June 4, 2020 corruption/grand jury complaint that D.A. Soares has been "sitting on": <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm> – and the webpages for my four prior fully-documented July 19, 2013, January 7, 2014, June 21, 2016, and March 6, 2018 corruption complaints that he has been "sitting on": <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2020/da-elections/soares.htm> -- they can recognize their duty to rescind the June 17<sup>th</sup> editorial and take other immediate corrective steps to protect the public and the integrity of the elections.

By copy of this e-mail to Candidate Toporowski – to whom I first reached out in February – I call upon him to demonstrate, for the Times Union's editorial board, his "fundamental integrity" by "whistle-blowing" about these five complaints and stating how he would handle them, if elected Albany County district attorney – and what salary he would draw.

Finally, so that Times Union Publisher and Chief Executive Officer George R. Hearst, III can exercise some "adult supervision" over how the Times Union has been operating, for years – and give direction as to what must be done, going forward -- a copy of this e-mail is being sent to him, with my invitation that he call me, at his convenience, as soon as possible.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** Celebrating July 4th by making NY's state legislative & DA elections competitive & capable of achieving their goal of accountability

**TO:** Albany Legislative Correspondents Association

**In this 2020 election year, most of NY's 213 state legislative races are either uncontested or not competitive. Likewise, NY's 14 district attorney races. Why should that be when you can so easily change that -- by reporting:**

- (1) that Governor Cuomo's just-issued June 30th Executive Order #202.46 makes it easy to run for these important public offices. All that is necessary is to collect a relatively modest number of petition signatures to be on the ballot – and the window for doing so has just begun and ends July 30<sup>th</sup>;
- (2) that the legislative and district attorney incumbents can easily be beaten, because they have brazenly CORRUPTED their public offices – including by larceny of taxpayer monies with respect to their *own* salaries – and that the *prima facie*, open-and-shut EVIDENCE of their crimes is laid out in largely identical corruption/grand jury complaints that were filed with each of NY's 62 district attorneys from June 4<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>.

For your convenience, I've attached the Governor's June 30<sup>th</sup> Executive Order and, additionally, the first and most important of the 62 corruption/grand jury complaints – the June 4<sup>th</sup> complaint filed with the Albany County district attorney, who – alone among NY's 62 district attorneys – has geographic and hence criminal jurisdiction over the state capital and, therefore, over all 213 state legislators, plus the state's highest executive and judicial officers. The Albany district attorney -- P. David Soares -- is also one of NY's district attorneys running for re-election this year.

You can easily verify the EVIDENCE substantiating the 62 corruption/grand jury complaints, as it is posted on the Center for Judicial Accountability's webpage for the complaints entitled "Invoking 'The power of grand juries to inquire into the wilful misconduct in office of public officers, and to find indictments...'", pursuant to Article I, §6 of the New York State Constitution". It is part of a series of webpages, accessible from CJA's homepage, [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org), 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 "Grand Juries" webpage is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>.

I am available to answer any questions – and to assist you, *to the max*. It would be my patriotic privilege to do so during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend and invite you to call me, no matter how early or late.

Thank you.

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