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Subject: **Is AP handling Albany reporting for the Daily News & Wall Street Journal? -- The NYS Budget -- & the 6 NYS Legislators Running for NYC Mayor, NYC Public Advocate, Manhattan Borough President, & NYC Council**

TO: Associated Press/Albany Reporter Anthony Izaguirre

Inadvertently I omitted you from my below e-mail, sent this morning to NYC's "local journalism". I assume that the Daily News and Wall Street Journal, both no longer listing reporters on Albany's [Legislative Correspondents Association roster](#), subscribe to AP and will now be relying on AP reporting for their Albany coverage.

I did send my below e-mail to your AP colleague Michael Hill, whose name newly appears on the LCA roster. However, it bounced back with the message:

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08DD64B29D4EBF68]".

I do not know why this is, inasmuch as I got no bounce-back from him two days ago to my fairly comparable [March 18th e-mail to you, him, and the LCA roster](#). I am mystified as to why he would block me, if he did block me.

I am cc'ing Mr. Hill to see if I again get a bounce-back. Just in case, kindly forward this e-mail to him so that he can respond.

He wrote the February 18th article "[New York's ethics watchdog ruled constitutional by state's top court](#)" – and I am particularly eager to speak to him about it. Was he aware of my December 16, 2024 motion to the Court of Appeals to file an *amicus curiae* brief to prevent fraud in the case, to which I alerted you and your LCA colleagues by a [January 4th e-mail](#) entitled "HEADS UP! Behind the Scenes, at the Court of Appeals, in Cuomo v. COELIG, Scheduled for Oral Argument this Tues, Jan 7th?". Mr. Hill reported on the oral argument, writing the AP story "[Constitutionality of New York's ethics panel argued before state's top court](#)".

I am also cc'ing [AP/NYC reporter Jake Offenhartz](#), with whom you wrote a March 6th article "[As many top Democrats stay silent on Cuomo mayoral run, an accuser feels betrayed](#)". The unconstitutionality, lawlessness, and larceny of the NYS budget and of the "false instrument" pay raises it embeds – the subject of my e-mails two days ago and below – brings down [Cuomo](#), [Stringer](#), and other candidates and incumbents in the mayoral and other NYC races – the six NYS legislators, [Myrie](#), [Ramos](#), [Mamdani](#), [Hoylman-Sigal](#), [Rajkumar](#), and [Epstein](#), among them.

I look forward to speaking with you directly about this – and with Messrs. Hill and Offenhartz – and as soon as possible. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE with respect to the state budget and NYC elections, both happening NOW.

Thank you.

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TO: New York City's "Local Journalism"

New York Times
New York Post
New York Daily News
New York Law Journal
Wall Street Journal
Associated Press

Have you read what the New York State Constitution says about how the state budget is to be fashioned and enacted? It is [Article VII, §§1-7](#) – and you need only read its [§4](#) to see that the budget is “OFF THE

CONSTITUTIONAL RAILS”, as it mandates that the Governor’s appropriation bills – other than for the legislative and judiciary budgets – “shall...be a law immediately without further action by the governor” once the Senate and Assembly reconcile their separate amendments of those bills, limited to striking out or reducing items of appropriation. In other words, New York has a financially constrained, ROLLING BUDGET – with most of the budget NEVER going back to the Governor.

Since 2013, our non-partisan, non-profit citizens’ organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) has proven that the state budget violates a multitude of constitutional, statutory, and legislative rule provisions in a “grand larceny” of billions of dollars in taxpayer monies, including for “false instrument” pay raises. We have done this by correspondence, testimony, complaints, and lawsuits, all fully documented and establishing, additionally, that the Legislature is NOT functioning at a constitutional level, remotely. This year, for three separate legislative budget hearings, we submitted written testimony: (1) for “local government officials/general government”; (2) for “public protection”, and (3) for “higher education”.

Elections are a time of accountability. What do the six state legislators running in this year’s elections for New York City’s highest offices have to say about this written testimony? I have asked them in e-mails below-linked to their names:

- [Senator Zellnor Myrie, running for NYC mayor](#) – a lawyer, who now chairs the Senate Codes Committee and whose other committee memberships include the Senate Judiciary Committee and Senate Rules Committee. My supplementing e-mail to him is [here](#);
- [Senator Jessica Ramos, running for NYC mayor](#) – whose committee memberships include the Senate Finance Committee, Senate Budget and Revenues Committee, and Senate Judiciary Committee. My supplementing e-mail to her is [here](#);
- [Assemblyman Zohran Mamdani, running for NYC mayor](#). My supplementing e-mail to him is [here](#);
- [Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar, running for NYC public advocate](#) – a lawyer, whose committee memberships include the Assembly Judiciary Committee. My supplementing e-mail to her is [here](#);
- [Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal, running for Manhattan borough president](#) – a lawyer, who has chaired the Senate Judiciary Committee since 2019 and whose other committee memberships include the Senate Finance Committee, Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations, Senate Rules Committee, and Senate Committee on Ethics and Internal Governance;
- [Assemblyman Harvey Epstein, running for a seat on the NYC Council](#) – a lawyer, whose committee memberships include the Assembly Ways and Means Committee and Assembly Codes Committee and is purported to chair the Legislative Commission on State-Local Relations. My supplementing e-mail to him is [here](#).

For each candidate I have created a webpage posting evidence additional to what is presented by my above e-mails. These are accessible from CJA’s homepage, www.judgewatch.org, via the prominent

center link: "[ELECTIONS 2025 -- INFORMING THE VOTERS -- ALERT: Corrupt candidates & incumbents are on the ballot](#)".

I am cc'ing the six candidates so that they can further ready themselves for your inquiries – and am available to answer questions, including under oath. Are they? Let them start with [Article VII, §4](#).

Thank you.

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