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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 12, 2017 5:09 PM  
**To:** 'herm57@aol.com'  
**Subject:** Thank you for your kind acknowledgment -- WINNING in Oyster Bay & Beyond: Honest, Fiscally-Responsible, Accountable Government  
**Attachments:** 8-10-17-open-ltr.pdf; 9-5-17-suffolk-da-candidates.pdf

Below is my e-mail, correcting the few typos I subsequently noticed.

Kindly forward to your Oyster Bay running-mates – and to everyone you see fit, including Supervisor Saladino – and the press.

Again, my thanks.

Elena

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**From:** Marc Herman [<mailto:Herm57@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 12, 2017 4:40 PM  
**To:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <[elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: WINNING in Oyster Bay & Beyond: Honest, Fiscally-Responsible, Accountable Government

Thank you

On Oct 12, 2017, at 4:31 PM, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <[elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)> wrote:

Dear Dr. Herman,

Thank you for your call this morning – and for your patriotic run for Oyster Bay Town Supervisor, putting aside your respected professional career, in the private sector, out of concern for the corruption in local government. Thank you, too, for your nearly two decades of volunteer service on the Syosset School District Board, as Trustee, Vice President and then President. According to your campaign website, <http://hermanforsupervisor.com/about/>, it was there that you “honed [your] administrative and governmental skills while overseeing a budget very similar in size to the Town of Oyster Bay’s...[dealing] with some of the same issues that face [Oyster Bay]: union contract negotiations and pay scales,...budgeting/debt management”.

As discussed, corruption, pay scales, and state and county budget issues were of NO concern, whatever, to your opponent -- interim Oyster Bay Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino – when he was an assemblyman – and this is evidenced by the webpage about his candidacy for Oyster Bay Town Supervisor that I created on CJA’s website, [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org), accessible *via* the prominent homepage link “OUTING CORRUPT AND COLLUSIVE INCUMBENTS & Ending their Road to Re-Election and Higher Officer in 2017, 2018, and Beyond – WITH EVIDENCE”. The direct link to the webpage is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2017/long-island/ending-the-road-saladino.htm>.

As discussed, Assemblyman Saladino was a member of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee and the Assembly Committee on Governmental Employees and, in both capacities, I interacted with him – most directly when I testified before him at the Legislature’s February 6, 2013 budget hearing. I was so



gratified that you had already viewed the VIDEO of that testimony, prominently posted on the webpage. As you identified that you have a running-mate who is an attorney – presumably James Versocki, a former assistant attorney general – please delegate to him the responsibility of examining CJA’s October 27, 2011 opposition report – and the verified complaint in the declaratory judgment action based thereon – about which I testified – and which I handed up at February 6, 2013 budget hearing. The webpage provides a link to them. It is additionally here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2017/feb-6-2013-testimony-evidence.htm>.

You asked me what Assemblyman Saladino’s response was to my testimony. That is a question you should publicly ask him. I received no response from him, including to subsequent correspondence addressed to him or sent to him.

Assemblyman Saladino’s NONFEASANCE replicated what is recounted by my August 10, 2017 OPEN LETTER pertaining to Senator George Latimer, who is running for Westchester County Executive, which I strongly urge you to read, as likewise my September 5, 2017 letter pertaining to the Suffolk County District Attorney race, sent to Senator Phil Boyle, formerly running for Suffolk County sheriff and now for a Supreme Court judgeship. They are attached and also posted on the webpage, with links to their substantiating proof. I also strongly urge you to view the VIDEOS of my testimony at the Legislature’s January 30, 2017 and January 31, 2017 budget hearings, which I have also posted on the webpage and which are additionally here: <http://judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2017-legislature/budget-hearings.htm>. Both the letters and VIDEOS summarize the significance of the unfolding citizen-taxpayer action involving the state budget to which now former Assemblyman Saladino is a defendant, as are ALL other Assembly and Senate members and Governor Cuomo, Attorney General Schneiderman, and Comptroller DiNapoli. Mr. Versocki can certainly verify the truth of my statement that the litigation record establishes plaintiffs’ entitlement to summary judgment, *as a matter of law*, as to all 10 causes of action – and warrants that a substantial swath of the defendants, if not all, be indicted for “grand larceny of the public fisc” and other corruption, disabling our state government.

I would hope that Mr. Versocki will perform such valuable function for you and for your fellow reform-minded, corruption-fighting Oyster Bay running-mates. However, you can also ask 7-term Assemblyman Charles Lavine, a lawyer, who has endorsed you – and who sits on such pertinent Assembly committees as Judiciary, Codes, and Ethics and Guidance – to give you and them a legal opinion about the ten causes of action and the lawsuit record. And why not ask 1<sup>st</sup> term Senator John Brooks, a non-lawyer, who has also endorsed you, what he did, upon hearing me testify, on January 30, 2017, as a member of the Senate Committee on Local Government, sitting next to its chair – especially as he was subsequently made its ranking member. Did he think – as Assemblyman Saladino apparently had, four years earlier – that my testimony should simply fall into a “black hole” and required no responsive action? As for non-lawyer and newbie Assemblywoman Christine Pellegrino, who has also endorsed you, she is a member of the Assembly Committee on Governmental Operations – on which my own Assemblyman David Buchwald sits. Why not ask Assemblywoman Pellegrino to request Assemblyman Buchwald’s legal opinion. Not only is he a Harvard Law School graduate, with a further degree from Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government, but his long-standing knowledge of the situation is identical to that of Senator Latimer, chronicled by my August 10, 2017 OPEN LETTER. In fact, I gave Assemblyman Buchwald a copy of the August 10, 2017 OPEN LETTER, *in hand*, when I met with him, in his district office, on August 31, 2017, further providing him with “hard copies” of the key litigation records in the citizen-taxpayer action, so that he could belatedly “blow the whistle” on what’s been going on.

Suffice to say, and as the unfolding citizen-taxpayer action and VIDEOS chronicle, the corruption you and your Oyster Bay running-mates decry is NOT confined to Republicans. Democrats are just as collusive in thwarting the NON-PARTISAN, GOOD-GOVERNMENT values that propel your candidacy – and which, by your “whistle-blowing”, you can realize, for the benefit of ALL the People, in your race for Oyster Bay

Town Supervisor – and in other electoral races in Oyster Bay, in Nassau County, on Long Island – and throughout New York State:

**“Transparency:** I would fight for complete transparency of all financial matters”;

**“Fixing the Finances:** For decades the Town has used our tax dollars as their personal piggy bank”;

**“Ethical & Honest Government:** I promise to treat all residents, and their tax dollars, with respect and honesty”;

**“High Taxes:** On Long Island this is always a chief concern. I will fight to make sure your tax dollars are wisely spent.”

I am available to assist you and your running-mates, to the max – and ask that you forward this e-mail to them, as soon as possible. I invite you and them to call me, anytime, including at night and on weekends.

Yours, for honest, fiscally-responsible, accountable government.

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