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Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 12:51 AM
To: 'whyteditor@gmail.com'
Subject: "lulus" & actually-constituted & functioning "bicameral commissions" -- CJA's Feb. 6th letter to Stewart-Cousins, Flanagan, Heastie, Kolb
Attachments: leg-commission-govt-administration.pdf

Dear Hezie,

Just wanted to be sure you saw that CJA's webpage for the February 6th letter <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2017-legislature/2-6-17-ltr-to-leadership.htm> posts pdfs of transmitting e-mails, reflecting my follow-up conversations with staff of indicated legislators with districts in Westchester – as, for instance, the below February 7th e-mail to Assemblyman Abinanti's legislative director, which included the message:

"Please IMMEDIATELY furnish it to the Assemblyman's chief of staff & counsel, Joanne Sold – and to the Assemblyman. Appropriate, responsive action is ESSENTIAL – as there is NO LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT by any of the 'appropriate committees' -- and the violations of prior budget cycles are REPEATING. This MUST be a TOP PRIORITY of the Commission on Government Administration – when it is statutorily-constituted, which must be forthwith.

I am available to assist Assemblyman Abinanti, to the max." (capitalization & underlining in original).

What steps did Abinanti take to ensure that Stewart-Cousins, Flanagan, Heastie, & Kolb would make their appointments to the Commission on Governmental Administration, for which he, presumably, was expecting to collect a lulu -- & which, in any event, had a statutory function to perform?

For your convenience, attached is Legislative Law §83-c establishing the Commission on Governmental Administration (aka public management systems). See para 3, which would be the authority for lulu-collection. Identical & or/similar paragraphs appear for 4 other Legislative Law Article 5-A statutory commissions:

§83-e. Legislative commission on science and technology.

§83-f. Legislative commission on skills development and career education.

§83-i. Legislative commission on the development of rural resources.

§83-l. Legislative commission on water resource needs of New York state and Long Island.

I am available to answer your questions, to be interviewed, and, especially, to critique such responses as you get from Abinanti, Stewart-Cousins, Latimer, & other legislators.... Feel free to call any time, including at night & on the weekend. There are other pieces of the "lulu" story I'd like to alert you to, as well.

Thank you.

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Subject: Letter to Leadership: (1) Legislative Law Article 5-A Commissions on Gov't Administration & State-Local Relations; (2) requested meetings to prevent repeat of constitutional, statutory, & legislative rule violations re: fiscal year 2017-18 budget

TO: Kathleen Conroy, Legislative Director to Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti – Chair/Commission on Government Administration & Member/Assembly Codes Committee

As discussed. Attached is my yesterday's letter to Senate & Assembly leadership relating to my conversation with Assemblyman Abinanti at the Feb 3rd local budget hearing in Westchester, e-mailed to the Assemblyman's generic e-mail address yesterday.

Please IMMEDIATELY furnish it to the Assemblyman's chief of staff & counsel, Joanne Sold – and to the Assemblyman. Appropriate, responsive action is ESSENTIAL – as there is NO LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT by any of the "appropriate committees" -- and the violations of prior budget cycles are REPEATING. This MUST be a TOP PRIORITY of the Commission on Government Administration – when it is statutorily-constituted, which must be forthwith.

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Attached is the Center for Judicial Accountability's letter of today's date, addressed to you – or indicating you as a recipient.

It is already posted on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible *via* the prominent homepage link "2017 Legislative Session". Here is that webpage, directly: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2017-legislature/new-year.htm> -- on which is also posted the VIDEOS of my January 30th and January 31st testimony at the Legislature's budget hearings on "Local Government Officials/General Government" and "Public Protection".

Thank you.

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