



April 1, 2016

Via Email: elena@judgewatch.org

Elena Sassower
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Dear Ms. Sassower:

This letter concerns your correspondence dated February 23, 2016, which pursuant to FOIL, requested:

- (1) records reflecting the process/procedures by which the Legislature's budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 was compiled;
- (2) records pertaining to the Legislature's "General State Charges" for fiscal year 2016-2017, missing from the Legislature's budget transmitted to Governor Cuomo by the December 1, 2015 coverletter signed by Temporary Senate President Flanagan and Assembly Speaker Heastie - in particular, records of their certification, cumulative dollar amount, date of their transmittal to the Governor, and whereabouts in the Executive budget;
- (3) records pertaining to the 24 pages of legislative reappropriations for fiscal year 2016-2017, appearing in an out-of-sequence section at the back of Governor Cuomo's Legislative/Judiciary Budget Bill #S.6401/4.9001 (at pp. 25-48), but missing from the Legislature's budget that Temporary Senate President Flanagan and Assembly Speaker Heastie transmitted to Governor Cuomo by their December 1, 2015 coverletter - in particular, records of their certification, cumulative dollar amount, and date of their transmittal to the Governor;
- (4) records reflecting the cumulative dollar amount of the Legislature's budget for fiscal year 2016-2017, inclusive of "General State Charges" and reappropriations.

Please be advised that the New York State Executive Chamber has conducted a diligent search but does not possess records responsive to your request.

Pursuant to Public Officers Law § 89(4)(a), you have thirty (30) days to take a written appeal of this determination. You may make an appeal by writing: FOIL Appeals Officer, Executive Chamber, State Capitol, Albany, New York, 12224.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mongthu Zago", is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

Mongthu Zago
FOIL Counsel
Records Access Officer