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From: Christopher Baker <cbaker@Syracuse.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2016 1:30 PM
To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)
Subject: RE: STORY LEAD: Onondaga County's Budget & its Highest Paid Elected Official

Elena,

Maybe I'm missing something, but I'm pretty sure my colleague Doug Dowty has covered what you're looking at:

http://www.syracuse.com/crime/index.ssf/2016/04/onondaga_co_da_fitzpatrick_gets_a_25000_raise_but_other_local_das_get_even_more.html

Is there a new angle I'm not seeing?

Best,
Chris

From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) [mailto:elena@judgewatch.org]
Sent: 10/4/2016 3:03 PM
To: Christopher Baker <cbaker@Syracuse.com>
Subject: STORY LEAD: Onondaga County's Budget & its Highest Paid Elected Official

Dear Chris,

I'd like to give you the lead on an explosive follow-up to your today's story, "*As Onondaga County tries to reduce payroll, Joanie Mahoney's brother gets pay bump*"
http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2016/10/as_onondaga_county_tries_to_cut_payroll_joanie_mahoneys_brother_gets_47kyear_job.html – and on your prior reporting on the Onondaga County budget.

Attached is my July 14, 2016 FOIL request which I sent to Onondaga County Attorney Robert Durr by my below e-mail. I have yet to receive a response from Onondaga County as to the salaries and non-salary compensation of its elected officers – information essential to your reporting.

You should also read my below indicated July 8, 2016 letter, accessible from the below link provided – and ascertain whether it was furnished to the Onondaga County legislators, County Executive Mahoney, and the County's treasurer/comptroller, as I had requested when I sent it to County Attorney Durr, with a copy to Onondaga County District Attorney Fitzpatrick – and why, as it appears, it was not placed on the agenda of meeting of the Onondaga County Legislature for discussion and vote on District Attorney Fitzpatrick's yearly salary which, since April 2012, had risen by more than \$50,000 a-year as a result of the judicial salary increases recommended by the fraudulent, statutorily-violative, and unconstitutional August 29, 2011 report of the Commission on Judicial Compensation and December 24, 2015 report of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation.