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**To:** 'rmccarthy@buffnews.com'  
**Subject:** FW: The 2016 Election for Erie Co. District Attorney: Testing the "public integrity" commitment & fitness of D.A. Candidates Flynn & Treanor

Dear Bob,

As briefly discussed. Please forward to candidates Flynn & Treanor, so that they can respond ASAP. Erie County voters are entitled to know their answers BEFORE casting their votes.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** The 2016 Election for Erie Co. District Attorney: Testing the "public integrity" commitment & fitness of D.A. Candidates Flynn & Treanor

TO: [Robert McCarthy, Buffalo News](#)

This follows up the voice mail message I left for you this morning concerning the Erie County district attorney race between John Flynn and Joe Treanor – both praised as “strong candidates” by the October 26<sup>th</sup> [Buffalo News](#) editorial “*In a DA race with two strong candidates, Flynn’s experience sets him apart*”. Your October 27<sup>th</sup> [Buffalo News](#) article “*Political relief is in sight*” describes the district attorney race as having been “a sleeper”.

The D.A. race would be anything but “a sleeper” – and it would further the express goal of the [Buffalo News](#)’ editorial as an aid to voters -- if you asked D.A. candidates Flynn and Treanor two simple questions:

- (1) If elected, what would your procedures be for handling public corruption complaints, filed with your district attorney office, where you have financial and other conflicts of interest?; and
- (2) If elected, what salary would you expect to receive as Erie County district attorney?

Whichever candidate is elected will have to confront both issues, threshold. Indeed, failing to do so will result in the newly-elected Erie County district attorney becoming the subject of the same October 14, 2016 conflict-of-interest/misconduct complaint as has been filed with the Eighth Judicial District Attorney Disciplinary Committee against Erie County Acting District Attorney Michael J. Flaherty, Jr. and against former Erie County District Attorney, now Supreme Court Justice, Frank Sedita. It is a complaint against them for colluding in high-level government corruption involving district attorney salary increases they know to be fraudulent, statutorily-violative, and