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Subject: RE: Question for Syracuse.com's Oct 21st Onondaga D.A. Candidates Debate -- & for other local journalism

Last warning.

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TO: Chris Baker/Syracuse.com

Your October 16th article "[Syracuse.com to hold live debate with 3 candidates for District Attorney](#)" concludes with the sentence:

"If you have questions you'd like to ask of the candidates, or topics you'd like to see discussed, please send an email to reporter Chris Baker at cbaker@syracuse.com."

To ensure that Syracuse.com does not overlook my proposed question for the D.A. candidates, presented by my below October 18th e-mail, to which you and others at Syracuse.com were cc'd, it is, as follows:

"Is it true that the pay raises that D.A. Fitzpatrick and his Court of Claims-judge wife have been getting since April 1, 2012 – amounting to over half a million dollars to date – are the product of fraud and other illegality which Fitzpatrick covered up as chair of the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption by violating conflict of interest rules?"

I'm sure staff at Syracuse.com can easily calculate the precise dollar amounts of the fraudulent salary raises that D.A. Fitzpatrick and Judge Fitzpatrick have raked in over the past 7-1/2 years from the figures of their escalating salaries posted on CJA's webpage of EVIDENCE, here: <http://www.judgewidth.org/web-pages/elections/2019/fitzpatrick.htm>.

Additionally, and as reflected by CJA's webpage of EVIDENCE, you should be grilling D.A. Candidate Lavine, a member of the Joint Commission on Public Ethics (JCOPE) since its inception, about why JCOPE – in violation of the statute creating it -- has been "sitting on" CJA's June 27, 2013 conflict-of-interest/ethics complaint