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**Subject:** Your Oct. 10th article: "DA Fitzpatrick: NYC Media would not question independence of corruption panel if they knew him"  
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Dear Michelle –

Following up our phone conversation earlier this morning – and your yesterday’s article “*DA Fitzpatrick: NYC Media would not question independence of corruption panel if they knew him*” – the “NYC Media” has, in fact, been covering up for D.A. Fitzpatrick and the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption – as D.A. Fitzpatrick well knows. Illustrative is its **non-reporting** with respect to the so-called “public hearings” – as to which your article states “The next hearing, scheduled for Oct. 28, is on the topic of enforcement at the Board of Elections.” Where is this on the Commission’s website? – and what are the registration procedures, etc? Likewise, where are its rules and procedures and its protocol for handling conflicts of interests among its members?

Attached is my October 4<sup>th</sup> letter to D.A. Fitzpatrick, his fellow co-chairs, and Commission Executive Director Calcaterra on the subject of the Commission’s “public hearings” – a letter I furnished to a huge swath of your journalistic colleagues on October 5th. Additionally, here’s the video of my testimony before D.A. Fitzpatrick & the Commission at the September 17<sup>th</sup> NYC hearing: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZ4CpWkOLlc&feature=youtu.be> . My referred to August 5<sup>th</sup> letter about its hearings, rules, procedures, and conflict-of-interest protocol and my subsequent correspondence based thereon – was all sent to D.A. Fitzpatrick and he acknowledged at the September 17<sup>th</sup> hearing that he had read it. This was all also long ago & repeatedly furnished to the press.

This correspondence and the other documentation substantiating my September 17<sup>th</sup> oral testimony – as well as my written testimony -- is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/commission-to-investigate-public-corruption/people-evidence/sassower-elena.htm>. It is just one of our webpages of our “People’s Campaign to Hold the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption True to its Name & Announced Purpose”, accessible from our homepage, [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org) – as to which there has been no report by the mainstream press. Indeed, the only mention has been in Casey Seiler’s September 25<sup>th</sup> Capitol Confidential blog about the testimony of Mark Sacha at the Albany hearing: <http://blog.timesunion.com/capitol/archives/195633/more-moreland-fired-buffalo-ada-calls-out-frank-sedita/>.

Suffice to note the following from my September 17<sup>th</sup> oral testimony:

“...You’ve operated in such an illegitimate fashion, behind closed doors. You have serious and substantial correspondence about your procedures, your rules and you don’t respond...”

I respectfully submit and ask each member of this Commission to read the correspondence that was withheld from you by your Executive Director, Regina Calcaterra, and by your three co-chairs because I think you need to know how they are operating and also because, as I’m sure you know, most of you being lawyers, that there are threshold issues relating to conflicts of interests. You are presuming to judge others as to conflicts of interest. How are you, how are you, what are your rules and procedures, what is your protocol for conflicts of interest?...”

More, when we speak.

Thank you.

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