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ALERT THE VOTERS!

MUST READ ARTICLE/COLUMN
"Proposition 1: Corruption on Steroids"

HERE'S THE LINK: http://artvoice.com/issues/v12n43/guest_essay_casino
sent to you, consistent with my below posted comment:

"Wow! What a devastating presentation. Thank you Joel Rose for writing this -- and Artvoice for circulating it. I will e-mail it to reporter & editors, political and constitutional scholars & commentators -- and to the membership of our non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), with a request that it be forwarded on, and on, and on.

I would note that on October 8th, Howard Samuels, who funds an organization called "Effective New York" and another called "New Roosevelt", held a conference on a new New York Constitution, with the first segment on the six constitutional propositions on this year's ballot, including one to raise the mandatory retirement age for various NYS judges from 70 to 80. In the question portion, I asked how many of these constitutional propositions were the product of a legitimate legislative process -- that is, introduced by legislators into committee, with public hearings then held at which citizens and experts could testify, followed by debate by committee members based thereon, mark-ups, amendments, committee votes -- embodied in committee reports -- then moved to the full Senate and Assembly, with debate and amendments before votes -- with the final legislation of each house then reconciled by conference committees. Only by such process are we protected against flawed legislation. The answer from the panelists was -- or so it seemed -- that none of the constitutional propositions on the ballot had resulted from such process.

We, the People, must take action to protect the desecration of legitimate, constitutional governance by our public officers -- and by their protectors in the media, academia, and elsewhere.

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