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To: 'rajkumarj@nyassembly.gov'
Subject: **ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY --Your 2020 Electoral Race for the NYS Assembly, Your Performance, in Office, as an Assemblywoman, & Your 2025 Electoral Race for NYC Public Advocate**
Attachments: [6-9-20-complaint-queens-da-katz.pdf](#)

TO: [Assemblywoman](#) & [Would-Be New York City Public Advocate](#) Jenifer Rajkumar

Elections are a time of accountability. Based on your on-the-job performance as a state assemblywoman, why do you believe yourself fit to be New York City's public advocate – or for any office of public trust?

Five years ago, when you were running for election to the Assembly, I sent you three messages to help you win, easily and without money – and to test your integrity for public office. The first two were to help you win your Democratic primary against the incumbent. The first, on [May 23, 2020](#), was sent *via* a message on your campaign facebook. I received no response and on [June 14, 2020](#) sent you an e-mail with that message. The original June 14, 2020 e-mail is below and above is its attachment. Entitled “You can win NY’s 38th Assembly seat. Corruption/grand jury complaint vs Assemblyman Miller, filed with Queens D.A., for fraud & larceny, including as to his OWN legislative salary & the Legislature's OWN budget”, the attachment was my [June 9, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint to Queens D.A. Melinda Katz](#). Again, I received no response. Three and a half months later, I sent you the complaint a second time by my [September 28, 2020 e-mail](#) entitled “GOOD NEWS: You have an open-&-shut public corruption issue that will WIN you election – and demonstrate your fitness for public service”. To this, I also received no response.

As you are now running for election as New York City's next public advocate, facing incumbent Jumaane Williams in a Democratic primary race, this unresponded-to correspondence from five years ago is again relevant to the issue of your fitness for public office. Please confirm that you received the facebook message and two e-mails – and explain why you did not respond to them.

In reports issued in [2004](#), [2006](#), and [2008](#), New York University's Brennan Center for Justice described New York's Legislature as the most dysfunctional in the nation. This dysfunction, reflected in sham committees that do not meaningfully discharge their lawmaking and oversight responsibilities, would have been obvious to you – a lawyer – upon taking office in January 2021, especially in light of the [June 9, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint](#) I had sent you twice. What actions, if any, did you take to rectify that dysfunction?

In March and April 2021 you voted on the budget. Did you believe it to be compliant with constitutional, statutory, and legislative rule requirements – remotely? At what committee meetings did you review the budget bills, or did you review them solo, or not at all? What did you understand about them, starting with the Legislative/Judiciary budget bill containing the Legislature's budget that pays your salary? Were you unaware that [on February 10, 2021 I had testified at the Legislature's budget hearing on “public protection”](#) – the hearing at which the Chief Administrative Judge is the first witness to testify, with the Commission on Judicial Conduct's Administrator giving testimony thereafter. You were then – as you

have been ever since – a member of the Assembly Judiciary Committee, whose purview is the Judiciary and the Commission on Judicial Conduct.

It was as a member of the Assembly Judiciary Committee that I sent you a [May 25, 2021 e-mail](#) entitled "Emergency Action & Oversight Required: The Assembly's taxpayer-paid counsel, Davis Polk, is in breach of its contract & its publicly-made promises to safeguard vs conflicts of interest in investigating whether Gov. Cuomo committed impeachable acts". What action did you take with respect to that e-mail, materially resting on the summary of criminality appearing in the June 9, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint – the same summary as in the [61 other grand jury/public corruption complaints I had filed with NY's 61 other D.A.s](#) – the most important being the first: my [June 4, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint against Governor Cuomo himself](#), filed with the Albany D.A. Was it your view that the EVIDENCE substantiating that summary, which the 61 complaints furnished by the same [EVIDENTIARY webpage](#), did not constitute impeachable conduct, open-and-shut, *prima facie*? And, if you took no action, was it because of your direct financial and other conflicts of interest? To this e-mail I also received no response from you – or from any of its other recipients.

Last year, I sent you a second e-mail as a member of the Assembly Judiciary Committee: my [January 19, 2024 e-mail](#) entitled "Judiciary Budget ALERT: \$34.6M at pp. 18-19 of Budget Bill #S.8301/A.8801 must be stricken, as it is the product of statutory violations & fraud by the Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation". Again, I received no response from you – or from any of its other recipients.

By the way, in addition to my [\(written\) oral testimony at the February 10, 2021 budget hearing on "public protection"](#), here's the other testimony I gave at and for the Legislature's budget hearings over the now four-plus years that you've been in the Assembly and a member of its Judiciary Committee:

- [my \(written\) oral testimony at the January 25, 2022 budget hearing on "public protection"](#);
- [my written testimony for the February 7, 2023 budget hearing on "public protection"](#);
- [my written testimony for the January 25, 2024 budget hearing on "public protection"](#);
- [my written testimony for the February 6, 2024 budget hearing on "local gov't officials/general gov't"](#);
- [my written testimony for the February 4, 2025 budget hearing on "local gov't officials/general gov't"](#);
- [my written testimony for the February 13, 2025 budget hearing on "public protection"](#);
- [my written testimony for the February 25, 2025 budget hearing on "higher education"](#).

The ONLY difference in the testimony, from year to year, is that, with each year, there is that much more evidence substantiating the previous year's testimony and the [June 9, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint](#) that, to date, remains pending before Queens D.A. Katz. Are you unaware of this succession of testimony – and the two citizen-taxpayer action lawsuits I commenced "on behalf of the People of the State of New York & the Public Interest" in [June 2022](#) and [March 2024](#), suing all three government branches, including you, as a member of the Assembly, and seeking declarations of unconstitutionality,

unlawfulness and cessation/claw-backs of larcenous disbursements? Has it not been discussed with you by your legislative colleagues, including at the closed-door party conferences that substitute for discussion and debate at open committee meetings?

New York City voters, whose votes and financial support you are soliciting for your election as public advocate, are entitled to your responses to the above e-mails, testimony, and lawsuits because they establish corrupt, posturing, and larcenous conduct by you and your fellow legislators, inexplicable except as a manifestation of self-interest, over the public interest. What, if anything, do you deny or dispute?

To assist you in furnishing that measure of accountability by your answers, I have created a [webpage for your candidacy for public advocate](#) from which the foregoing is accessible, plus the complaints I filed with ethics and criminal authorities against you and your co-conspirators. It is part of a series of webpages, featured by the first prominent center link on CJA's homepage, www.judgewatch.org, entitled "ELECTIONS 2025 -- INFORMING THE VOTERS -- ALERT: Corrupt candidates & incumbents are on the ballot".

If you have anything to say in your own defense – including as relates to the now-being-enacted FY2025-26 state budget, as to which I submitted three separate written testimonies, [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#), plus a [letter/FOIL request to Chief Administrative Judge Zayas pertaining to the Judiciary's budget](#), simultaneously [e-mailed](#) to Assembly Judiciary Committee Chair Lavine and Ranking Member Tannousis – send it to me and I will post it directly beneath this e-mail, to be featured at the top of CJA's webpage for your candidacy and furnished to the other NYC public advocate candidates and the media.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
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Subject: You can win NY's 38th Assembly seat. Corruption/grand jury complaint vs Assemblyman Miller, filed with Queens D.A., for fraud & larceny, including as to his OWN legislative salary & the Legislature's OWN budget

Dear Candidate Rajkumar,

How disappointing to have received no response from you to my below May 23rd message, sent *via* your Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/jenifer.rajkumar>. As stated, "You can win your Democratic primary for New York's 38th Assembly seat, easily and without money, against Assemblyman Miller – and the general election. All it takes is 'whistle-blowing' from the bully-pulpit of your candidacy ..."

To prove it – and further assist you – attached is the corruption/grand jury complaint against Assemblyman Miller that I filed with Queens District Attorney Katz on June 9th. ALL the substantiating EVIDENCE to which it refers is posted on CJA's webpage for the complaint, here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>. With your stellar qualifications, you can readily verify that Assemblyman Miller cannot be re-elected, because he must be indicted and will be convicted – and that he is among the least of a great, great many.

Again, I invite you to call me – and would greatly look forward to speaking with you about “Bringing back honor to our politics. Restoring sacredness to public service”. You can be “fearless” and achieve this -- and your place as a champion of constitutional and honest politics and governance.

Thank you.

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Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 1:45 PM

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Subject: Message sent to Candidate Jenifer Rajkumar, via her Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/jenifer.rajkumar> -- May 23, 2020 at 1:43 pm

Dear Candidate Rajkumar,

I am director & co-founder of the non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), based in White Plains, New York.

You can win your Democratic primary for New York's 38th Assembly seat, easily and without money, against Assemblyman Miller – and the general election. All it takes is "whistle-blowing" from the bully-pulpit of your candidacy. Please call me for details – and the EVIDENCE that backs it up, accessible from CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org.

On the assumption that you are unfamiliar with Article VII, §§1-7 of the New York State Constitution pertaining to the fashioning and enactment of the state budget, here it is: <https://codes.findlaw.com/ny/constitution-of-the-state-of-new-york/#!tid=N9A526E8102AB49058F336F851D9B3DA7>. I'd like to begin our conversation by discussing it – and Assemblyman Miller's violations of his oath of office with respect thereto, all more egregious as he is a member of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee and the violations include the Legislature's OWN budget and his OWN legislative salary.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. I am so impressed by your academic qualifications, your work as a lawyer, including as an appointee of Governor Cuomo, as “an ethics officer, handling ethics matters for the State”, and as a professor of political science at CUNY – and by your eloquent commitment, so powerfully expressed by your website video and summed up by the words prefacing your bio: “Bringing back honor to our politics. Restoring sacredness to public service”. This e-mail will surely test that – and your description of yourself as “fearless”. May it be so.

Thank you.

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