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TO: New York's Five Incoming New D.A.s  
Incoming Albany County District Attorney Lee Kindlon  
Incoming Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace  
Incoming Livingston County District Attorney Ashley Williams  
Incoming Montgomery County District Attorney Christina Pearson  
Incoming Orleans County District Attorney Susan Howard

FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Director  
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

RE: Before You Take Your Oaths of Office – What D.A. Salaries were You Expecting to Be Paid & Will You Be Recusing Yourselves from CJA's July 18, 2024 Grand Jury/Public Corruption Complaint, Pending in Your D.A. Offices, and Securing an Independent Prosecutor?

Next week you will be sworn in to be the district attorneys of your respective counties. What salaries are you expecting to be paid and how will you be discharging your duties with respect to [CJA's July 18, 2024 NOTICE & grand jury/public corruption complaint](#), pending in your D.A. offices?

As you know, when you were running for election as D.A., I alerted you that D.A. salaries contained approximately \$100,000 in fraudulent, larcenous salary increases, the product of three "false instrument" compensation commission reports – and furnished you with the evidence: CJA's July 18, 2024 NOTICE & grand jury/public corruption complaint, addressed and [e-mailed](#) to all New York's 62 D.A.s and acting D.A.s, without response from them.

I asked what your responses would be to this July 18, 2024 NOTICE & grand jury/public corruption complaint, if you were elected D.A. – and, specifically,

- (1) whether you would repudiate these D.A. salary increases because, as established by the July 18, 2024 NOTICE & grand jury/public corruption complaint, they are based on three "false instrument" compensation commission reports;
- (2) whether you would recuse yourself from the July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint and secure an independent prosecutor.

I received no answers from you.

Two weeks after the November 5, 2024 election, I filed a [November 18, 2024 complaint with the New York State Commission on Prosecutorial Conduct against all 62 D.A.s and acting D.A.s](#) based on the July 18, 2024 NOTICE & grand jury/public corruption complaint. As you had not yet taken office, I did not include you.

That will change next week.

So that I may know whether, come January 1, 2025, I must supplement the November 18, 2024 complaint to the Commission on Prosecutorial Conduct to include you, please advise as to your answers to the above two questions before you take office, upon the oath prescribed by [Article XIII, §1 of the New York State Constitution](#):

“I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the State of New York, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of [district attorney] according to the best of my ability.”

For your convenience, below are links to CJA's webpages for your 2024 D.A. races from which you can access my prior correspondence to you about the July 18, 2024 NOTICE & grand jury/public corruption complaint. All began with my e-mails directly to you and, thereafter, to the “local journalism” of your respective counties, to which you were cc'd, the only variation being my correspondence to D.A. Candidate Kindlon.

[Here](#), for the 2024 Albany County D.A. race and D.A. Candidate Kindlon;

[Here](#), for the 2024 Westchester County D.A. race and D.A. Candidate Cacace;

[Here](#), for the 2024 Livingston County D.A. race and D.A. Candidate Williams;

[Here](#), for the 2024 Montgomery County D.A. race and D.A. Candidate Pearson;

[Here](#), for the 2024 Orleans County D.A. race and D.A. Candidate Howard.

Thank you.

s/  
Elena Ruth Sassower

cc: Outgoing Albany County D.A. David Soares  
Outgoing Westchester County D.A. Mimi Rocah  
Outgoing Livingston County D.A. Gregory McCaffrey  
Outgoing Montgomery County D.A. Lorraine Diamond  
Outgoing Orleans County D.A. Joseph Cardone