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TO: Bruce A. Hidley/Albany County Clerk & County FOIL Officer

FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Director
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RE: FOIL Request: Albany County Ethics Commission

[Albany County's website for its Ethics Commission](#) does not post any activity for 2024, such as agenda and minutes for any meetings – and, with respect to Ethics Commission members, only indicates four of five. Also, there is no annual report posted for 2023 – and no transcribed minutes for the Commission's October 2023 meeting.

Pursuant to FOIL, this is to request:

- (1) the Ethics Commission's 2024 meeting agendas and minutes;
- (2) the Ethics Commission's 2023 annual report – and minutes of its October 2023 meeting and any subsequent 2023 meeting;
- (3) records of requests, over the past five years, for the filling of vacancies on the Ethics Commission – and reflecting why vacancies, required to be filled within 60 days, have not been;
- (4) records reflecting the name of the Ethics Commission's current counsel "employed by the Department of Law" and the phone number and e-mail for such counsel;
- (5) Albany County's current Code of Ethics – if different from "[Local Law 8 of 2011...\[with\] amendments adopted by the Albany County Legislature through Local Law 7 of 2019](#)", hidden on the Ethics Commission's website by being contained within a dropdown for "Financial disclosure documents";
- (6) the Ethics Commission's 2016 annual report – & the operative Albany County Code of Ethics in 2016.

Thank you.

s/ Elena Sassower