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A Tale of Six Complaints – & Now Seven

Written Testimony for the September 25, 2025 Third Annual Hearing of the Commission on Ethics & Lobbying in Government (COELIG)

I am Elena Sassower, director of the non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA). Our website is www.judgewatch.org, and from its left side panel "Testimony", you can find a link for this testimony entitled "A Tale of Six Complaints – & Now Seven"¹ and to the open-and-shut, *prima facie* EVIDENCE substantiating it.

At your last year's November 13, 2024 second annual hearing, [my written testimony](#), which I read, was entitled "A Tale of Four Complaints – & Now Five". It summarized [my written testimony](#) at your March 29, 2023 first annual hearing, which I had also read, as well as the four complaints CJA had filed with COELIG.

CJA's first [July 8, 2022 complaint](#) was filed on COELIG's "DAY 1" of operations and consisted of eight complaints. The first seven were a resubmission of CJA's complaints to JCOPE, since 2013:

"All involved the 'false instrument' reports by which New York's 4 statewide-elected executive officers and all its 213 state legislators have procured unlawful and unconstitutional pay raises for themselves – and for judges and district attorneys – embedded in a state budget that they have driven 'OFF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RAILS' to steal more taxpayer monies and subvert constitutional, lawful state governance through massive insertions of non-fiscal/non-revenue-producing policy." (quoting November 13, 2024 written testimony, capitalization in the original).

This non-fiscal/non-revenue-producing policy included the so-called "ethics commission reform act of 2022", which, on July 8, 2022, would replace JCOPE with COELIG. In response, CJA sued JCOPE and its enablers in New York's executive and legislative branches in June 2022 – and the eighth complaint was against Attorney General Letitia James, who, having no legitimate defense to the lawsuit, [CJA v. JCOPE, et al.](#), corrupted the judicial process by litigation fraud to prevent the granting of the TRO and preliminary injunction to which CJA was entitled, *as a matter of law*. AG James' further litigation fraud, by a fraudulent motion to dismiss the lawsuit, was the subject of an [October 6, 2022 supplement](#) to the complaint – and, by an unsigned [November 17, 2022 letter](#), your Investigations Division purported you had voted to close both – furnishing no basis for your doing so, and without identifying any of your multitude of conflicts of interest.

In [testifying at your March 29, 2023 first annual hearing](#), I summarized the fraud of that November 17, 2022 letter – and of your conduct during your first 6-1/2 months of operation – and that such warranted:

“a complaint against you, to you, for your ‘substantial neglect of duty’ and ‘misconduct in office’^{fn2} arising from your willful violations of [Public Officers Law §74](#), proscribing conflicts of interest that is your duty to enforce as to others,^{fn3} and of [Executive Law §94.10\(b\)](#), explicitly mandating that you each disclose personal, professional, and financial conflicts of interest with respect to complaints – and recuse yourselves or be recused by vote of your fellow commissioners.^{fn4}” (underlining and links in the original).

Your response to that testimony, whose sole recommendation was for a reconsideration procedure for complaints, was further fraud at your subsequent public meetings and by your [Annual Report for 2022](#). This was chronicled by [CJA’s second complaint, filed October 2, 2023](#), which was against you, your executive director, your general counsel, and high-ranking staff, and additionally sought reconsideration of CJA’s July 8, 2022 complaint and supplement, consistent with your publicly-stated assertion that reconsideration exists “unofficially”.

^{fn2} Executive Law §94.4(c) identifies ‘substantial neglect of duty’ and ‘misconduct in office’ as grounds upon which ‘Members of the commission may be removed by majority vote of the commission.’”

^{fn3} This Commission, with three members appointed by the governor, is a ‘state agency’, pursuant to Public Officers Law §74, and the commissioners are, presumably, its ‘officers’ – and reinforcing this is Executive Law §94.3(1) in specifying that ‘The independent review committee shall neither be public officers nor be subject to the requirements of the public officers law.’ No parallel provision appears in Executive Law §94.4 as to commissioners. Certainly, the Commission’s paid staff is within the purview of Public Officers Law §74.”

^{fn4} Executive Law §94.10(b) reads:

‘Upon the receipt of a complaint, referral, or the commencement of an investigation, members of the commission shall disclose to the commission any personal, professional, financial, or other direct or indirect relationships a member of the commission may have with a complainant or respondent. If any commissioner determines a conflict of interest may exist, the commissioner shall, in writing, notify the other members of the commission setting forth the possible conflict of interest. The commissioner may recuse himself from all subsequent involvement in the consideration and determination of the matter. If, after the disclosure, the commissioner does not recuse himself from the matter, the commission, by a majority vote finding that the disclosed information creates a substantial conflict of interest, shall remove the conflicted commissioner from all subsequent involvement in the consideration and determination of the matter, provided the reason for the decision is clearly stated in the determination of the commission.’

[CJA's third complaint, filed January 29, 2024](#), was against the seven members of the (3rd) Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation for their “false instrument” December 4, 2023 report that, effective April 1, 2024, would give judges – and district attorneys – further salary increases – and which would also result in further increases in your *per diems* which are linked to Supreme Court salaries.

[CJA's fourth complaint, filed October 29, 2024](#), was against the 4 statewide-elected executive officers and all 213 state legislators for colluding in the (3rd) Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation's “false instrument” December 4, 2023 report to benefit themselves.

I summarized these further complaints in [testifying at your November 13, 2024 second annual hearing](#), simultaneously filing my written testimony as a [fifth complaint](#) – CJA's now second complaint against you, your executive director, your general counsel, and high-ranking staff. Its basis was the fraud of your [Annual Report for 2023](#) as to which your handling of CJA's four complaints was further proof.

And how had you handled those complaints, apart from the unsigned [November 17, 2022 letter](#) of your Investigations Division to the first complaint? In response to my many e-mails, inquiring as to the numbers you had assigned to the second, third, and fourth complaints and their status, your public information officer sent me a [November 7, 2024 e-mail](#). It stated that the status of [CJA's October 2, 2023 complaint](#) was “closed” and that its complaint number was 22-099 – which meant that no number had been assigned to it, as that was the number you had assigned for the [July 8, 2022 complaint](#). It additionally stated that the status of [CJA's January 29, 2024 complaint](#), was “open” and that its number was 24-141 – a number indicating that it was NOT assigned until late October or early November 2024 – and possibly only in response to [CJA's October 29, 2024 complaint](#), for which it furnished no number.

The [November 7, 2024 e-mail](#) also attached, in response to my repeated FOIL requests, a pdf entitled “[Internal Controls and Procedures](#)” for complaints – which, as stated by my last year's testimony, you had flagrantly violated with respect to CJA's complaints.

As with my March 29, 2023 testimony, which made a single recommendation, so did my November 13, 2024 testimony make a single recommendation, stating:

“As [CJA's October 2, 2023 complaint](#) is DISPOSITIVE of the situation then, now, and of what must happen, going forward – including with respect to the lawsuits [CJA v. JCOPE, et al.](#) and [Cuomo v. COELIG \(APL-2024-00076\)](#), now both at the Court of Appeals – my recommendation, in closing, is that you do your duty by confronting, with findings of facts and conclusions of law, its ‘specific and credible evidence’ of your conflict-of-interest-driven ‘substantial neglect of duty’ and ‘misconduct in office’ – and its continuation to the present, as herein summarized.” (hyperlinking and capitalization in the original).

This recommendation you plainly ignored – and with it my fifth complaint, based thereon, for which I had submitted a [November 13, 2024 complaint form](#) and [November 15, 2024 substantiating supplement](#), as I received no acknowledgment, no complaint number, indeed, no communication of any sort about the complaint.

[On February 27, 2025, CJA filed a sixth complaint](#), again against the seven members of the (3rd) Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation, this time pertaining to their “false instrument” November 14, 2024 report giving salary increases to Executive Law §169 officers. Again, I received no acknowledgment, no complaint number, nor any other communication about it.

On June 2, 2025, you released your [Annual Report for 2024](#), reprising, now for a third time, frauds from your two prior annual reports, including with respect to [Cuomo v. COELIG](#) and [CJA v. JCOPE, et al.](#). These are the first two lawsuits in your “[summary of the litigation matters in which the Commission was involved in 2024](#)”(at pp. 124-128). As previously, you conceal that the trial and Appellate Division, Third Department decisions in [CJA v. JCOPE, et al](#), which you recite, are judicial frauds, rewarding the litigation fraud of AG James, who had no legitimate defense – so-demonstrated by CJA’s “legal autopsy”/analyses¹ – and conceal that this pattern continued at the Court of Appeals² – and that [CJA v. JCOPE, et al.](#) and [Cuomo v. COELIG](#) were at the Appellate Division, Third Department and the Court of Appeals, simultaneously, and that CJA made motions to have the appeals heard together, or to file *amicus curiae* submissions to prevent fraud,³

¹ With respect to [CJA v. JCOPE, et al.](#), see, *inter alia*, on the [Appellate Division, Third Department electronic docket CV-23-0115](#):

- CJA’s “legal autopsy”/analysis of Supreme Court Justice Gandin’s appealed-from November 23, 2022 decision, order and judgment, annexed to its December 16, 2022 notice of appeal ([NYSCEF #1](#));
- CJA’s “legal autopsy”/analysis of Justice Gandin’s February 15, 2023 decision and order, annexed to its February 23, 2023 notice of appeal ([NYSCEF #3](#));
- CJA’s “legal autopsy”/analysis of the Appellate Division’s June 20, 2024 memorandum and order, annexed to its July 4, 2024 motion for reargument/leave to appeal to the Court of Appeals/vacatur for fraud and lack of jurisdiction ([NYSCEF #54](#)).

² At the Court of Appeals, which does not have a publicly accessible electronic docket for [CJA v. JCOPE, et al.](#), see [CJA’s webpage of the record](#), *inter alia*:

- [CJA’s October 21, 2024 preliminary appeal statement in support of appeal of right](#);
- [CJA’s “legal autopsy”/analysis of the Court of Appeals’ March 18, 2025 Order](#), annexed to its [April 17, 2025 motion for reargument/transfer-certification](#).

³ At the Appellate Division, Third Department, see, on the [CJA v. JCOPE, et al.](#) docket [CV-23-0115](#), CJA’s January 12, 2024 motion for the appeals to be heard together (NYSCEF [#26](#), [#27](#), [#28](#), [#29](#), [#30](#), [#31](#), [#32](#), [#33](#)); and, on the [Cuomo v. COELIG](#) docket [CV-23-1778](#), the Appellate Division’s February 1, 2024 order, behind which is CJA’s January 12, 2024 motion for the appeals to be heard together or for leave to file an *amicus* submission to prevent fraud ([NYSCEF #31](#)).

At the Court of Appeals, see [CJA’s webpage for Cuomo v. COELIG](#) with its [December 16, 2024 motion for leave to file an amicus curiae brief to prevent fraud & for enforcement of Court Rule 500.1](#) and its accompanying [amicus](#)

demonstrating that the sixth and seventh causes of action in *CJA v. JCOPE, et al.*, establishing the unconstitutionality of the “ethics commission reform act of 2022”, enacted, through the budget, mooted the *Cuomo v. COELIG* challenge to its constitutionality, *as written* – and that both the Appellate Division and the Court of Appeals decisions in *Cuomo v. COELIG* are judicial frauds, rewarding the litigation fraud of AG James, of Cuomo and of the so-called “good government” *amici* – also demonstrated by CJA’s “legal autopsy”/analyses.⁴

As with your prior two annual reports, so, too, your 2004 Annual Report reprise frauds by its “[Investigations and Enforcement](#)” section (at pp. 88-113). For example, in your “2024 Enforcement Activity” chart (at pp. 96-113), “Reference ID” [24-141 \(at p. 111\)](#) – which your [November 7, 2024 e-mail](#) had stated to be the number for [CJA’s January 29, 2024 complaint](#) – purports that the complained-against “Agency” is the “Executive Chamber”, rather than, as it is, the seven members of the (3rd) Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation, and lists its “Status” as “Pending”. As for the subsequent 28 numbers in the chart for 2024 (at pp. 111-113), none reflect an entry that describes either the [October 29, 2024 complaint](#) or the [November 13, 2024 complaint](#). What numbers did you assign to them and how were they handled consistent with your “[Internal Controls and Procedures](#)”?

The foregoing, causing vast, irreparably injury to the People of New York and to constitutional, lawful state governance, has enabled public officers, whose conflict-of-interest-driven corruption was the subject of [CJA’s repeated complaints to you](#), to run for higher public offices. Topping the list, in 2025, are Queens NYS Assemblyman Zohran Mamdani, running to be New York City mayor, and Manhattan NYS Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal, running to be Manhattan borough president – with their candidacies boosted by endorsements from so many other public officers, whose conflict-of-interest-driven corruption is part of those same complaints, such as Governor Hochul, Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins, and Assembly Speaker Heastie, in addition to, of course, AG James.

These complaints all furnished you with “specific and credible evidence” of violations of [Public Officers Law §74 proscribing conflicts of interest](#) – which, pursuant to [Executive Law §§94.10\(d\) and \(f\)](#), is the predicate for investigation signified by 15-day written notice to persons within your jurisdiction. [CJA, therefore, files this testimony as now a seventh complaint](#), specifically against Mamdani and Hoylman-Sigal, further substantiating same by the e-mails I sent to them this past March, particularizing their conflict-of-interest-driven corruption, in office, *to wit*:

- my [March 14th e-mail to Mamdani](#) entitled “ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY...” (Exhibit A-1), supplemented by my [March 17th e-mail to him](#) (Exhibit A-2);

[curiae brief to prevent fraud on the court.](#)

⁴ As to the fraudulence of the Appellate Division, Third Department’s May 9, 2024 decision in *Cuomo v. COELIG*, see [CJA’s December 16, 2024 amicus curiae brief to prevent fraud on the court](#) – the “court” being the Court of Appeals. As to the fraudulence of the Court of Appeals’ February 18, 2025 majority and minority opinions on *COELIG v. Cuomo*, see pp. 18-21 of [CJA’s “legal autopsy”/analysis of its March 18, 2025 order in CJA v. JCOPE, et al.](#), annexed to its [April 17, 2025 motion for reargument/transfer-certification](#).

- my [March 16th e-mail to Hoylman-Sigal](#) entitled “ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY...” (Exhibit B).

I sent these e-mails to Mamdani and Hoyman-Sigal two further times, as *cc*'s to my [March 18th e-mail to the Albany Legislative Correspondents Association roster of reporters](#) (Exhibit C) and to my [March 20th e-mail to New York City “local journalism](#) (Exhibit D) – and they responded to none of them, reflective of their knowledge that they could not do so without conceding their truth.

Under the exigent circumstances presented by the upcoming elections, for which early voting starts in less than a month, IMMEDIATE 15-day notices to Mamdani and Hoylman-Sigal must issue for their responses to the “specific and credible evidence” of my March e-mails – with notification to the district attorneys having criminal jurisdiction over them, Queens D.A. Melinda Katz, Manhattan D.A. Alvin Bragg, and Albany D.A. Lee Kindlon, to IMMEDIATELY summon me to appear before grand juries to give testimony under oath in support of felony indictments against them, forthwith – because, in fact, the evidence against them is not just “specific and credible”, but open-and-shut and *prima facie*, guaranteeing that each will be convicted of the multitude of penal law violations, of which they had notice, repeatedly, for years. This is my sole and EMERGENCY recommendation.

Finally, this seventh complaint is also against you, your executive director, your general counsel, and other high-ranking staff – and so-reflected by my [written complaint form](#) accompanying this testimony. This is now the third such complaint – the predecessors being [CJA’s October 2, 2023 complaint](#) and [CJA’s November 13, 2024 complaint](#), to which no complaint numbers were assigned.

Like all complaints, this complaint must be processed consistent with your “[Internal Controls and Procedures](#)”, both as to Mamdani and Hoylman-Sigal and as to COELIG.

I affirm this testimony and the complaint it embodies as true, under penalties of perjury, pursuant to CPLR §2106.

Thank you.

Exhibit A-1: March 14, 2025 e-mail to NYS Assemblyman Zohran Mamdani

From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2025 3:42 PM
To: 'mamdaniz@nyassembly.gov'
Subject: **ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY: Your 2020 Electoral Race for the NYS Assembly, Your performance, in Office, as an Assemblyman, & Your 2025 Electoral Race for NYC Mayor**
Attachments: [6-9-20-complaint-queens-da-katz.pdf](#)
TO: [Assemblyman](#) & [Would-Be New York City Mayor](#) Zohran Mamdani

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

Five years ago, when you were running for election to the Assembly, I sent you four e-mails to help you win, easily and without money – and to test your integrity for public office. The first three e-mails were to help you win your Democratic primary against the incumbent.

I sent you my [first e-mail](#) entitled “I can help you win –” on April 28, 2020. As I received no response, I resent it on May 22, 2020 as part of my [second e-mail](#) entitled “You can win, easily & without money, NY’s 36th Assembly seat. All it takes is ‘whistle-blowing’”. Again, I received no response. I then resent both by a June 14, 2020 [third e-mail](#) entitled “You can win! – corruption/grand jury complaint vs Assemblywoman Simotas, filed with Queens D.A., for ‘wilful misconduct in office’, involving larceny & fraud, including as to her OWN legislative salary & the Legislature’s OWN budget”. Again, I received no response.

The original chain of these three unresponded-to e-mails is below and its attachment is above: my June 9, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint to Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz, which I thereafter sent you, a second time, by a September 28, 2020 [fourth 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.

Of course, by then, by a scant 423 votes, you had won your [June 2020 Democratic primary](#) over the incumbent – the total votes cast being a measly 16,427. This assured you your Assembly seat, representing, according to the [Legislature’s FY2020-21 budget](#) (at p. 2), “approximately 129,000 constituents”, as no candidate was on the November 2020 general election ballot running against you. This was also how you won re-election in 2022 and 2024, where, likewise, there was only one candidate on the general election ballots for the 36th Assembly seat – you. And compounding this affront to democracy is that in 2022 and 2024, you faced no primaries for your Democratic and Working Families Party lines. In other words, your 2022 and 2024 re-elections were without ever having had to defend your record as an assemblyman.

Today, you are in a hotly contested Democratic primary race to be New York City’s next mayor – and my four e-mails to you from five years ago are again relevant to the issue of your fitness for public office. Please confirm that you received them – and explain why you did not respond.

Exhibit A-1: March 14, 2025 e-mail to NYS Assemblyman Zohran Mamdani

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 upon taking office in January 2021 and before voting on the state budget in March and April 2021, especially in light of the [June 9, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint](#) I had sent you twice.

Six weeks into your tenure as an assemblyman and every year thereafter I have furnished testimony for the Legislature's budget hearings:

- Here's [my \(written\) oral testimony at the February 10, 2021 budget hearing on "public protection"](#);
- Here's [my \(written\) oral testimony at the January 25, 2022 budget hearing on "public protection"](#);
- Here's [my written testimony for the February 7, 2023 budget hearing on "public protection"](#);
- Here's [my written testimony for the January 25, 2024 budget hearing on "public protection"](#);
- Here's [my written testimony for the February 6, 2024 budget hearing on "local gov't officials/general gov't"](#);
- Here's [my written testimony for the February 4, 2025 budget hearing on "local gov't officials/general gov't"](#);
- Here's [my written testimony for the February 13, 2025 budget hearing on "public protection"](#);
- Here's [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 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 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 mayoral run, are entitled to your responses to these 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 mayoral run](#) from which the foregoing is accessible, plus the complaints I have filed with ethics and criminal authorities against you and your co-conspirators. It is part of a series of webpages, featured by

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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](#)".

To further encourage your response, this e-mail will be posted on CJA's webpage for your mayoral candidacy – and sent to the other New York City mayoral candidates and the media.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>

Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2020 6:45 AM

To: press@zohranforassembly.com; volunteer@zohranforassembly.com

Subject: You can win! -- corruption/grand jury complaint vs Assemblywoman Simotas, filed with Queens D.A., for "wilful misconduct in office", involving larceny & fraud, including as to her OWN legislative salary & the Legislature's OWN budget

Dear Candidate Mamdani --

I was disappointed not have heard from you, in response to my below two e-mails.

Attached it the corruption/grand jury complaint I filed against Assemblywoman Simotas with Queens District Attorney Katz, on June 9th. The substantiating EVIDENCE to which it refers is all accessible from CJA's webpage for the complaint, here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>.

I again invite you to call me, directly – as with this, you can win!

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>

Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 9:56 AM

To: 'press@zohranforassembly.com' <press@zohranforassembly.com>;
'volunteer@zohranforassembly.com' <volunteer@zohranforassembly.com>

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Subject: You can win, easily & without money, NY's 36th Assembly seat. All it takes is "whistle-blowing".

Dear Candidate Zohran Kwame Mamdani,

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 36th Assembly seat, easily and without money – and the general election – against Incumbent Assemblyman Aravella Simotas, a lawyer. 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 – followed by a discussion of Assemblywoman Simotas' on-the-job performance as a member of the Assembly Ways & Means Committee and Assembly Judiciary Committee – and as the former co-chair of the Legislative Commission on Administrative Regulations Review. The issues will include Assemblywoman Simotas' OWN legislative pay and the Legislature's OWN budget, both of which are larcenous.

Although I previously contacted you, by the below April 28, 2020 e-mail, I received no response. Perhaps it was overlooked.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please be in front of your computer, when you call.

Thank you.

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Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:06 PM
To: 'volunteer@zohranforassembly.com' <volunteer@zohranforassembly.com>

Subject: I can help you win --

TO: CANDIDATE ZOHRAN KWAME MAMDANI

Thank you for running against Assemblywoman Aravella Simotas, a lawyer, whose important committee assignments include the Assembly Judiciary Committee and Assembly Ways and Means Committee, and,

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previously, co-chair of the Legislative Commission on Administrative Regulations Review. I can furnish you with documentary proof of her corruption, in office – for which she and her fellow legislative incumbents must not only be voted out, but indicted.

Call me.

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Subject: **Supplementing -- ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY: Your 2020 Electoral Race for the NYS Assembly, Your performance, in Office, as an Assemblyman, & Your 2025 Electoral Race for NYC Mayor**
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Here linked is my [written testimony for the Legislature's February 15, 2023 budget hearing on "local government officials/general government"](#), inadvertently omitted from my below March 14th e-mail to you, listing my testimonies at and for the Legislature's budget hearings since you took office as an assemblyman in January 2021.

I have already posted it on [CJA's webpage for your mayoral candidacy](#), which now also includes a helpful link to an "[Archive of CJA's Testimonies, since 2013, at & for the Legislature's Budget Hearings -- WITH EVIDENTIARY WEBPAGES](#)".

As stated by my March 14th e-mail:

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I sent you my [first e-mail](#) entitled “I can help you win –” on April 28, 2020. As I received no response, I re-sent it on May 22, 2020 as part of my [second e-mail](#) entitled “You can win, easily & without money, NY’s 36th Assembly seat. All it takes is ‘whistle-blowing’”. Again, I received no response. I then resent both by a June 14, 2020 [third e-mail](#) entitled “You can win! – corruption/grand jury complaint vs Assemblywoman Simotas, filed with Queens D.A., for ‘wilful misconduct in office’, involving larceny & fraud, including as to her OWN legislative salary & the Legislature’s OWN budget”. Again, I received no response.

The original chain of these three unresponded-to e-mails is below and its attachment is above: my June 9, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint to Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz, which I thereafter sent you, a second time, by a September 28, 2020 [fourth 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.

Of course, by then, by a scant 423 votes, you had won your [June 2020 Democratic primary](#) over the incumbent – the total votes cast being a measly 16,427. This assured you your Assembly seat, representing, according to the [Legislature’s FY2020-21 budget](#) (at p. 2), “approximately 129,000 constituents”, as no candidate was on the November 2020 general election ballot running against you. This was also how you won re-election in 2022 and 2024, where, likewise, there was only one candidate on the general election ballots for the 36th Assembly seat – you. And compounding this affront to democracy is that in 2022 and 2024, you faced no primaries for your Democratic and Working Families Party lines. In other words, your 2022 and 2024 re-elections were without ever having had to defend your record as an assemblyman.

Today, you are in a hotly contested Democratic primary race to be New York City’s next mayor – and my four e-mails to you from five years ago are again relevant to the issue of your fitness for public office. Please confirm that you received them – and explain why you did not respond.

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 upon taking office in January 2021 and before voting on the state budget in March and April 2021, especially in light of the [June 9, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint](#) I had sent you twice.

Six weeks into your tenure as an assemblyman and every year thereafter I have furnished testimony for the Legislature’s budget hearings:

- Here’s [my \(written\) oral testimony at the February 10, 2021 budget hearing on “public protection”](#);

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- Here's [my \(written\) oral testimony at the January 25, 2022 budget hearing on "public protection"](#);
- Here's [my written testimony for the February 7, 2023 budget hearing on "public protection"](#);
- Here's [my written testimony for the January 25, 2024 budget hearing on "public protection"](#);
- Here's [my written testimony for the February 6, 2024 budget hearing on "local gov't officials/general gov't"](#);
- Here's [my written testimony for the February 4, 2025 budget hearing on "local gov't officials/general gov't"](#);
- Here's [my written testimony for the February 13, 2025 budget hearing on "public protection"](#);
- Here's [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 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 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 mayoral run, are entitled to your responses to these 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 mayoral run](#) from which the foregoing is accessible, plus the complaints I have 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](#)".

To further encourage your response, this e-mail will be posted on CJA's webpage for your mayoral candidacy – and sent to the other New York City mayoral candidates and the media.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>

Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2020 6:45 AM

To: press@zohranforassembly.com; volunteer@zohranforassembly.com

Subject: You can win! -- corruption/grand jury complaint vs Assemblywoman Simotas, filed with Queens D.A., for "wilful misconduct in office", involving larceny & fraud, including as to her OWN legislative salary & the Legislature's OWN budget

Dear Candidate Mamdani --

I was disappointed not have heard from you, in response to my below two e-mails.

Attached it the corruption/grand jury complaint I filed against Assemblywoman Simotas with Queens District Attorney Katz, on June 9th. The substantiating EVIDENCE to which it refers is all accessible from CJA's webpage for the complaint, here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>.

I again invite you to call me, directly – as with this, you can win!

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>

Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 9:56 AM

To: 'press@zohranforassembly.com' <press@zohranforassembly.com>;
'volunteer@zohranforassembly.com' <volunteer@zohranforassembly.com>

Subject: You can win, easily & without money, NY's 36th Assembly seat. All it takes is "whistle-blowing".

Dear Candidate Zohran Kwame Mamdani,

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 36^h Assembly seat, easily and without money – and the general election – against Incumbent Assemblyman Aravella Simotas, a lawyer. 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.

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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 – followed by a discussion of Assemblywoman Simotas' on-the-job performance as a member of the Assembly Ways & Means Committee and Assembly Judiciary Committee – and as the former co-chair of the Legislative Commission on Administrative Regulations Review. The issues will include Assemblywoman Simotas' OWN legislative pay and the Legislature's OWN budget, both of which are larcenous.

Although I previously contacted you, by the below April 28, 2020 e-mail, I received no response. Perhaps it was overlooked.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please be in front of your computer, when you call.

Thank you.

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Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:06 PM
To: 'volunteer@zohranforassembly.com' <volunteer@zohranforassembly.com>

Subject: I can help you win --

TO: CANDIDATE ZOHRAN KWAME MAMDANI

Thank you for running against Assemblywoman Aravella Simotas, a lawyer, whose important committee assignments include the Assembly Judiciary Committee and Assembly Ways and Means Committee, and, previously, co-chair of the Legislative Commission on Administrative Regulations Review. I can furnish you with documentary proof of her corruption, in office – for which she and her fellow legislative incumbents must not only be voted out, but indicted.

Call me.

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Exhibit B: March 16, 2025 e-mail to NYS Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal

From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewidth.org>
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2025 11:14 PM
To: 'hoylman@nysenate.gov'
Cc: 'caroline@bradhoylmansigal.com'; 'press@bradhoylmansigal.com'

Subject: **ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY: Your Performance, in Office, as a NYS Senator since 2013 & Your 2025 Electoral Race for Manhattan Borough President**

TO: [Senator](#) and [Would-Be Manhattan Borough President](#) Brad Hoylman-Sigal, ESQ.

Elections are a time of accountability. Based on your performance as a state senator, why do you believe yourself fit to be Manhattan borough president – or for any office of public trust?

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 on January 1, 2013, especially as it was reinforced by my correspondence to you, starting [two days later](#) and which, by April 15, 2013, necessitated my filing a [public corruption complaint to then U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara](#) against you, your fellow legislators, and New York's other highest constitutional officers, which I furnished you repeatedly, including by a [June 4, 2013 letter](#) addressed to you as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations, bearing the title: **“DOING YOUR PART TO END PUBLIC CORRUPTION: PART III: Request for Legislative Oversight, Analysis and Investigation of CJA's April 15, 2013 corruption complaint to U.S. Attorney Bharara...”**.

Just as you did not respond to ANY of my prior correspondence, so you did not respond to this [June 4, 2013 letter](#). Nor did you respond to ANY of the mountain of subsequent correspondence I sent you, ALL chronicling the corruption and unconstitutionality of state governance involving the state budget and the “false instrument” pay raises it embeds, enabled by a corrupt state Judiciary “throwing” litigation challenges by fraudulent judicial decisions – aided and abetted by the litigation fraud of the state Attorney General, a corrupt Commission on Judicial Conduct, and corrupt court-controlled attorney grievance committees. To no avail I repeatedly sought meetings with you, without success. This, notwithstanding you were, until January 2019, the ranking member of the Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations, for which, each year, you got a \$9,500 stipend – and notwithstanding, since January 2014, you were a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, becoming its ranking member in January 2017, with a \$11,000 yearly stipend until you became its chair in January 2019 – a position you hold to date. You were also a member of the Senate Finance Committee, from January 2019 to January 2025. Currently, in addition to chairing the Senate Judiciary Committee, your committee assignment include the Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations, the Senate Committee on Ethics and Internal Governance, and the Senate Rules Committee.

[All my correspondence to you](#), spanning more than a dozen years, since January 2013, [all my testimony at the Legislature's budget hearings](#) since February 2013, and the [FOUR citizen-taxpayer action lawsuits](#) that, since March 2014, I have brought against you and your fellow legislators – the latter two live and at the Court of Appeals on appeals of right, [here](#) and [here](#) – are fully substantiated by open-and-shut, *prima facie* EVIDENCE. You have not denied the accuracy and truth of any of it. Instead, you have used your positions of power and leadership to further defraud the public, such as by extolling and praising New York's Judiciary and the Commission on Judicial Conduct, as if they are not corrupt. This has been your

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modus operandi, particularly at the Legislature's budget hearings on "public protection", whose first witnesses are the Chief Administrative Judge and the Commission on Judicial Conduct's Administrator.

Turning to 2019, the first year of your Senate Judiciary Committee chairmanship, I sent you and all Senate and Assembly Judiciary Committees members a [February 28, 2019 e-mail](#) entitled "AGENDA: Judiciary budget & budget for the Commission on Judicial Conduct for Fiscal Year 2019-2020", furnishing, in substantiation, [the written testimony](#) I had submitted for the Legislature's February 11, 2019 budget hearing on "local government officials/general government" with its [set of 41 questions about the Judiciary's budget](#) and its [set of 27 questions about the Legislature's budget](#) and asking, by my e-mail message:

"whether ANY of the 15 members of the Senate Judiciary Committee or 21 members of the Assembly Judiciary Committee have ever themselves filed a complaint of judicial misconduct with the Commission on Judicial Conduct – or filed a complaint of attorney misconduct with the court-controlled attorney grievance committees. If not, on what EVIDENTIARY basis does any Committee member, all but two of whom are lawyers, purport that these entities are properly functioning?" (capitalization in the original).

You ignored it – and your business-as-usual corrupting of the state budget for FY2019-20 and willful failure to effect any oversight over the December 10, 2018 report of the Committee on Legislative and Executive Compensation, which, on January 1, 2019, by "force of law", had raised legislative salaries from \$79,500 to \$110,000, and which, *on its face*, was violative of the statute pursuant to which it purported to be rendered, Part HHH of the FY2018-19 revenue budget bill, to which it had been unconstitutionally inserted by the "three men in the room", and your reprise of corruption by the even more indefensible FY2020-21 state budget, to which I had alerted you by a [February 19, 2020 e-mail](#), attaching my [February 18, 2020 letter to then Governor Cuomo](#) with its [set of 50 questions about the Judiciary's budget](#) and [set of 47 questions about the Legislature's budget](#) resulted in my filing with then Manhattan D.A. Cyrus Vance, Jr. a [June 9, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint](#) against you and your fellow Manhattan state legislators. You were then running for re-election, now for a fifth term, and I sent you the complaint by cc'ing you, your fellow Manhattan legislators, and D.A. Vance, on a [September 21, 2020](#) e-mail to NYC's "local journalism" entitled "Manhattan Elections 2020 – Informing Voters with EVIDENCE...". The e-mail identified that D.A. Vance was "sitting on" the complaint, knowing that it established that you and your Manhattan state legislative colleagues, starting with Senate Finance Committee Chair Liz Krueger, had to be indicted and would be convicted.

Like my April 15, 2013 public corruption complaint, this June 9, 2020 grand/jury public corruption complaint did not restrain you in the slightest. To the contrary, you went on to brazenly corrupt "merit selection" to the Court of Appeals. Chronicling this are my two e-mails to you, in 2021:

- [my June 1, 2021 e-mail](#) – "Senate Judiciary Committee procedures for vetting Gov. Cuomo's nominations of Singas & Cannataro to the NY Court of Appeals -- & request to testify in strong opposition at their confirmation hearings, with EVIDENCE, decisive of their unfitness"; and
- [my June 7, 2021 e-mail](#) – "Your tomorrow's 'meeting' on the nominations of Singas & Cannataro to the NY Court of Appeals -- UNCONSTITUTIONAL & FRAUDULENT, as it has not been preceded by vetting of the EVIDENCE decisive of their unfitness, of which you have had NOTICE",

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and, in 2023, my two e-mails to you pertaining to Governor Hochul's two nominations to the Court of Appeals:

- [my April 16, 2023 e-mail](#) – “Request to testify in opposition to Rowan Wilson’s confirmation as chief judge & Caitlin Halligan’s confirmation as associate judge, plus FOIL request”; and
- [my April 17, 2023 e-mail](#) – “AGAIN: Request to testify vs Rowan Wilson’s confirmation as chief judge & Caitlin Halligan’s confirmation as associate judge -- & the duties of the Senate Judiciary Committee”.

Six and a half months later, you would go on to rig a November 1, 2023 “oversight hearing of the Family Court”, held by the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Senate Committee on Children and Families, of which you were then a member, including by excluding, as witnesses, myself and others able to testify with evidence against your desired narrative – a fact highlighted by my timely-submitted [written testimony](#).

In that connection, your ZERO interest in a Legislature functioning in a legitimate, constitutional way, *to wit*, by actual legislative due process, with findings of fact and conclusions of law based on evidence that is not cherry-picked, may be attributed to your knowledge that such would be an impediment to your hard-left, “woke” political and sexual agenda, whose enactment into law you have unconstitutionally achieved through behind-closed-doors deals, legislatively-passed in steamrolling, rubber-stamp fashion.

To enable Manhattan voters to see for themselves how flagrantly you have put your own interests over theirs and jettisoned your duty to ensure the integrity of state governance, all the while posturing as a great defender of the rule of law and equal justice, I have created a [webpage for your 2025 run for Manhattan borough president](#) on which the EVIDENCE of your corruption as a state senator is posted and accessible, together with the complaints I have filed against you and your co-conspirators with ethics and criminal authorities. 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](#), to which you were cc’d and which I furnished you by [e-mail](#) – send it and I will post it directly beneath this e-mail, to be featured at the top of CJA’s webpage for your Manhattan borough president candidacy, and furnished to the other candidates vying for that office and the media.

Thank you.

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Exhibit C: March 18, 2025 e-mail to Legislative Correspondents Association roster

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Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 8:17 AM

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Subject: **The NYS Budget -- & the 6 NYS Legislators Running for NYC Mayor, NYC Public Advocate, Manhattan Borough President, & NYC Council**

TO: [Albany Legislative Correspondents Association Roster](#)

The New York state budget is OFF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RAILS, rife with constitutional, statutory and legislative rule violations, stealing taxpayer monies on a massive scale, including for salary raises that are the product of “false instrument” reports. This has been proven, since 2013, by our non-partisan, non-profit citizens’ organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), in correspondence, testimony, complaints, and lawsuits – all fully-documented and establishing that the Legislature is NOT functioning at a constitutional level, remotely. CJA’s testimony, this year, was three separate, attested-to as true, written statements for three separate budget hearings: (1) [for “local government officials/general government”](#); (2) [for “public protection”](#), and (3) [for “higher education”](#).

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Elections are a time of accountability. What do the six state legislators running in this year's elections for New York City's highest offices have to say about this? I have asked them, in e-mails, here linked to their names:

- [Senator Zellnor Myrie, running for NYC mayor](#) – a lawyer, who now chairs the Senate Codes Committee and whose other committee memberships include the Senate Judiciary Committee and Senate Rules Committee. My supplementing e-mail to him is [here](#);
- [Senator Jessica Ramos, running for NYC mayor](#) – whose committee memberships include the Senate Finance Committee, Senate Budget and Revenues Committee, and Senate Judiciary Committee. My supplementing e-mail to her is [here](#);
- [Assemblyman Zohran Mamdani, running for NYC mayor](#). My supplementing e-mail to him is [here](#);
- [Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar, running for NYC public advocate](#) – a lawyer, whose committee memberships include the Assembly Judiciary Committee. My supplementing e-mail to her is [here](#);
- [Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal, running for Manhattan borough president](#) – a lawyer, who has chaired the Senate Judiciary Committee since 2019 and whose other memberships include the Senate Finance Committee, Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations, Senate Rules Committee, and Senate Committee on Ethics and Internal Governance;
- [Assemblyman Harvey Epstein, running for a seat on the NYC Council](#) – a lawyer, whose committee memberships include the Assembly Ways and Means Committee and Assembly Codes Committee and is purported to chair the Legislative Commission on State-Local Relations. My supplementing e-mail to him is [here](#).

For each of them I have created webpages for their candidacies, accessible from CJA's homepage, www.judgewatch.org, via the prominent center link: "[ELECTIONS 2025 -- INFORMING THE VOTERS -- ALERT: Corrupt candidates & incumbents are on the ballot](#)".

I am cc'ing the six candidates so that they can additionally prepare themselves for your inquiries. I am available to answer questions, including under oath. Are they?

Thank you.

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Exhibit D: March 20, 2025 e-mail to NYC "local journalism"

From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2025 8:21 AM

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Subject: **The NYS Budget -- & the 6 NYS Legislators Running for NYC Mayor, NYC Public Advocate, Manhattan Borough President, & NYC Council**

TO: New York City's "Local Journalism"

New York Times
New York Post
New York Daily News
New York Law Journal
Wall Street Journal
Associated Press

Have you read what the New York State Constitution says about how the state budget is to be fashioned and enacted? It is [Article VII, §§1-7](#) – and you need only read its [§4](#) to see that the budget is “OFF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RAILS”, as it mandates that the Governor’s appropriation bills – other than for the legislative and judiciary budgets – “shall...be a law immediately without further action by the governor” once the Senate and Assembly reconcile their separate amendments of those bills, limited to striking out or reducing items of appropriation. In other words, New York has a financially constrained, ROLLING BUDGET – with most of the budget NEVER going back to the Governor.

Since 2013, our non-partisan, non-profit citizens’ organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) has proven that the state budget violates a multitude of constitutional, statutory, and legislative rule provisions in a “grand larceny” of billions of dollars in taxpayer monies, including for “false instrument” pay raises. We have done this by correspondence, testimony, complaints, and lawsuits, all fully documented and establishing, additionally, that the Legislature is NOT functioning at a constitutional level, remotely. This year, for three separate legislative budget hearings, we submitted written testimony: (1) for “local government officials/general government”; (2) for “public protection”, and (3) for “higher education”.

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- [Senator Zellnor Myrie, running for NYC mayor](#) – a lawyer, who now chairs the Senate Codes Committee and whose other committee memberships include the Senate Judiciary Committee and Senate Rules Committee. My supplementing e-mail to him is [here](#);
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For each candidate I have created a webpage posting evidence additional to what is presented by my above e-mails. These are accessible from CJA's homepage, www.judgewatch.org, via the prominent center link: "[ELECTIONS 2025 -- INFORMING THE VOTERS -- ALERT: Corrupt candidates & incumbents are on the ballot](#)".

I am cc'ing the six candidates so that they can further ready themselves for your inquiries – and am available to answer questions, including under oath. Are they? Let them start with [Article VII, §4](#).

Thank you.

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