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Subject: STORY LEAD: Onondaga County's Budget & its Highest Paid Elected Official
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Dear Chris,

I'd like to give you the lead on an explosive follow-up to your today's story, "*As Onondaga County tries to reduce payroll, Joanie Mahoney's brother gets pay bump*"
http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2016/10/as_onondaga_county_tries_to_cut_payroll_joanie_mahoneys_brother_gets_47kyear_job.html – and on your prior reporting on the Onondaga County budget.

Attached is my July 14, 2016 FOIL request which I sent to Onondaga County Attorney Robert Durr by my below e-mail. I have yet to receive a response from Onondaga County as to the salaries and non-salary compensation of its elected officers – information essential to your reporting.

You should also read my below indicated July 8, 2016 letter, accessible from the below link provided – and ascertain whether it was furnished to the Onondaga County legislators, County Executive Mahoney, and the County's treasurer/comptroller, as I had requested when I sent it to County Attorney Durr, with a copy to Onondaga County District Attorney Fitzpatrick – and why, as it appears, it was not placed on the agenda of meeting of the Onondaga County Legislature for discussion and vote on District Attorney Fitzpatrick's yearly salary which, since April 2012, had risen by more than \$50,000 a-year as a result of the judicial salary increases recommended by the fraudulent, statutorily-violative, and unconstitutional August 29, 2011 report of the Commission on Judicial Compensation and December 24, 2015 report of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation.

By the way, and relevant to your follow-up reporting, here's the video of my testimony on September 17, 2013 before District Attorney Fitzpatrick, as lead co-chair of the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption, inquiring as to how the district attorney-stacked Commission to Investigate Public Corruption was going to address its conflict of interest with respect to the fully-documented corruption complaint I filed with it concerning the fraudulent, statutory-violative, and unconstitutional judicial salary increases to which district attorney salary increases are linked:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-1hXstPOUhw> .

I look forward to assisting you, to the max, on this dynamite story – with direct ramifications to this year's upcoming elections, the upcoming report on legislative and executive pay raises by the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation, and on unconstitutional three-men-in-a-room budget deal-making from which so much of this state's corruption spawns.

Thank you.

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Subject: FOIL Request -- Salaries & Other "Compensation & Non-Salary Benefits" for District Attorneys & Other Full-Time Elected County Officers

TO: County Attorneys of New York's 56 Counties Whose Judicially-Linked District Attorney Salaries are Paid from Their County Budgets –

I am advised by Bob Freeman, Executive Director of the Committee on Open Government, that the County Attorney's Office knows the identity of the person to whom a FOIL request is properly directed. I would appreciate if you would forward the attached, above-entitled FOIL request of today's date to the proper county officer for response.

As this FOIL request is relevant to CJA's July 8, 2016 letter to you and the county governments pertaining to the judicially-linked district attorney salary increases, it is posted on CJA's website, beneath that letter. Here's the link, directly: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/budget-2016-17/how-many-das-menu.htm>.

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