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Subject: **Your Albany reporter Josefa Velasquez -- & your 2021 election coverage of NYC offices, including: NYC Mayor, Manhattan Borough President, Manhattan D.A., Brooklyn D.A., NYC Public Advocate**

Attachments: [3-5-21-complaint-to-jcope-lec-corrected.pdf](#)

TO: THE CITY – Editor-in-Chief Jere Hester & Deputy Editor Alyssa Katz

Upon sending your Albany reporter, Josefa Velasquez, the below e-mail and above-attachment, a short time ago, I received an automated response stating:

“Hi there!
Thank you for your note. I am out of the office with limited access to email and will return on Monday, March 29.

If this is time sensitive, please reach out to Jere Hester or Alyssa Katz
(Jere@thecity.nyc, AKatz@thecity.nyc)

Cheers,
Josefa”.

Yes, my e-mail to her is “time sensitive”—and a MAJOR story that your financial benefactors, large and small, would surely believe is your DUTY to investigate and report – consistent with [The City’s purpose](#) – and including because it impacts, DIRECTLY, on key New York City Democratic primary races – tantamount to election. As illustrative, it knocks out – with open-and-shut, *prima facie* EVIDENCE – Would-Be New York City Mayor Scott Stringer (and Eric Adams), Would-Be Manhattan Borough President Brad Hoylman (and Ben Kallos), and Would-Be Manhattan District Attorneys Dan Quart and Alvin Bragg. It also throws open, to Democratic primary challengers, the race for Brooklyn district attorney against incumbent Eric Gonzalez, who it knocks out – and makes competitive the Democratic primary for New York City public advocate against incumbent Jumaane Williams, who it knocks out.

Please let me hear from you, without delay – absent which I request that you furnish this e-mail to every member of [The City’s board of directors](#) – and [major funders](#) – for their supervisory oversight.

Every member of The City's "Team" is herewith cc'd so that they can input, as well.

Thank you.

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Subject: JCOPE -- & Gov. Cuomo's corrupting of state governance, involving the state budget & pay

raises, mandating his removal from office with his co-conspirators: Lt. Gov Hochul, AG James, Comptroller DiNapoli & NY's 213 state legislators

TO: [ALBANY'S LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENTS ASSOCIATION \(STATEHOUSE PRESS\)](#)

Do you actually believe that allegations that Governor Cuomo secured preferential covid-testing for his relatives and others – which Attorney General James has called upon JCOPE to investigate – and Assembly Judiciary Committee Chair Lavine says will be included in its impeachment investigations – are MORE significant than open-and-shut, *prima facie* EVIDENCE of Governor Cuomo's flagrant corrupting of the state budget, including for FY2021-22, happening now – in which Attorney General James and Chair Lavine are FULLY knowledgeable and complicit.

Below is the March 20th e-mail I sent you, with the above-attached March 5, 2021 complaint against Cuomo, *et al*, [filed with JCOPE & the Legislative Ethics Commission](#) – and embracing my testimony about the FY2021-22 budget at the [Legislature's February 10, 2021 "public protection" budget hearing, at which Assembly Judiciary Committee Chair Lavine was present](#). For your convenience, the 1-page written testimony I read and furnished for the legislators is [here](#).

If you are not intending to report on the [March 5, 2021 JCOPE/LEC complaint](#) – and the [mountain of EVIDENCE on which it rests](#), beginning with the [June 4, 2020 complaint filed with Albany D.A. Soares](#) – your duty is to forward it to your editors and the highest management/corporate levels of the news publications that employ you, so that they can exercise appropriate supervision of your news judgment – and I so request.

Should I not hear from you, with respect to the foregoing, I will serve them NOTICE, myself

Thank you.

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Subject: Gov. Cuomo's corrupting of state governance, involving pay raises & the state budget -- embodied in FULLY-DOCUMENTED corruption & ethics complaints

TO: ALBANY'S LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENTS ASSOCIATION (STATEHOUSE PRESS)

When will you be reporting on Governor Cuomo's corrupting of state governance, involving pay raises & the state budget -- embodied in FULLY-DOCUMENTED corruption and ethics complaints, including with respect to the FY2021-2022 budget?

The most recent of these complaints – and embracing my testimony about the FY2021-2022 budget at [the Legislature's February 10, 2021 "public protection" budget hearing](#) and [before Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins, directly, at the February 16, 2021 local forum on the state budget, sponsored by the Westchester Senate delegation](#) – was filed on March 5, 2021 with the Joint Commission on Public Ethics (JCOPE) and Legislative Ethics Commission (LEC). It is above-attached – and the open-and-shut, *prima facie* EVIDENCE substantiating it is posted on CJA's webpage for the complaint, here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/jcope/3-5-21-complaint-to-jcope-lec.htm>.

Suffice to add, the [March 5, 2021 JCOPE/LEC complaint](#) – like the [June 4, 2020 grand jury/public complaint to Albany County District Attorney Soars](#), on which it principally relies -- EVIDENTIARILY establishes that the state Senate and Assembly members clamoring for Cuomo's resignation and/or impeachment – and the senators and Court of Appeals judges who would constitute a court of impeachment ([NYS Constitution, Article VI, §24](#)) -- must themselves resign and/or be impeached – and that everyone in a line of gubernatorial succession, beginning with Lieutenant Governor Hochul, must be criminally prosecuted – and will be convicted.

As always, I am available to answer your questions and assist you to the max, on this explosive, corruption-eradicating story. I invite you to call me, no matter how early or late.

Thank you.

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