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**Attachments:** [6-9-20-complaint-ny-da-vance-corrected.pdf](#);  
[new-york-7-29-20-da-foil.pdf](#)

**TO: Pro Publica**

Below, with the above attached, is the latest in the explosive story I furnished you last year – now impacting on New York City’s most important electoral races. If, because of your conflicts of interest, you will not investigate and report it, at least recognize a civic duty and moral obligation to pass it on to the multitude of freelance and other journalists you know, looking for something SIGNIFICANT.

Thank you.

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**Behind-the-Scenes: Testing the fitness of the Manhattan D.A. candidates, with EVIDENCE -- public corruption & the grand jury responsibilities of the D.A.s office**

Yesterday, the eight Democratic Manhattan D.A. candidates – and the Republican D.A. candidate – were sent the below e-mail entitled “**So, you want to be Manhattan D.A., here's the info & EVIDENCE in support of your whistle-blowing, NOW -- & your duty, IF elected, to present same to a Manhattan grand jury**”. It was also sent to five of candidate Bragg’s endorsers: The New York Times, Elizabeth Holtzman, Zephyr Teachout, Preet Bharara, and Jennifer Rodgers – as it details, [with open-and-shut, prima facie EVIDENCE](#), his public corruption -- & that of candidate Quart.

What do they each have to say about it – and how, specifically, and in the context of the e-mail’s above two attachments, will the candidates be handling the public corruption duties of the D.A.’s office and its grand jury responsibilities.

I am available to answer questions – and to assist you in providing voters with information critical to their exercising an intelligent vote.

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**Subject: So, you want to be Manhattan D.A., here's the info & EVIDENCE in support of your whistle-blowing, NOW -- & your duty, IF elected, to present same to a Manhattan grand jury**

**TO: Would-Be Manhattan District Attorneys Aboushi, Crotty, Florence, Lang, Orlins, and Weinstein**

Five days ago, I sent you the below June 9<sup>th</sup> e-mail entitled “**To the whistle-blower belongs the prize: Info to help you win your Democratic primary race for Manhattan D.A. -- & knock out Alvin Bragg & his endorsements by the NYT & such others as Liz Holtzman, Zephyr Teachout, & Preet Bharara. Also, Dan Quart**” – furnishing it to Candidate Crotty by facebook.

Shortly thereafter, I received a call from one of your campaigns – and in the lengthy phone conversation that followed provided the info and substantiating EVIDENCE, which I showed was accessible from CJA’s website, [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org), via its prominent [ELECTIONS 2021](#) center link, containing entries for Would-Be Manhattan D.A.s Bragg and Quart. I had not yet created a dedicated webpage for the Manhattan D.A. race, but stated I would be doing so – and that I would post a narrative of EVIDENCE substantiating my June 9<sup>th</sup> e-mail, including as to the Bragg endorsers. This, I have now done, placing the substantiating narrative and EVIDENCE on CJA’s webpage for this e-mail. The direct link is: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2021/june-14-2021-email.htm>.

So that Messrs. Bragg and Quart may have the opportunity to deny or dispute ANY aspect of [the mountain of open-and-shut, prima facie EVIDENCE against them, posted on that webpage](#) – including the summarizing above-attached June 9, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint that Manhattan D.A. Vance has been “sitting on” – I am cc’ing them on this e-mail. Do they contest that the posted EVIDENCE leaves no doubt that a Manhattan grand jury would indict them – and a Manhattan trial jury convict them?

**No candidate may be deemed fit to serve as Manhattan D.A. – or to occupy ANY office of public trust – who does not, based on the [posted EVIDENCE](#), whistle-blow loudly and NOW – with an unequivocal pledge to Manhattan voters that, if elected, he/she will present the [June 9, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint](#) to a Manhattan grand jury – and obtain and release responsive answers to the above-attached [July 29, 2020 FOIL/information request](#) to which D.A. Vance has not responded. Will Messrs. Bragg and Quart do that? How about the rest of you?**

To enable Republican Manhattan D.A. candidate Thomas Kenniff to also demonstrate his fitness, by his response, I am cc'ing him on this e-mail, as well.

As for Bragg endorsers The New York Times, Liz Holtzman, Zephyr Teachout, Preet Bharara, and Jennifer Rodgers, about whom the accompanying webpage furnishes an EVIDENTIARY narrative of their prior knowledge of the material facts and their cover-up and fraudulent conduct with respect thereto, I am also cc'ing them so that they may respond, including by retracting their endorsements.

In addition to The New York Times, I will separately forward this e-mail to other press, including the panoply of New York City's other "independent", "trustworthy", "local journalism" -- the "nonprofits", among them. These will be accessible *via* a link on CJA's menu webpage for the Manhattan D.A. race: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2021/menu-manhatta-da-race.htm>.

Needless to say, ALL the candidates, by reason of their candidacies, can command press coverage, without having to pay for it. Likewise, most of the endorsers. And, of course, The New York Times is its own press.

Finally, since D.A. candidate Crotty is apparently refusing to furnish me with an e-mail, I will – as I did with the below June 9<sup>th</sup> e-mail – paste it onto the chain of my messages to her, on her facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Lizcrotty2021>. Also, since Bragg endorser Preet Bharara apparently posts no e-mail address for himself, I request that recipients of this e-mail forward it on to him, for response.

Thank you.

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I have info to help you win your upcoming Democratic primary for Manhattan D.A. – & knock out Alvin Bragg AND his endorsements by The New York Times and such others as Liz Holtzman, Zephyr Teachout, & Preet Bharara. Also, Dan Quart.

Please call me for details – and the explosive substantiating EVIDENCE. To the whistle-blower belongs the prize – and the gratitude of the People of Manhattan AND the State of New York!

As I have no e-mail address for Candidate Crotty, from whom I have received no response to my messages for same, *via* her facebook page, I will furnish this to her, *via* facebook.

Thank you.

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