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**Executive Director Marjorie Martay**  
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Have you examined, at all, the Legislature's OWN budget – the necessity of which I alerted you to three weeks ago, by the below.

To assist you in providing such vital information to New York taxpayers about the purported "\$273,921,877" legislative budget for FY2023-24 that they will be paying for and as to which there has been NO legislative budget hearing, above-attached is my February 15<sup>th</sup> written testimony exclusively on that subject, setting forth 38 questions to be asked of Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Heastie – both hailing from NYC limits – about the [Legislature's OWN budget](#) and Governor Hochul's expansion of it in [Legislative/Judiciary Appropriation Bill #S.4001/A.3001](#).

This written testimony, timely-submitted for the Legislature's February 15<sup>th</sup> budget hearing on "local government officials/general government", was NOT posted on the Senate and Assembly webpages for the hearing, [here](#) and [here](#), until AFTER [my February 22<sup>nd</sup> e-mail to Senate Finance Committee Chair Krueger and Assembly Committee Chair Weinstein](#) – also both hailing from NYC limits – about its non-posting. However, I have yet to receive ANY response to the e-mail's inquiry as to whether the testimony was distributed to ALL Senate and Assembly members for their review – and to which staff.

I am available to answer your questions – and to give you the lead on further developments in this important story, to be embodied in a third press release following Governor Hochul's 30-day amendments, due this Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Thank you.

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**Subject: Prepping for the Legislature's Budget Hearings -- & "Blowing the Whistle" on the Legislature's OWN budget**

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If City Limits will not explore how New York City legislators, holding the top leadership positions in the Senate and Assembly and in its fiscal committees, have been corrupting the state budget and constitutional governance, aided and abetted by “public protection” entities within the New York City limits – such as the First Department Attorney Grievance Committee, having disciplinary jurisdiction over Attorney General James – please pass this on to journalists who will.

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Shouldn't the press be inquiring about [the Legislature's structuring of its budget hearings, by "programmatic area\[s\]", not bills](#) – concealing [violations of Article VII, §§2, 3, and 4 of the New York State Constitution](#)?

Above-attached is my already-submitted written testimony addressed to that subject, at the outset. CJA's EVIDENTIARY webpage posting it is [here](#).

I am available to answer questions – and to provide important scoops on the [Legislature's own budget](#), expanded in [Legislative/Judiciary budget bill #S.4001/A.3001](#). How about asking Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Heastie why they are NOT testifying on behalf of their budget and the legislative portion of the combined Legislative/Judiciary budget bill at any legislative budget hearing? Or are they?

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