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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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Following up [my October 15<sup>th</sup> e-mail to you](#), the [Legislative Correspondents Association \(LCA\) roster](#) STILL lists as your Albany reporter Josefa Velasquez, but, again, my e-mail to her, sent a short time ago, came back as undeliverable.

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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