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Sent: Monday, February 19, 2024 8:30 AM
To: 'tips@bnn.network'
Subject: **LEAD: Follow up to your Feb 13th article by Israel Ojoko about Albany District Attorney Soares -- NY's most powerful D.A. because his criminal jurisdiction is its capital city, Albany**
Attachments: [6-4-20-complaint-albany-da-soares-revised.pdf](#); [albany-7-23-20-da-foil.pdf](#)

TO: [BNN](#)

I have just learned of your publication from Israel Ojoko's February 13, 2024 article "*Albany DA Soares Returns \$22,000 'Bonus' Amid Controversy and Calls for Resignation*".

I am director and co-founder of the New York-based non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization [Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc](#) (CJA), with years of direct, first-hand interaction with D.A. David Soares and with Assemblyman Phil Steck, his lead critic who has called for his resignation and is now running against him. Both have flagrantly corrupted their public offices, including regarding pay raises for themselves – and both are fully knowledgeable of each other's corruption but have colluded to perpetuate their respective statutorily-violative, fraudulent, unconstitutional pay raises for themselves and for NY's other highest constitutional officers: the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, comptroller, NY's legislators, judges, and district attorneys. NY's "fake news" press has covered up everything, for years, rigging elections for ALL these offices and allowing D.A. Soares and Assemblyman Steck to each be successively re-elected

Illustrative is my below September 18, 2020 e-mail, with the above two attachments, to the [Albany Times Union](#), the primary newspaper for the Capital Region and for NY's state political reporting – to which both Soares and Steck were cc'd. As you can see, it involves not only their larcenous pay raises, but the ENTIRETY of the state budget, which, in addition to being a "slush fund", is "OFF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RAILS". A mountain of further substantiating documentary evidence is posted on webpages I have created for D.A. Soares and Assemblyman Steck, accessible from CJA's homepage, www.judgewatch.org, via the prominent center link: "[ELECTIONS 2024: Cleaning up NY's Corrupt & Unconstitutional State Governance -- starting with its most important D.A. race: Albany County.](#)"

This explosive political story, exposing the corruption of Soares, Steck, and a "who's who" in NY government – for which they must all be indicted and will be convicted – covered up by an election-rigging NY press -- will put BNN "on the map" in NY and beyond. Please have Mr. Ojoko call me, as soon as possible.

Thank you.

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Subject: Albany County Elections 2020 -- Informing Voters with EVIDENCE: public corruption/grand jury complaint vs Albany County's 7 state legislators -- 6 running for re-election -- which D.A. Soares, also running for re-election, is "sitting on"

TO: Albany Times Union

As you know, Albany County's seven state legislators – six running for re-election -- are subjects of a **fully-documented** public corruption/grand jury complaint, filed with Albany County District Attorney Soares, also running for re-election, who has been "sitting on" it. The complaint involves the "force of law" commission/committee scheme that gave all eight of them pay raises – and a legislature not operating at a remotely constitutional level.

The June 4, 2020 complaint, by the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), is above-attached – and below are the e-mails transmitting it and the above-attached July 23, 2020 FOIL request to D.A. Soares. CJA's substantiating evidentiary webpage for the complaint is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>.

As stated by the complaint, Albany County voters are entitled to know that their state legislators cannot be re-elected because they must be indicted for larceny and other corruption on EVIDENCE so DISPOSITIVE as to assure their convictions. So, too, retiring Senator Amedore, who will be pocketing a salary-based pension that is a further larceny.

To facilitate your inquiries of the complained-against state legislators and D.A. Soares, I am cc'ing them on this e-mail. What, if anything, do they deny or dispute. Let them start where the complaint starts: [my July 16, 2019 e-mail to the Legislature's 15 stipend-receiving leaders](#) requesting that they forward the e-mail to the 198 other state legislators, with its attached [July 15, 2019 written NOTICE](#) and [substantiating analysis](#) establishing that the [December 10, 2018 Report of the Committee](#)

[on Legislative and Executive Compensation](#) – raising their legislative salaries from \$79,500 to \$110,000 – is “a **fraud** on the People of the State of New York – and a **larceny** of their tax dollars’, violating a succession of penal laws, and that their duty was to void it, to return the pay-raise monies they had already received, and to initiate criminal prosecutions of the Committee’s four members and abetting attorneys.” The analysis is 46 pages, excluding [exhibits](#). Will they furnish you with their findings of fact and conclusions of law? If not, I’m sure ordinary Albany County citizens would be able to help you with what is obvious. Just accompany your story with links to the complaint and the evidentiary webpage so that they can see for themselves the open-and-shut, *prima facie* EVIDENCE that D.A. Soares has been withholding from an Albany County grand jury to maintain his own fraudulently-boosted D.A. salary, paid by Albany County taxpayers.

I am available to answer your questions and assist you, to the max -- on a story not only upending Albany County’s state legislative and D.A. races, but, additionally, ALL New York’s other state legislative races and its 14 other D.A. races – and **that’s for starters**.

Thank you.

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Subject: Your wilful nonfeasance & violation of duties: June 4, 2020 public corruption complaint in support of an Albany County grand jury inquiry of "wilful misconduct in office of public officers", pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution...

TO: Albany County District Attorney P. David Soares

I have received no acknowledgment or other communication from you or from your Public Integrity Unit to my June 4, 2020 public corruption/grand jury complaint – just as, likewise, I received none to my four prior public corruption complaints dated July 19, 2013, January 7, 2014, June 21, 2016, and March 6, 2018.

The standard for grand jury indictments, “legally sufficient evidence”, is identified by your Public Integrity Unit, whose webpage about itself, <http://albanycountyda.com/Bureaus/PublicIntegrityUnit/about.aspx>, reads, in full:

“The Public Integrity Unit is a manifestation of the Albany County District Attorney’s commitment to abide by one standard of justice

for all. No person, no matter their rank or affiliation, is above the law. Nowhere does this principle apply more meaningfully than to our elected officials. Endowed with the public trust, our elected officials and government employees are expected to act for the benefit of the citizens of Albany County, and not for personal profit or gain. On the other hand, great caution must be exercised to ensure that no person suffers personal or professional disrepute because of the dissemination of baseless or unfounded allegations of criminal conduct. For that reason, no criminal charge can be leveled unless and until supported by **legally sufficient evidence**. Integrity means that criminal charges are prosecuted in the courtrooms of our state, in a manner that is fair, just and above reproach.” (bold added).

Each of my five complaints not only furnished “legally sufficient evidence”, but evidence so *prima facie* and open-and-shut as to leave no doubt that a grand jury would speedily indict – and a trial jury speedily convict – the complained-against public officers and their accomplices.

As your wilful nonfeasance and violation of duties with respect to these fully-documented complaints raises reasonable questions as to your performance with respect to *other* public corruption complaints filed by *other* members of the public, I have today filed a FOIL/public information request with Albany County’s Public Information Officer to help answer those questions. A copy is attached.

Finally, I take this opportunity to correct the obvious error, at page 5 of the June 4, 2020 corruption/grand jury complaint, in the first name of Assemblywoman Fahy, which is Patricia, not Patrick. Please supersede with the attached complaint correcting page 5.

Thank you.

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Subject: Superseding CORRUPTION COMPLAINT in support of an Albany County grand jury inquiry of "wilful misconduct in office of public officers", pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution -- & indictments based on CJA's July 15, 2019 NOTICE and analysis...

TO: Albany County District Attorney P. David Soares

Please supersede the corruption/grand jury complaint sent by the below June 4th e-mail, with the attached, correcting typos and making other essentially minor and clarifying changes. The superseding original will now be mailed.

Apologies for the inconvenience.

Thank you.

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Subject: CORRUPTION COMPLAINT in support of an Albany County grand jury inquiry of "wilful misconduct in office of public officers", pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution -- & indictments based on CJA's July 15, 2019 NOTICE and analysis...

Attached is the Center for Judicial Accountability's above-entitled corruption complaint of today's date. Original will be mailed. CJA's webpage on which it will be posted is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>

Thank you.

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