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**Subject:** **INFORMING THE VOTERS: NY's Most Important D.A. Race -- for Albany D.A. -- Upending NY's 13 Other D.A. Races, 213 State Legislative Races, & Judicial Races**

**Attachments:** [7-18-24-daasny-notice-complaint.pdf](#);  
[7-17-24-complaint-vs-soares-to-albany-ethics.pdf](#);  
[7-17-24-transmittal-to-soares.pdf](#)

**TO:** [Albany's Legislative Correspondents Association Roster](#)

Of New York's 62 district attorneys, none is more important to ensuring the integrity of state governance than the Albany County D.A., whose geographic jurisdiction over the state capital means criminal jurisdiction over all 4 statewide-elected executive officers, all 213 state legislators, all 7 judges of the New York Court of Appeals, all justices of the Albany-based Appellate Division, Third Department and Albany Supreme Court, and such Albany-headquartered "public protection" entities as the State Inspector General, the Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government (formerly the Joint Commission on Public Ethics (JCOPE)), and the Commission on Judicial Conduct, with an Albany office.

That is the subject of the Center for Judicial Accountability's below July 24, 2024 e-mail to Albany County D.A. Candidate Ralph Ambrosio, running on the Republican and Conservative lines, and cc'ing Albany County D.A. Candidate Lee Kindlon, running on the Democratic and Working Family lines, forwarding them

the Center for Judicial Accountability's above-attached July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint to New York's 62 D.A.s, chronicling the corruption, in office, of Albany County D.A. David Soares, from 2013 to date. At issue is his wilful and deliberate violation of his penal law-enforcing duties with respect to open-and-shut, fully-documented public corruption complaints against New York's highest executive, legislative, and judicial officers for fraud and grand larceny of the public fisc involving the state budget and pay raises that are the product of "false instrument" penal law-violating commission reports.

The July 24, 2024 e-mail asked D.A. Candidates Ambrosio and Kindlon two simple questions – and requested their answers by August 1<sup>st</sup>:

- (1) whether, if elected, they would repudiate the Albany D.A. salary increases arising from these "false instrument", penal law-violating commission reports;
  
- (1) whether, if elected, they would recuse themselves from CJA's July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint pertaining thereto and secure an independent prosecutor.

Neither D.A. Candidate Ambrosio nor Candidate Kindlon have responded. Nor has there been any response from D.A. Soares – a recipient of the July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint who, having lost to Candidate Kindlon in the June 25<sup>th</sup> Democratic primary, has, since July 17<sup>th</sup>, been running for re-election as a write-in candidate. As all three D.A. candidates would surely be more responsive to you, I am cc'ing them so that they can prepare themselves for your inquiries.

I look forward to discussing with you my first-hand experience with these posturing, unfit D.A. candidates, as documented by the below, with the above-attached – rightfully upending the Albany County D.A. race and, additionally, each of New York's 13 other D.A. races, the races for all 213 state legislative seats, and all judicial races, from supreme court down to city court – all involving "false instrument", penal law-violating salaries for these offices, the cost of which, to date, is nearing one billion dollars.

Thank you.

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**Subject: GOOD NEWS! You Can Easily Win the Albany D.A. Race & Demonstrate Your Fitness for the Office: NOTICE & Grand Jury/Public Corruption Complaint**

**TO:** [Would-Be Albany County D.A. Ralph Ambrosio](#)

I am director and co-founder of the non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), which, for several decades, has documented the collusion of all three branches of our state government in the subversion and collapse of lawful, constitutional governance. New York's 62 D.A.s, whose duty it is to enforce the state's penal laws, including against law-breaking public officers, are key participants in this – and none more so than Albany County D.A. Soares, whose geographic jurisdiction over the capital means criminal jurisdiction over all four statewide-elected executive officers, all 213 state legislators, the 7 judges of the Court of Appeals, the Albany-based Appellate Division, Third Department, Albany Supreme Court, and such Albany-headquartered “public protection” entities as the State Inspector General, the former Joint Commission on Public Ethics (now Commission on Ethics & Lobbying in Government), and the Commission on Judicial Conduct, with an Albany office.

Only five of this year's 14 D.A. races are contested, the Albany D.A. race, among them – and it is the only one with a write-in candidacy, announced by D.A. Soares, last week, after his defeat in the June 25<sup>th</sup> Democratic Party D.A. primary to Mr. Kindlon, who also has the Working Families line.

The good news is that you, the Republican Party's candidate, can easily win – and without money – against Mr. Kindlon, as he is a shameless posturer, unworthy of the D.A. office he seeks because he has been covering up D.A. Soares' corruption in office, of which he has had the open-and-shut, *prima facie* evidence since March 23<sup>rd</sup>. That was when I sent him a [March 23<sup>rd</sup> message](#), via his law office website, entitled “You Can Easily Defeat Albany D.A. Soares” stating, in pertinent part:

“...DA Soares has flagrantly corrupted his office in matters pertaining to public corruption -- and this has been the subject of public corruption complaints I have filed to him, against him, and of FOIL requests, spanning from 2013 to the present. CJA's website, [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org), posts everything – accessible from the prominent center link ‘Cleaning up NY's Corrupt & Unconstitutional State Governance – starting with its most important D.A race: Albany County’. I look forward to speaking with you about the mountain of primary-source, documentary evidence there posted, establishing that D.A. Soares cannot be re-elected, because he must be indicted for public corruption, including larceny involving his own D.A. salary – and that he will be convicted....”

I received no response to this message – and two months later, on May 28<sup>th</sup>, after calling his law office, sent him [a second message](#), reading in pertinent part:

"This follows up my phone call to your office (518-444-428), shortly after 11 am, which was picked up by your assistant AJ. The reason for my call was to inquire as to whether you had had received the March 23<sup>rd</sup> message I sent you, via this message system, entitled ‘You Can Easily Defeat Albany D.A. Soares’ – to which I had received no response. AJ stated she had no access to your message system and, therefore, could not confirm receipt. She also stated that she could not give me an e-mail address for you, without your permission – and that the office had no e-mail she could provide. I left my name and phone number with her, with a request that you call me. Also, my e-mail address, [elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org) -- and the website information that had been contained in my March 23<sup>rd</sup> message to you, posted on the website, as follows...

Please call me, as soon as possible, so that I can update you as to what has been happening since March 23rd on the public corruption front, centered in Albany County – and to discuss how, as a candidate and, if elected, as Albany County DA, you will address conflicts of interest, involving, your D.A. salary and public officers such as Assemblyman Phil Steck, who on May 9th publicly endorsed you. Your promise, in response, was ‘to be the Albany County DA the taxpayers can count on to never self-deal their hard-earned tax dollars’ and to ‘prosecute all crimes...without political favor.’”

I also received no response to this May 28<sup>th</sup> message, other than an immediate [automated e-mail acknowledgment](#).

A few days ago, I discovered a campaign e-mail address for Mr. Kindlon on his [D.A. campaign facebook page](#). I am, therefore, cc'ing him on this e-mail, so that he can explain his failure to communicate with me with respect to the foregoing – whose substance, pertaining to D.A. Soares, is now embodied in my above-attached most recent correspondence to D.A. Soares:

- my July 17<sup>th</sup> ethics complaint to the Albany County Ethics Commission against D.A. Soares, to which D.A. Soares was cc'd;
- my July 17<sup>th</sup> coverletter to D.A. Soares, to which the Albany Ethics Commission was cc'd;
- my July 18<sup>th</sup> letter to New York's 62 D.A.s – D.A. Soares, among them – transmitted by my below July 18<sup>th</sup> e-mail entitled: “NOTICE & grand jury/public corruption complaint – Your D.A. salary increases, the judicial salary increases on which they are based, & the violations of NY penal laws by state legislators within your jurisdictions”.

The July 18<sup>th</sup> letter presents New York's 62 D.A.s with two simple questions – and requests their answers by August 1<sup>st</sup>:

- (1) whether they will be repudiating their state-mandated D.A. salary increases, paid from their county budgets, because they are based on three “false instrument”, penal law-violating commission reports raising judicial salaries;
- (2) confirmation that they will be recusing themselves from CJA's July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint pertaining thereto and securing an independent prosecutor.

Based on the July 18<sup>th</sup> letter, what would your answers be, if elected? And what, Mr. Kindlon, would your answers be?

Please let me hear from you both by August 1<sup>st</sup> so that, based on your answers, Albany county voters can be apprised as to whether another write-in campaign must be launched for a suitable D.A. candidate who will abide by his duty of enforcing New York's penal laws, without fear or favor, and who will recuse himself when compromised by self-interest and relationships.

I am available to answer questions.

Thank you.

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**Subject: NOTICE & grand jury/public corruption complaint -- Your D.A. salary increases, the judicial salary increases on which they are based, & the violations of NY penal laws by state legislators within your jurisdictions**

**District Attorneys Association of the State of New York (DAASNY)**

**ATT: President/Richmond County D.A. Michael McMahon  
NYS' 61 Other D.A. and Acting D.A. Members**

Above-attached are CJA's July 18, 2024 NOTICE & grand jury/public corruption complaint and underlying July 17, 2024 ethics complaint to the Albany County Ethics Commission against Albany County D.A. Soares and its accompanying transmittal letter to him.

So that I may be guided accordingly, please let me hear from each of you by no later than two weeks from today, August 1, 2024, with respect to both the NOTICE and July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint, herewith filed with you.

Thank you.

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