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Subject: **The NYS Budget -- & the 6 NYS Legislators Running for NYC Mayor, NYC Public Advocate, Manhattan Borough President, & NYC Council**

TO: New York City's "Local Journalism"

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Have you read what the New York State Constitution says about how the state budget is to be fashioned and enacted? It is [Article VII, §§1-7](#) – and you need only read its [§4](#) to see that the budget is “OFF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RAILS”, as it mandates that the Governor’s appropriation bills – other than for the legislative and judiciary budgets – “shall...be a law immediately without further action by the governor” once the Senate and Assembly reconcile their separate amendments of those bills, limited to striking out or reducing items of appropriation. In other words, New York has a financially constrained, ROLLING BUDGET – with most of the budget NEVER going back to the Governor.

Since 2013, our non-partisan, non-profit citizens’ organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) has proven that the state budget violates a multitude of constitutional, statutory, and legislative rule provisions in a “grand larceny” of billions of dollars in taxpayer monies, including for “false instrument” pay raises. We have done this by correspondence, testimony, complaints, and lawsuits, all fully documented and establishing, additionally, that the Legislature is NOT functioning at a constitutional level, remotely. This year, for three separate legislative budget hearings, we submitted written testimony: (1) [for “local government officials/general government”](#); (2) [for “public protection”](#), and (3) [for “higher education”](#).

Elections are a time of accountability. What do the six state legislators running in this year's elections for New York City's highest offices have to say about this written testimony? I have asked them in e-mails below-linked to their names:

- [Senator Zellnor Myrie, running for NYC mayor](#) – a lawyer, who now chairs the Senate Codes Committee and whose other committee memberships include the Senate Judiciary Committee and Senate Rules Committee. My supplementing e-mail to him is [here](#);
- [Senator Jessica Ramos, running for NYC mayor](#) – whose committee memberships include the Senate Finance Committee, Senate Budget and Revenues Committee, and Senate Judiciary Committee. My supplementing e-mail to her is [here](#);
- [Assemblyman Zohran Mamdani, running for NYC mayor](#). My supplementing e-mail to him is [here](#);
- [Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar, running for NYC public advocate](#) – a lawyer, whose committee memberships include the Assembly Judiciary Committee. My supplementing e-mail to her is [here](#);
- [Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal, running for Manhattan borough president](#) – a lawyer, who has chaired the Senate Judiciary Committee since 2019 and whose other committee memberships include the Senate Finance Committee, Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations, Senate Rules Committee, and Senate Committee on Ethics and Internal Governance;
- [Assemblyman Harvey Epstein, running for a seat on the NYC Council](#) – a lawyer, whose committee memberships include the Assembly Ways and Means Committee and Assembly Codes Committee and is purported to chair the Legislative Commission on State-Local Relations. My supplementing e-mail to him is [here](#).

For each candidate I have created a webpage posting evidence additional to what is presented by my above e-mails. These are accessible from CJA's homepage, www.judgewatch.org, via the prominent center link: "[ELECTIONS 2025 -- INFORMING THE VOTERS -- ALERT: Corrupt candidates & incumbents are on the ballot](#)".

I am cc'ing the six candidates so that they can further ready themselves for your inquiries – and am available to answer questions, including under oath. Are they? Let them start with [Article VII, §4](#).

Thank you.

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