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Subject: The Legislature's OWN FY2026-27 budget -- & this year's elections for ALL 213 legislative seats, for starters...

Attachments: [1-28-26-questions-for-stewart-cousins-heastie.pdf](#)

TO: [LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENTS ASSOCIATION ROSTER OF REPORTERS](#)

Have you examined the Legislature's FY2026-27 budget – and Governor Hochul's budget bill thereon?

To assist you in doing so and reporting to the People of New York about the facts and law, above-attached are CJA's questions about the [Legislature's FY2026-27 budget](#) and the [Governor's budget bill #S.9001/A.10001](#), sent yesterday to Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Heastie by the below e-mail and, then, to [ALL Senators](#) and [ALL Assembly Members](#) (& [here](#)).

Elections are a time of accountability – and most of the 213 legislators are running for re-election. What are their answers to CJA's questions about their OWN budget? And what are their answers to your questions – or don't you have any?

I am available to answer your questions and to further assist you in **this major story that upends, additionally, this year's four statewide races, D.A. races, and judicial races.** Feel free to call me, *no matter how early or late and over the weekend* – as TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, OBVIOUSLY.

Thank you.

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Subject: Questions about the Legislature's FY2026-27 Budget & the Legislative Portions of the Governor's Legislative/Judiciary Budget Bill #S.9001/A.10001

**TO: [Temporary Senate President Andrea Stewart-Cousins](#)
[Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie](#)**

Above-attached is CJA's memo to you of today's date with questions for you to answer, culminating in question #40, asking:

"Would you be willing to publicly give your answers to the above questions pertaining to the Legislature's FY2026-27 budget and Legislative/Judiciary Budget Bill #S.9001/A.10001 at a legislative hearing on the Legislature's own budget and, if not, why?" (underlining in the original).

Inasmuch as I have, for years, furnished you with comparable, if not identical, questions, you should be able to readily respond.

Thank you.

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