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July 28, 2017

TO: Heidi Dennis, Esq./Chair
Attorney Grievance Committee for the Third Judicial Department

FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Director
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

RE: (1) Reconsideration of CJA's October 14, 2016 complaint entitled "Testing the efficacy of New York's attorney disciplinary committees in policing district attorney conflicts of interest and obligations to report attorney misconduct";
(2) FOIL request: written conflict-of-interest procedures utilized by the 30 district attorney offices within the Committee's jurisdiction – including as relates to their handling of public corruption complaints

Pursuant to §1240.7(e)(3) of the Rules for Attorney Disciplinary Matters [22 NYCRR §1240.7(e)(3)], I hereby file this written request for reconsideration of Chief Attorney Monica Duffy's July 5, 2017 letter (Exhibit A) belatedly informing me, after 8-1/2 months and a follow-up June 21, 2017 letter entitled "WHAT IS THE STATUS?" (Exhibit B), that my October 14, 2016 complaint against Albany County District Attorney P. David Soares¹ and 29 of his fellow current and former district attorneys has NOT been investigated.

At the outset, I object that in informing me that §1240.7(e)(3) gives me 30 days within which to seek reconsideration, Chief Attorney Duffy further states, in bold lettering:

"Your written request for reconsideration must be based on information and/or argument not previously presented to the Committee."

Nothing in §1240.7(e)(3) so-indicates. Nor should it – considering my complaint has "not [been] previously presented to the Committee". This is concealed by Chief Attorney Duffy, who falsely makes it appear that it was the Committee that decided NOT to investigate my complaint. In fact, as reflected by §§1240.7(b), (d), and (e)(3), the Committee plays NO role in the decision to decline to investigate a complaint. The decision is vested in the Committee's chief attorney – in other words, Chief Attorney Duffy. Is the Committee's normal and customary practice to have its chief attorney not directly apprise complainants of that fact?

¹ The bureau chief of D.A. Soares' "Public Integrity Unit", Assistant District Attorney Eric Galarneau, is also the subject of the October 14, 2016 complaint, so-identified by my completed complaint form.

I also object that Chief Attorney Duffy purports that “careful review” underlies the determination NOT to investigate my complaint. I see no evidence of “careful review” in her conclusory letter which replicates, essentially *verbatim*, the mischaracterization of my complaint appearing in the letters of the other attorney grievance committees, likewise advising that my complaint had NOT been investigated.² Does Chief Attorney Duffy deny that these were her template?

According to her copied description:

“The substance of [my] complaint alleges that the subject attorneys, acting in their respective capacities as an officially elected or appointed County District Attorney, each engaged in a ‘conflict of interest/misconduct’ by not undertaking an investigation or prosecution of alleged criminal corruption, and further engaged in a ‘larcenous pocketing’ of salary increases they knew to be unlawful.”

This is false. The “substance” of my complaint – and so-reflected by its “RE clause” title – is the district attorneys’ violations of ethical rules governing conflict of interest and the duty to report attorney misconduct. The complaint is against Albany County District Attorney P. David Soares for “sitting on” three corruption complaints involving penal law violations in which he and his fellow district attorneys have HUGE financial and other interests – and against his fellow district attorneys who were given notice of District Attorney Soares’ willful nonfeasance with respect to those three corruption complaints, financially benefiting him and them, and failed to report it or take other corrective steps.

The Committee’s function and duty is to protect the public against attorneys who violate ethical rules of professional conduct – and the applicable rules are both cited and quoted by my complaint, *to wit*,

New York’s Rules of Professional Conduct:

- Rule 1.7 entitled “Conflict of Interest: Current Clients”; and
- Rule 8.3 entitled “Reporting Professional Misconduct”, subsection (a);

National Prosecution Standards of the National District Attorneys Association,

- Section 1-3.3 entitled “Specific Conflicts”, subdivision (d);
- Section 1-3.4 entitled “Conflict Handling”;
- Section 1-3.5 entitled “Special Prosecutors”; and
- Section 1-1.6 entitled “Duty to Respond to Misconduct”.

² These letters, all posted on CJA’s webpage of responses to the October 14, 2016 complaint: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/budget-2016-17/responses-to-10-14-16-complaint.htm>, are: (1) the November 23, 2016 letter of the Attorney Grievance Committee for the Ninth Judicial District; (2) the November 28, 2016 letter of the Attorney Grievance Committee for the Tenth Judicial District; (3) the November 30, 2016 letter of the Attorney Grievance Committee for the Second, Eleventh & Thirteenth Judicial Districts; (4) the December 5, 2016 letter of the Attorney Grievance Committee for the Fourth Judicial Department; and (5) the January 5, 2017 letter of the Attorney Grievance Committee for the First Judicial Department. That is where Chief Attorney Duffy’s July 5, 2017 letter has now been posted – and this reconsideration request.

As for Chief Attorney Duffy's bogus excuses for NOT investigating the complaint, the first two – “that the allegations of professional misconduct raised in the complaint:

- “1) are more appropriate for resolution by a court or through other available legal remedies in the first instance;
- 2) are interrelated within a pending legal proceeding and therefore, the Committee's practice is to refrain from investigating complaints under these circumstances until such time that the legal proceedings are finally concluded”

are essentially §§1240.7(d)(1)(i)(C) and (D) of the Rules for Attorney Disciplinary Matters. These are, however, discretionary grounds for rejecting a complaint, stating:

“The Chief Attorney may, after initial screening to decline to investigate a complaint for reasons including...:

(C) the complaint seeks a legal remedy more appropriately obtained in another forum”

(D) the allegations are intertwined with another pending legal action or proceeding” (underlining added).

Tellingly, Chief Attorney Duffy does not elaborate upon what she is talking about by her conclusory claim that the allegations of professional misconduct raised by my complaint are, “in the first instance”, “more appropriate for resolution by a court or through other available legal remedies”. It is the attorney grievance committees, not the courts, that are charged with disciplining attorneys who violate conflict-of-interest rules and procedures and rules for reporting attorney misconduct. Courts have no power to impose discipline on district attorneys for breaches of ethical rules. Is she suggesting that I sue the district attorneys in court? And what does she mean by “other available legal remedies”? I haven't a clue.

As for her conclusory assertion that the allegations are “interrelated within a pending legal proceeding”, this is disingenuous. The pending legal proceeding, *CJA v. Cuomo, et al.* (Albany Co. #5122-16), identified at page 7 of my October 14, 2016 complaint, is a citizen-taxpayer action against New York's highest constitutional officers to secure declarations of statutory violations, fraud, and unconstitutionality. It has nothing to do with punishing district attorneys for willfully violating conflict-of-interest and reporting rules with respect to corruption complaints in which they have financial and other interests – the subject of my complaint.

Needless to say, if you believe that any of the serious and substantial issues encompassed by my October 14, 2016 complaint are also resolved “by a court or through other available legal remedies” – excepting, of course, the violations of ethical rules pertaining to conflict-of-interest and duty to

report attorney misconduct, as to which the Committee's disciplinary jurisdiction is exclusive – the Committee is empowered to make referrals and I expressly request that it do so. Indeed, Chief Attorney Duffy ignores the referral relief expressly sought by the third branch of my complaint's "RE clause". The concluding paragraphs of my complaint (at p. 8) elaborate this as criminal referrals mandated because "the violations of standards of attorney and district attorney conduct are in furtherance of corrupting government and other criminal acts".

As for Chief Attorney Duffy's third excuse, "that the allegations of professional misconduct raised in the complaint:

- "3) are within the wide latitude and broad discretion of district attorneys as recognized by the Courts of New York State, in deciding whether to accept or reject a particular case or set of facts for prosecution",

no district attorney has "discretion" to "sit on" a public corruption complaint in which he has financial and other interests – nor "discretion" not to report a fellow district attorney who engages in such self-interested nonfeasance, benefitting himself and other district attorneys. Do you disagree?

There being no basis in fact or law for Chief Attorney Duffy's July 5, 2017 letter declining to investigate my facially-meritorious, fully-documented October 14, 2016 complaint or to otherwise assist me with respect to purposeful violations of conflict-of-interest rules and reporting obligations by district attorneys within your disciplinary jurisdiction, your duty, as the Committee's chair, is to grant reconsideration and direct the investigation which Chief Attorney Duffy was mandated to authorize pursuant to Rule §1240.7(b). This includes a direction to the 30 complained-against current and former district attorneys that they each "provide a written response to the complaint". This, they already have a head-start on, since – as reflected by the complaint (at p. 8) – I provided each of them with a copy for the two-fold purpose of their response and as a FOIL request for records responsive to the question:

"What are your procedures for handling public corruption complaints, filed with your district attorney offices, where you have financial and other conflicts of interest?"³

³ National Prosecution Standards of the National District Attorneys Association, Section 1-3.4: "Conflict Handling":

"Each prosecutor's office should establish procedures for handling actual or potential conflicts of interest. These procedures should include, but are not limited to:

a. The creation of firewalls and taint or filter teams to ensure that prosecutors with a conflict are not improperly exposed to information or improperly disclose information; and

b. Methods to accurately document the manner in which conflicts were handled to ensure public trust and confidence in the prosecutor's office."

The only responses I received were from Wyoming County District Attorney Donald O'Geen and Washington County District Attorney J. Anthony Jordan – copies of which are enclosed (Exhibits C and D).

As the Committee should reasonably have copies of the written conflict-of-interest procedures utilized by the district attorney offices within its jurisdiction – including as relates to their handling of public corruption complaints – I take this opportunity to request copies thereof from the Committee pursuant to FOIL (Public Officers Law Article VI) – or, at very least, confirmation that the Committee, in fact, has copies of same.

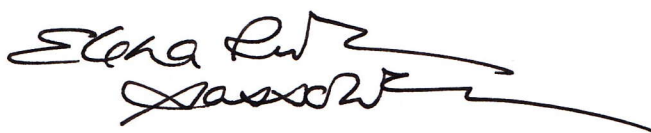
Needless to say, to the extent that you and the other 20 members of the Committee, all court-appointed, have professional, political, and personal relationships and interests that impact upon your ability to impartially discharge your responsibilities, I trust you will be adhering to applicable rules of disclosure and disqualification – and that you will demand same, as well, from Committee staff, beginning with Chief Attorney Duffy, a member of former Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman's sham, now defunct, Commission on Statewide Attorney Discipline, presumably aware of my testimony at its August 11, 2015 public hearing, in Manhattan, at which she was not present.⁴ Doubtless it was the significance of what I there stated about the dismissals of attorney disciplinary complaints by staff, without review by a single committee member, let alone by a non-lawyer member – combined with the seriousness of the October 14, 2016 complaint – that accounted for the 8-1/2 months she “sat on” the complaint before dismissing it – a delay all the more remarkable because Chief Attorney Duffy was a member of the Commission's “Subcommittee on Enhancing Efficiency” that examined “whether undue delay exists in the disciplinary process” (September 24, 2015 Report, at p. 49).

As Chief Attorney Duffy's July 5, 2017 letter gives no reason for the 8-1/2-month delay in not only dismissing the October 14, 2016 complaint, but in acknowledging it, kindly furnish such explanation in your response.

Thank you.

Enclosures: 4 exhibits

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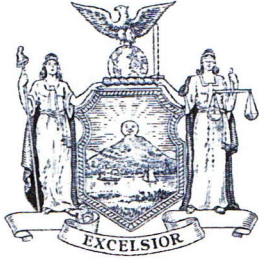


⁴ The Commission's September 24, 2015 Final Report identifies (at p. 35) my having testified at its August 11, 2015 Manhattan hearing – and that a transcription of that hearing was “produced and posted promptly and prominently” on its website, etc. CJA's own website, www.judgewatch.org, posts the transcript of my testimony, a VIDEO of it, and the evidence I handed up in substantiation – which Chief Attorney Duffy, as a member of the Commission, would have been charged with reviewing. Both the VIDEO and evidence are accessible via CJA's prominent homepage link: “Exposing the Fraud of the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption – & Preet: NY's UNTOUCHED ‘Culture of Corruption’: Pay Raises, JCOPE, Judicial & Attorney Discipline”. The direct link, <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2015-commission-on-attorney-discipline/public-testimony-hearings/ers-testimony.htm>, is also accessible from CJA's webpage posting this letter (see fn. 1, *supra*).

cc: The 30 complained-against district attorneys, current and former, within the Committee's jurisdiction:

Albany County District Attorney P. David Soares
& his Public Integrity Unit Bureau Chief Assistant District Attorney Eric Galarneau
Broome County District Attorney Stephen K. Cornwell, Jr.
Chenango County District Attorney Joseph A. McBride
Chemung County District Attorney Weeden A. Wetmore
Clinton County District Attorney Andrew J. Wylie
Cortland County District Attorney Mark D. Suben
Columbia County District Attorney Paul Czajka
Delaware County Acting District Attorney John Hubbard
Essex County District Attorney Kristy Sprague
Fulton County Acting District Attorney Chad Brown
Franklin County District Attorney Craig Carriero
Greene County District Attorney Joseph Stanzione
Hamilton County District Attorney Marsha King Purdue
Madison County District Attorney William G. Gabor
Montgomery County District Attorney James E. Conboy
Otsego County District Attorney John M. Muehl
Rensselaer County District Attorney Joel Ablove
Saratoga County District Attorney Karen A. Heggen
Schenectady County District Attorney Robert M. Carney
Schoharie County District Attorney James Sacket
Schuyler County District Attorney Joseph G. Fazzary
St. Lawrence County District Attorney Mary Rain
Sullivan County District Attorney James Farrell
Tioga County District Attorney Kirk Martin
Office of the Tompkins County District Attorney
Ulster County District Attorney Holley Carnright
Former Warren County District Attorney Kathleen B. Hogan – now Court of Claims Judge
Washington County District Attorney J. Anthony Jordan
Former Franklin County District Attorney Derek Champagne – now Family Court Judge
Former Broome County District Attorney Gerald Mollen –
now Deputy Commissioner for Prosecutorial Services/NYS Division of

Chairs and ranking members of the Senate and Assembly committees and joint commissions with oversight jurisdiction over New York's 62 district attorneys, their salaries & New York's attorney disciplinary committees



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July 5, 2017

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Re: Notice of Declination to Investigate a Complaint

Dear Ms. Sassower:

This will acknowledge receipt of your complaint received October 17, 2016, concerning thirty (30) County District Attorneys and/or former County District Attorneys.

Please be advised that the function of this Committee is to investigate acts of professional misconduct committed by attorneys. When a complaint is received, we review it to determine if it involves behavior which could constitute professional misconduct by the attorney. An attorney may be found to have engaged in professional misconduct if it can be proven that an ethical rule or law was violated. If there is a sufficient basis to conduct an investigation, the Committee will do so. However, pursuant to Part 1240. Rules for Attorney Disciplinary Matters, § 1240.7(d)(1)(i), there are instances where the Committee, after initial screening, may decline to investigate a complaint due to other reasons.

The substance of your complaint alleges that the subject attorneys, acting in their respective capacities as an officially elected or appointed County District Attorney, each engaged in a "conflict of interest/misconduct" by not undertaking an investigation or prosecution of alleged criminal corruption, and further engaged in a "larcenous pocketing" of salary increases they knew to be unlawful.

After careful review, it has been determined that the allegations of professional misconduct raised in the complaint:

- 1) are more appropriate for resolution by a court of law or through other available legal remedies in the first instance;


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- 2) are interrelated within a pending legal proceeding and therefore, the Committee's practice is to refrain from investigating complaints under these circumstances until such time that the legal proceedings are finally concluded; and
- 3) are within the wide latitude and broad discretion of district attorneys as recognized by the Courts of New York State, in deciding whether to accept or reject a particular case or set of facts for prosecution.

Therefore, although we appreciate your efforts, we are unable to assist you. Please be advised that pursuant to Rule § 1240.7(e)(3) you may submit a written request for reconsideration of this determination by correspondence addressed to the Chairperson of the Committee and sent to the address listed above **within thirty (30) days from the date of this letter. Your written request for reconsideration must be based on information and/or argument not previously presented to the Committee.**

We apologize for the delay in responding to your complaint.

Very truly yours,



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June 21, 2017

TO: Monica A. Duffy, Chief Attorney
Third Judicial Department Attorney Disciplinary Committee

FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Director
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RE: WHAT IS THE STATUS? -- CJA's October 14, 2016 conflict-of-interest/misconduct complaint against 30 current and former district attorneys within your jurisdiction -- & against the bureau chief of the "Public Integrity Unit" of Albany County District Attorney P. David Soares

It has been more than eight months since I filed CJA's October 14, 2016 conflict-of-interest/misconduct complaint against current and former district attorneys within your jurisdiction – beginning with Albany County District Attorney P. David Soares – and including the then Warren County District Attorney/nor Court of Claims Judge Kathleen B. Hogan.

In all that time, I have not even received a written acknowledgment of the complaint, including the assignment of a case number, or numbers, to it. Nor have I been contacted to furnish any additional information. Is this your normal and customary procedure?

I did telephone twice, at the end of January and in May, and was told, each time, that the complaint was "under review" – or words to such effect.

What does that mean? Under 22 NYCRR §§1240.7(b), (c), and (d)(1) of the Rules for Attorney Disciplinary Matters and Rule 806.5(b) of the Appellate Division, Third Department Rules, it is you – as Chief Attorney – not the 21-member committee, who makes the preliminary determinations, including whether a complaint is to be investigated. How long does it take for you to verify that, in violation of mandatory conflict-of-interest rules, District Attorney Soares has been "sitting on" three fully-documented corruption complaints involving the lawfulness of his own district attorney salary increases – and that, in violation of mandatory obligations to report attorney misconduct, he has been aided and abetted by scores of other district attorney beneficiaries of the increases, among them the then Warren County District Attorney Hogan, who, additionally, was his colleague on the district-attorney filled Commission to Investigate Public Corruption. Certainly, based on the evidence furnished with the October 14, 2016 complaint, it takes only hours, if that long, to verify that the two Commission reports recommending judicial salary increases – on which district attorney salary increases rest – are "false instruments, violating a succession of penal law provisions" that are the

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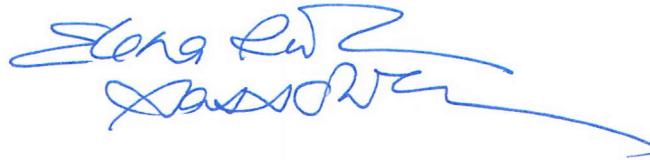
district attorneys' duty to enforce – and that the complained-against district attorneys have been larcenously pocketing salary increases and salary-based, non-salary benefits they know to be unlawful.¹

Therefore, please immediately advise what is taking you so long and whether you have made application to transfer the October 14, 2016 conflict-of-interest/misconduct complaint to another judicial department pursuant to Rule 806.5(b)(3)(iv) of the Rules of the Appellate Division, Third Department, which reads:

“The Chief Attorney may, after consultation with the Chairperson, apply to the Court for an order transferring any complaint concerning an attorney or entity covered by the rules of this Part, if the Chief Attorney reasonably concludes that consideration of the complaint by the Committee or the Court would present a conflict of interest for the Court or the Committee.”

As you know, the October 14, 2016 complaint and its referred-to open-and-shut, *prima facie*, evidentiary substantiation are posted on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org. The direct link to CJA's webpage for this complaint is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/budget-2016-17/10-14-16-complaint-vs-soares-etc.htm>.

Thank you.



¹ See, in particular, CJA's October 27, 2011 Opposition Report to the Commission on Judicial Compensation's August 29, 2011 Report and, with respect to the December 24, 2015 Report of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation the fifteenth cause of action (¶¶453-456) of the March 23, 2016 proposed second supplemental complaint in CJA's first citizen-taxpayer action, *CJA v. Cuomo, et al.* (Albany Co. #1788-2014), reiterated and expanded upon in the eighth cause of action (¶¶77-80) of the September 2, 2016 verified complaint in CJA's second citizen-taxpayer action *CJA v. Cuomo, et al.* (Albany Co. #5122-2016).

Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

From: Donald O'Geen <DOgeen@wyomingco.net>
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2016 9:31 AM
To: 'Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)'
Subject: RE: Conflict-of-Interest/Misconduct Complaint vs the DAs to the 4th Dept. Disciplinary Committees, with FOIL records request

Elena,

My office does not have a written policy regarding this issue, however, we take the issue of conflict of interest or the appearance of any impropriety very seriously. We make the determination on a case by case basis and it ultimately comes down to whether my office has a conflict in general or a specific prosecutor has a conflict that either rises to the level of getting a special prosecutor or just handing the case over to another prosecutor within the office. In Western New York we have an understanding that our offices will help handle cases as special prosecutors for each other at no cost to the tax payers. If we agree to handle a case for another county the judge is presented with a request for a special prosecutor as is required under the county law along with a suggested order for him or her to sign. The judge has the discretion to ultimately assign whomever they wish however our system helps the judge make a quicker a determination if they so choose so that the defendants case is not lost or delayed in the system.

In the future, I would suggest that if you have a question like this please don't bury it in things that don't really pertain to me. You obviously have something against DA Soares and that is between you and him and that has nothing to do with me or my office. I do take issue with your insinuation that the increased compensations are invalid or even worse the product of some nefarious conspiracy. The men and women of the DAs association are some of the finest and most hard working, ethical and conscientious people I have ever been around. While I recognize that, like in every profession, we have bad apples we more than anyone know that those people tarnish all of our profession and we take that more seriously than anyone.

I hope this answers your question.

Thanks,

Don

From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) [mailto:elena@judgewatch.org]

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Subject: Conflict-of-Interest/Misconduct Complaint vs the DAs to the 4th Dept. Disciplinary Committees, with FOIL records request

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TO: New York's District Attorneys & Acting District Attorneys within the 4th Judicial Department

In the absence of your response to the Center for Judicial Accountability's correspondence to you, attached is our conflict-of-interest/misconduct complaint against you of today's date, being mailed to the three attorney disciplinary committees of the 4th Judicial Department.

The complaint is posted – with the substantiating evidence to which it refers – on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible from the prominent center link: "No Pay Raises for New York's Corrupt Public Officers – The Money Belongs to their Victims!", *via* its #14 menu listing "A New Round of Disciplinary & Criminal Complaints". The direct link is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/budget-2016-17/10-14-16-complaint-vs-soares-etc.htm>.

As set forth at p. 8, the complaint is ALSO a FOIL request for records responsive to the question posed by the penultimate paragraph of CJA's July 8, 2016 letter, which each district attorney/acting district attorney could have voluntarily answered, but did not:

"What are your procedures for handling public corruption complaints, filed with your district attorney offices, where you have financial and other conflicts of interest?" (Exhibit F: at p. 6).

Thank you.

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Re: F.O.I.L. Request

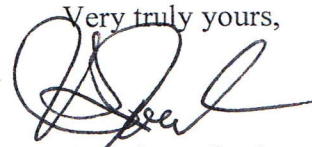
Dear Ms. Sassower:

In response to your Freedom of Information Request dated October 4, 2016 requesting:

“What are your procedures for handling public corruption complaints, filed with your District Attorney Offices, where you have financial and other conflicts of interest?”

In instances of conflict of interest we comply with the provisions of County Law Section 701 et. seq.

Very truly yours,



J. Anthony Jordan

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cc: Mr. Roger Wickes, County Attorney

