

Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewidth.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 12:52 PM
To: 'editorial@nytimes.com'; 'nytnews@nytimes.com'; 'foderaro@nytimes.com'; 'metro@nytimes.com'
Cc: 'susanne.craig@nytimes.com'
Subject: NYT election endorsements, election reporting -- & the Westchester county executive race
Attachments: 8-10-17-open-ltr.pdf

TO: **New York Times** –
Editorial Board
Lisa Foderaro, Reporter

While waiting for your responses to my e-mails and voice mails (212-556-3652; 844-698-6397; 212-556-1659), I sent the below to The Times' Readers Center, at 11:47 a.m. today, *via* its message feature: <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/08/reader-center/we-want-to-hear-from-you.html?rref=collection%2Fsectioncollection%2Freader-center&action=click&contentCollection=reader-center®ion=rank&module=package&version=highlights&contentPlacement=2&pgtype=sectionfront>, further answering the question as to whether I wanted it published: "yes, absolutely, please publish -- & my contact info: elena@judgewidth.org & phone #914-421-1200".

MESSAGE --

"What electoral races will be the subject of editorial endorsement by The New York Times -- and by what process does The Times evaluate the candidates? Why is this information not available on The Times' website -- and in a designated section devoted to The Times' election coverage, so that members of the public, with information concerning those races and the fitness of those candidates, can contact The Times and furnish same for its consideration.

Since last Friday, October 6, 2017, including by three voice mail messages, I have been endeavoring to ascertain whether The Times will be making an endorsement in the Westchester county executive race -- and, if so, to furnish information and documentation concerning the fitness of the two candidates -- NYS Senator George Latimer & Incumbent County Executive Rob Astorino -- and the legitimacy of the multi-party lines on which they are running. To date, Times' coverage of the Westchester county executive race has consisted of a single article, on September 21, 2017, by Lisa Foderaro, who I have endeavored to speak with, also since October 6th. As reflected by the article's title, 'In New York Suburbs, Plenty of Democrats -- Just Not at the Top', it frames the county executive race in standard partisan terms -- Democrat/Republican -- liberal/conservative. It furnishes voters with NO information about the candidates' records, in office, with respect to government corruption issues -- notwithstanding polls consistently show that government corruption is a high priority among the public. Certainly, the electoral victory of President Trump, who campaigned on a theme of 'draining the swamp', demonstrates this priority among voters.

Elections are the voters' chance to 'drain the swamp' and eject perpetrators of government corruption. They cannot do this, cannot 'throw the bums out', when the

press does not inform them as to how candidates, as occupants of public office, have handled the 'swamp' issues that have been before them.

The 'draining the swamp' ramifications of the Westchester county executive race extend to a plethora of other races throughout the state this year—and to the races, next year, for governor, attorney general, comptroller, and for every state senate and assembly seat, all of which will be made competitive. The details are furnished by my August 10, 2017 OPEN LETTER, sent to New York's eight 'recognized' political parties and the Westchester county executive candidates. It is posted on the website of the non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), of which I am director and co-founder. You can reach it from CJA's homepage, www.judgwatch.org, via the prominent link: 'OUTING CORRUPT & COLLUSIVE INCUMBENTS & Ending their Road to Re-Election & Higher Officer in 2017, 2018, and beyond -- WITH EVIDENCE.'

The November 7th general elections are less than a month away. Please advise immediately what The Times will be doing, editorially and news-wise, to meaningfully inform its readers and Westchester voters with respect to this important Westchester county executive race.

Thank you."

I would appreciate hearing from you, as soon as possible – including with respect to my attached August 10, 2017 OPEN LETTER – whose easily-verifiable evidentiary proof is posted on CJA's webpage for the OPEN LETTER. The direct link is here: <http://www.judgwatch.org/web-pages/elections/2017/8-10-17-open-ltr.htm>.

Thank you.

Elena Sassower, Director
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.
www.judgwatch.org
914-421-1200