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Subject: ITEM #1 on TONIGHT'S AGENDA - Reject Mayor Delfino's Re-appointment of Hansbury or at very least let it be only until a qualified successor can be named.

RUSH DELIVERY FROM DORIS L. SASSOWER, CENTER FOR JUDICIAL ACCOUNTABILITY, INC. For further details, see

<http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-selection/nys/judicial-selection-ny-white-plains.htm>

Welcoming Sunshine! [CLICK HERE FOR *The Judicial Appointment Process to White Plains City Court Now Unfolding!*](#)

Apparently, the Mayor's Screening Committee has not had the benefit of our Director's negative information concerning Judge Hansbury, hand-delivered to the Mayor on March 23rd for transmittal to them by Corporation Counsel Edward Dunphy, which he assured her would be done and only today learned that was NOT true.

My daughter, Elena Ruth Sassower, who you may remember, was named 2004 Person of the Year as "Defender of the Constitution" by John Bailey's online CitizenNetReporter, is making a two-hour trip to attend tonight's meeting so as to express our opposition orally at your meeting -- unless you agree beforehand that any reappointment of Hansbury shall be temporary only, at the pleasure of the Mayor, until his successor can be named. That would be far better than that this unworthy nomination be rammed through in the usual scandalously undemocratic way the Mayor's judicial nominations have been handled until now, without transparency, without notice to the general public and without adequate opportunity for input -- even from public interest advocates and experts in the field of judicial selection, such as myself and my dedicated daughter.

Additionally, as a lawyer and litigant, please be aware that, like my daughter, I too have direct, first-hand personal knowledge of Judge Hansbury's disrespect for the Rule of Law, including his failure to recuse himself from cases in which he had a legal and ethical duty to do so, as well as to disclose facts bearing on his disqualification. For the public good, I offered to share my profoundly important negative information with the Mayor, as well as with several members of the Mayor's Committee and of the White Plains Common Council, who were left messages by me to that effect today and prior thereto. Regrettably, none returned my phone calls.

We would like the Mayor, now that he is retiring, to set an example for his successor, as a new day is dawning this Election year.

Why not start NOW, Mr Mayor and Common Council Members?

Doris L. Sassower

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