



STATE OF NEW YORK  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
ALBANY 12224

June 17, 2019

**Via Email: [mail@judicialwatch.org](mailto:mail@judicialwatch.org)**

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FOIL Request: #2509

Dear Ms. Sassower:

The Executive Chamber acknowledges receipt of your FOIL request dated June 10, 2019, seeking:

all publicly-available records reflecting that the Commission has been fully appointed (§2.1) and is operational- and, specifically:

- (1) records of Governor Andrew Cuomo' s appointment of three commissioners-especially letters of appointment and public announcements or press releases with respect thereto;
- (2) records of Temporary Senate President Andrea Stewart-Cousins' appointment of one commissioner - especially a letter of appointment and public announcement or press release with respect thereto;
- (3) records reflecting Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie's appointment of one commissioner - especially a letter of appointment and public announcement or press release with respect thereto;
- (4) records establishing Chief Judge Janet DiFiore's appointment of two commissioners - especially letters of appointment and public announcements or press releases with respect thereto;
- (5) records establishing the interpretation intended by §3.1, to wit, whether the Commission's chair is to be designated by the Chief Judge from among her two appointees or whether such designation is to be made by the seven appointed commissioners or by the Commission's four appointing authorities;

(6) records of the Commission's funding, staffing, office address, phone number, e-mail, and website for discharging its statutory duties.

We are conducting a search for records that respond to your request and, if applicable, will review them for appropriate exemptions under FOIL. We will provide you with a status update on or before July 16, 2019.

If any documents are located that respond to your request, you will be charged \$.25 per page for photocopies. If the response to your request will be provided in another media, we will notify you of any charges.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Valerie Lubanko". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Valerie Lubanko  
FOIL Counsel  
Records Access Officer