

Center for Judicial Accountability

From: Justin Elliott <Justin.Elliott@propublica.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2014 12:55 PM
To: Center for Judicial Accountability
Subject: Re: Your today's article on Cuomo's conflicts of interest, etc.

Hi -- thanks for reaching out. Can you explain the background on this issue?

> On Jul 17, 2014, at 12:20 PM, "Center for Judicial Accountability" <elena@judgewatch.org> wrote:

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> TO: Justin Elliott/ProPublica

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> Your today's article ("Who Advised Cuomo on Mortgage Industry Investigation? A Mortgage Lobbyist"/ProPublica; "Cuomo confidant advised AG's probe, mortgage industry", Albany Times-Union) makes no mention of any ethics complaints filed against Cuomo with the Joint Commission on Public Ethics (JCOPE) or with its predecessor, the Commission on Public Ethics.

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> JCOPE is the state agency responsible for investigating conflicts of interest by Governor Cuomo and other executive and legislative branch officers and employees – and its brazen cover-up of their conflicts of interest is readily verifiable. Indeed, that cover-up is the subject of our July 11, 2014 letter to Governor Cuomo, Temporary Senate President Skelos, and Assembly Speaker Silver entitled ""Getting to First Base in Achieving 'the Dream of Honest Government'", sent to them and other recipients by the below e-mail.

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> The letter is a politically-explosive, game-changer, whose underlying evidence – our June 27, 2013 ethics complaint to JCOPE and its incorporated April 15, 2013 corruption complaint to US Attorney Bharara – will, IF REPORTED & INVESTIGATED, upend this year's electoral races for Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, and the re-elections of key legislative incumbents, beginning with Skelos, Silver, Stewart-Cousins, and Kolb.

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> Here's the direct link to our webpage for our July 11, 2014 letter, where it is posted with the substantiating-referred to law and evidence: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/commission-to-investigate-public-corruption/holding-to-account/exposing-JCOPE.htm>

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> As your beat is "politics and government accountability", I will especially look forward to your call. I am available to answer your questions and to be interviewed.

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> Thank you.

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