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**Via Email:** [elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)

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Dear Ms. Sassower:

The Executive Chamber acknowledges receipt of your FOIL request dated October 19, 2015, seeking:

all publicly-available records establishing that the JCOPE/LEC Review Commission is lawfully constituted, to wit, that it is constituted in conformity with Part DD of Budget Bill S.2006-B/A-3006-B, namely:

- (1) that Dale Volker was jointly designated by the Governor, Temporary Senate President, and Assembly Speaker to be Chair of the JCOPE/LEC Review Commission, including the date of such joint designation and the date and manner it was communicated to Mr. Volker, to the other members of the JCOPE/LEC Review Commission - and to the public;
- (2) that Christopher Pisciotta was jointly appointed to be one of the eight members of the JCOPE/LEC Review Commission and the date it was communicated to him, to the other members of the JCOPE/LEC Review Commission - and to the public;
- (3) that Seymour James, announced by the Governor's May 1, 2015 press release as jointly appointed to the JCOPE/LEC Review Commission, withdrew from the Commission - and the date thereof.

Additionally, this is to request all publicly-available records reflecting the circumstances of Seymour James' withdrawal from the JCOPE/LEC Review Commission, and, specifically, its relation

to CJA's June 18, 2015 letter particularizing (at p.4) Mr. James' conflict of interest

We are conducting a search for records that respond to your request and will review them for appropriate exemptions under FOIL. We will provide you with a status update on or before November 24, 2015, if we have not completed our response by then.

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 cursive script, appearing to read "Mongthu Zago".

Mongthu Zago  
FOIL Counsel  
Records Access Officer