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Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 3:11 PM

To: 'Tiffany Yip'

Cc: 'WeinstH@assembly.state.ny.us'

Subject: Request for Clarification: My request for a meeting with Assembly Judiciary Committee

Chairwoman Weinstein

Dear Ms. Yip,

Please clarify what you mean when you say "Assemblywoman Weinstein will not be available to meet". Is she refusing to meet with me? And, if so, what is the reason? Has Assemblywoman Weinstein <u>personally</u> reviewed the pleadings in CJA's citizen-taxpayer actions — and their odyssey in the New York courts that are within the Assembly Judiciary Committee's jurisdiction?

Also, who is the "staff" that has "the materials [I] sent" – by which you presumably mean the record of CJA's citizentaxpayer actions, accessible from the link I sent by my below two e-mails. Are such "staff" also reviewing "the materials"? You do not say.

I wish to speak with that "staff" directly.

Thank you.

Elena Sassower

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From: Tiffany Yip [mailto:yipt@nyassembly.gov] Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 4:46 PM

To: 'Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)' elena@judgewatch.org

Subject: RE: Request for Meeting: Judiciary Budget, Commission on Judicial Conduct, & the Law Department (Attorney General's Office)

Dear Elena,

Unfortunately, Assemblywoman Weinstein will not be available to meet. The staff has the materials you sent.

Regards,

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Subject: Request for Meeting: Judiciary Budget, Commission on Judicial Conduct, & the Law Department (Attorney General's Office)

TO: Tiffany Yip, Scheduler for Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein/Chair, Assembly Judiciary Committee

Following up our phone conversation this morning — & the below e-mail already sent to Assemblywoman Weinstein — this reiterates my request for a meeting with Assemblywoman Weinstein to discuss the Judiciary budget for this fiscal year — and other "public protection" components within the Assembly Judiciary Committee's purview. Here's the link to the Center for Judicial Accountability's citizen-taxpayer actions, laying out the issues with respect to the Judiciary's budget: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/menu-budget-reform.htm.

There is no reason why this fiscal year need repeat the constitutional, statutory, and rule violations of prior fiscal years – and the concomitant waste of HUGE amounts of taxpayer monies.

Thank you.

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Subject: Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis & Investigation -- & the Legislative, Judiciary & Executive Budgets for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

<u>Chris Bauer, Chief of Staff to Assemblyman Matthew Titone – Chair, Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis & Investigation – & member, Assembly Judiciary Committee</u>

Following up our phone conversation a short time ago, this is to reiterate my request for oversight, analysis, & investigation of the legislative, judiciary, and executive budgets by the Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis & Investigation – chaired by Assemblyman Titone. The link to the Center for Judicial Accountability's citizen-taxpayer actions, laying out the particulars as to what's been going on with respect to these budgets – and which you briefly examined while we spoke – is here: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/menu-budget-reform.htm. I expressly request that Assemblyman Titone personally review the verified complaints – and the record of their odyssey in New York's courts.

There is no reason why this fiscal year need repeat the constitutional, statutory, and rule violations of prior fiscal years – and the Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis & Investigation can and must take a leadership role in making the difference.

As Assemblyman Titone is a member of the Assembly Judiciary Committee, I have no objection to his coordinating with the Judiciary Committee so that it assumes the responsibility of oversight, analysis and investigation of the Judiciary budget. The Assembly Judiciary Committee has long been "missing-in-action" with respect to ANY genuine oversight over the Judiciary budget, as well as such other "public protection" components within its purview as the Commission on Judicial Conduct and the Attorney General's office.

Thank you.

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