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Subject: Empowering Long Island Voters in Election Races Involving Albany Incumbents -- Graf, Boyle, Lupinacci, Saladino -- & Suffolk Co. DA Candidates Sini & Perini
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TO: Rick Brand/Newsday

Following up my phone call to you this afternoon and our conversation together – mostly focused on the race for Islip district court judge, in which Assemblyman Graf has SIX party endorsements, James Malone has SEVEN party endorsements, and Elizabeth Bloom has a single party line – what are the probabilities that voters will NOT be electing Graf and Malone? Won't voters naturally assume the superiority of candidates with many, many party lines, especially when they have little, if any, other information about the candidates?

Attached is my August 10, 2017 OPEN LETTER, which, by the below e-mail, I sent to New York's eight "recognized" political parties. It questions the "process" underlying multi-party endorsements. This should be the subject of EXPOSE investigative reporting by Newsday with respect to the situation on Long Island – and should rightfully put the blame on the Legislature's Election Law Committees which have NOT discharged their oversight responsibilities. Both the Senate and Assembly Election Law Committees are sham, just as essentially ALL other legislative committees in Albany are sham.

Why not test the fitness of would-be judges Graf, Malone and Bloom. Do they know the salary they will be getting, if elected, as district court judges. Where can that salary figure be found? Assemblyman Graf is on the Assembly Judiciary Committee. Let him find it for you, in any statute. It is not in Judiciary Law 221-h, which lists a salary about \$60,000 a year less than it presently is.

Why not ask Assemblyman Graf what "oversight" the Assembly Judiciary Committee has done of the judicial pay raises that have soared nearly \$60,000 a year since March 31, 2012 – including for district court judges. Has he not been aware of CJA's advocacy that the commission reports recommending judicial pay raises are statutorily-violative, fraudulent, and unconstitutional – and of the proof we have furnished, in support? Was his failure to concern himself motivated by his own interest in becoming a judge – or in keeping in the "good graces" of judges because, in addition to being an Assemblyman, he has maintained a law practice?

And what steps will Assemblyman Graf NOW take, while still in the Assembly, to secure legislative "oversight" – as, for instance, findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to the testimony I gave on February 6, 2013 at the Legislature's budget hearing on "public protection", in the presence of then Assembly Judiciary Committee Chair Helene Weinstein, sitting near then Assemblyman Joseph Saladino, who is now seeking election as Oyster Bay town supervisor. Here's the webpage with the VIDEO of my testimony – and the EVIDENCE I handed up, in substantiation: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2017/feb-6-2013-testimony-evidence.htm>. Perhaps Assemblyman Chad Lupinacci, who is also a member of the Assembly Judiciary Committee – and with whom I had a meeting, two or three years ago, concerning that Committee's nonfeasance – could join Assemblyman Graf in securing long-overdue legislative "oversight". Assemblyman Lupinacci is, as you know, running for Huntington town supervisor. On the Senate side, Senator Phil Boyle, now running for a Supreme Court judgeship, after losing his bid for the Republican line for Suffolk County sheriff, is a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee...

Any lawyer – and certainly any would-be judge -- is qualified to assess EVIDENCE. What I handed up to the Legislature, on February 6, 2013, is EVIDENCE, establishing the unlawfulness of the judicial pay raises – and the district attorney pay raises based thereon. Likewise, EVIDENCE is the record of CJA’s citizen-taxpayer action, suing Assemblyman Graf and ALL his fellow legislators – the ENTIRE Long Island delegation, among them, and, by name Temporary Senate President John Flanagan -- for their “grand larceny of the public fisc”, including as relates to the judicial and district attorney pay raises. What is their legal opinion of this EVIDENCE?

The judicial and district attorney pay raises are the sixth, seventh, and eighth causes of action of the September 2, 2016 verified complaint in the citizen-taxpayer action. The FULL record, establishing plaintiffs’ entitlement to summary judgment on ALL 10 causes of action, is posted on CJA’s website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible from ALL the webpages for outing corrupt and collusive Long Island incumbents seeking election to further offices in 2017 that I showed you: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2017-ending-the-road.htm>. The webpage for Incumbent Assemblyman/Defendant Graf is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2017/long-island/ending-the-road-graf.htm>.

I am available to assist you and your Newsday colleagues, to the max, on this MAJOR political story, empowering Long Island voters to assess the fitness of the candidates before them in so many Long Island races.

Thank you.

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Subject: OPEN LETTER: The NYS Reform Part of Curtis Sliwa MUST Rescind its Endorsement of, & Party Line to, Senator Geo. Latimer for Westchester Co. Executive & the Other Parties Must Follow Suit -- Unless They Deem Corruption in Office a Qualification

Attached is the Center for Judicial Accountability’s OPEN LETTER of today’s date entitled “**The NYS Reform Party of Curtis Sliwa MUST Rescind its Endorsement of, & Party Line to, Senator George Latimer for Westchester County Executive & the Other Parties Must Follow Suit – Unless they Deem Corruption in Office a Qualification**”, herewith sent to ALL eight recognized political parties and to the three candidates seeking election/re-election to the office of Westchester County Executive: Messrs. Latimer, Astorino, and Jenkins.

The OPEN LETTER is already posted on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible *via* the prominent link "**OUTING CORRUPT & COLLUSIVE INCUMBENTS & Ending their Road to Re-Election & Higher Office in 2017, 2018, & Beyond – WITH EVIDENCE**". The direct link to the webpage for the letter, which also furnishes THE EVIDENCE on which it is based, is here:
<http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/ending-the-road-latimer.htm>.

I am available to answer questions, under oath, and to assist you to the max, toward what should be our common goal of open, honest, fiscally-responsible, responsive, and accountable government, such as we do NOT remotely have on the state level... You can change that!

Thank you.

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