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TO: New York State Assembly Records Access Officer Robin Marilla

FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Director  
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

RE: FOIL/Records Request: Assembly compliance with Assembly Rule IV, §12:  
“Assembly Committee on Conference Committees”

Assembly Rule IV, §12, entitled “Assembly Committee on Conference Committees”, reads:

“There shall be an Assembly Committee on Conference Committees to consist of five members; provided, however that there shall be at least one minority member on such committee. The Speaker shall appoint the chairperson from among the membership of the committee. Such committee shall meet at least once a month during the regular Legislative Session, excluding January, and as necessary to review legislation passed by both houses for the purpose of making recommendations for the convening of conference committees pursuant to Joint Rule II of the Permanent Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly. The committee shall review requests for conference committee made by the introducer of legislation. Recommendations issued by the committee must be in writing and indicate any dissenting opinion. Meetings of the Assembly Committee on Conference Committees shall be subject to the provisions of article seven of the Public Officers Law known as the ‘Open Meetings Law’.” (underlining added).

Pursuant to Assembly Rule VIII [“Public Access to Records”], request is made for records establishing the Assembly’s compliance with its Assembly Rule IV, §12, in the current year and, in particular:

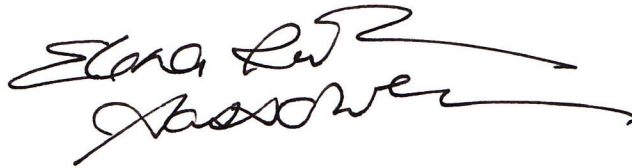
- (1) records reflecting the names of the Committee’s five members, the date(s) of their appointment; the name of the chairperson, and the date of his/her appointment;
- (2) records reflecting the Committee’s meetings in January and February 2017, including copies of its agendas, votes, and its written “recommendations for the convening of conference committees pursuant to Joint Rule II of the Permanent Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly”; and

- (3) records of “requests for conference committee made by the introducer of legislation”.

Additionally, and assuming Assembly Rule IV, §12 to have been identical for each of the past three years, request is made for the same records for 2014, 2015, and 2016 as hereinabove requested for the current year – except that #2 pertaining to meetings shall not be limited to January and February.

Kindly respond to the request pertaining to this year as soon as possible – and without delaying it to your response pertaining to the past three years.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jane Feldman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

cc: Assembly Office of Ethics and Compliance  
Jane Feldman, Executive Director