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TO: Assembly Records Access Officer Robin Marilla

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RE: FOIL/RECORDS REQUEST: subsequent “amendings” of Governor Cuomo’s budget bills for fiscal year 2017-2018

This FOIL request, pursuant to Assembly Rule VII (“Public Access to Records”), seeks further records with respect to the eight budget bills that were the subject of plaintiffs’ March 24, 2017 FOIL/records request entitled “March 13, 2017 ‘amending’ of Governor Cuomo’s budget bills for fiscal year 2017-2018”.

These eight budget bills were each subsequently “amended” as follows:

On April 8, 2017, State Operations Budget Bill #A.3000-b was “amended” twice – and given the designations #A.3000-c and #A.3000-d;

On April 5, 2017, Aid to Localities Budget Bill #A.3003-b was “amended” twice – and given the designations #A.3003-c and #A.3003-d;

On April 7, 2017, Capital Projects Budget Bill #A.3004-b was “amended” twice – and given the designations #A.3004-c and #A.3004-d;

On April 4, 2017, Public Protection & General Government Budget Bill #A.3005-b was “amended” – and given the designation #A.3005-c;

On April 4, 2017, Education, Labor, & Family Assistance Budget Bill #A.3006-b was “amended” – and given the designation #A.3006-c;

On April 4, 2017, Health & Mental Hygiene Budget Bill #A.3007-a was “amended” – and given the designation #A.3007-b;

On April 4, 2017, Transportation, Economic Development, & Environmental Conservation #A.3008-b was “amended” – and given the designation #A.3008-c;

On April 8, 2017, Revenue Budget Bill #A.3009-b was “amended” – and given the designation #A.3009-c.

As to each of these eleven “amended” budget bills, request is made, pursuant to Assembly Rule VIII “Access to Records”, for:

- (1) records showing the “non-sponsor” who introduced each “amended” bills;
- (2) records showing what specific changes each amendment made, as for instance, the “detail sheets” and “amended memorandum”, required by Assembly Rule III, §6;
- (3) records showing the date and time of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee meeting at which each motion to amend was on its agenda – and the notice thereof furnished to Assembly Ways and Means members and the public, required by Assembly Rule IV, §2;
- (4) records of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee meeting at which each motion to amend was deliberated and voted upon, including the number of assembly members present – and the vote on each motion to amend, including the vote of each member, such as required by Assembly Rule IV, §2.

Needless to say, as eight of the eleven subsequently “amended” budget bills were voted out of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, Assembly Rule IV, §6, entitled “Reports”, is applicable:

“f. All budget appropriation bills reported favorably or for consideration, if reported with amendments, shall be immediately reprinted, and the amendments proposed by the committee shall be underscored in their proper place except in cases where the committee recommends eliminating certain words or figures, in which cases such words or figures shall be printed enclosed in black-faced brackets.”

Thank you.

