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Subject: Governor Hochul's "recommendations" pertaining to the Legislative & Judiciary budgets for fiscal year 2026-27

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[Article VII, §1 of the New York State Constitution](#) empowers the Governor to make “recommendations” to the Legislature pertaining to the legislative and judiciary budgets.

The website of the Governor's Division of the Budget, www.budget.ny.gov, posts the Governor's combined [Legislative/Judiciary Budget Bill #S.9001/A.10001, dated January 20, 2026](#), that she submitted to the Legislature, but seemingly no “recommendations” by her pertaining thereto.

Consequently, pursuant to FOIL [[Public Officers Law Article VI](#), [Senate Rule XIV](#), [Assembly Rules VIII](#), [Chief Administrator's Rules Part 124](#)], this is to request a copy of Governor Hochul's “recommendations”, if any, pertaining to the Legislature's and Judiciary's budgets for fiscal year 2026-2027 and, presumably, furnished to them.

Thank you.

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