

From: FOIL <FOIL@nycourts.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:42 PM
To: FOIL; elena@judgewatch.org

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

This e-mail responds to your correspondence dated 1/23/26, which pursuant to FOIL, requested:

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.

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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.

To the extent that your request is reasonably described, the Office of Court Administration has conducted a diligent search of available records and has not located any records responsive to your request.

No records responsive to your request are withheld or redacted pursuant to any provision of FOIL, and your request is now considered closed.

Pursuant to Public Officers Law § 89(4)(a), you have thirty (30) days to take a written appeal of this determination. You may appeal by writing:

Michael Siudzinski, Assistant Deputy Counsel
FOIL Appeals Officer
25 Beaver Street, 10th Floor
New York, NY 10004

Or you may submit such appeal by email to: FOILappeal@nycourts.gov

Sincerely,

FOIL Officer
Office of Court Administration
Agency Building 4 ESP, Suite 2001
Albany, NY 12223



From: FOIL <FOIL@nycourts.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 11:25 AM

To: elena@judgewatch.org; FOIL <FOIL@nycourts.gov>

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We have begun to process your request, and we will provide you with a response on or before February 26, 2026.

Sincerely,

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From: elena@judgewatch.org <elena@judgewatch.org>

Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 1:03 PM

To: records.access@exec.ny.gov; foil@nysenate.gov; whylandfm@nyassembly.gov; FOIL <FOIL@nycourts.gov>

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TO: Governor Hochul's FOIL Counsel/Records Access Officer Christopher Ritchey
Secretary of the Senate/Records Access Officer Alejandra Paulino, Esq.
Assembly Records Access Officer Fern Whyland
OCA Records Access Officer/Assistant Deputy Counsel Sevil N. Barber

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Thank you.

Elena Sassower, Director
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