# **Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)**

From:

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Sent:

Monday, August 9, 2021 2:08 PM

To:

'vancec@dany.nyc.gov'; 'pcuhotline@dany.nyc.gov'

Cc:

'FOIL@dany.nyc.gov'

Subject:

Your sua sponte investigation of Gov Cuomo's potential crimes --& the status of CJA's

June 9, 2021 FULLY-DOCUMENTED complaint of actual crimes by him, in which New

York County's state legislators are colluding beneficiaries

**Attachments:** 

6-9-20-complaint-ny-da-vance-corrected.pdf; new-york-signature.pdf; new-

york-7-29-20-da-foil.pdf; 9-8-20-to-nyt.pdf

#### TO: New York County District Attorney Cyrus Vance, Jr.

This follows media reports that – based on Attorney General James' <u>August 3, 2021 report</u> of Governor Cuomo's "sexual harassment" – you have requested that she furnish you with underlying investigative materials pertaining to acts committed in Manhattan so that you can determine whether they might support crimes by the Governor for you to prosecute.

This request was apparently sua sponte on your part, no complaint having been filed with you.

By contrast, it is now 14 months since I filed with you my above-attached June 9, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint, by the below June 9, 2020 e-mail, thereafter re-sending it to you at least four more times, by the below June 11, 2020 e-mail, the below July 29, 202 e-mail, the above-attached September 8, 2020 e-mail, and the below September 21, 2020 e-mail, presenting you with the *prima facie*, open-and-shut EVIDENCE of a succession of ACTUAL crimes committed by Governor Cuomo, in which New York County's 18 state legislators are actively collusive, pertaining to pay raises of which they and you are beneficiaries and the state budget. To this FULLY-DOCUMENTED complaint, which I also signed under penalties of Penal Law §175.30 and §210.45, I have received no response.

Is it your view that any potential crime by Governor Cuomo arising from his so-called "sexual harassment" of women with whom he flirted – as to which you had no filed complaint – compares to the ACTUAL crimes he committed, in concert with New York County's 18 state legislators, pertaining to fraudulent pay raises and the state budget, which my June 9, 2020 complaint EVIDENTIARILY establishes – and which has continued unabated and just as brazenly in this fiscal year, in this legislative session, and by New York County's state legislators.

Please advise and – if you are not recusing yourself for conflicts of interest and activating appropriate protocols for appointment of a special prosecutor, as is your duty – confirm that you or your staff will be promptly interviewing me, under oath, with respect to the June 9, 2020 complaint or that you will be directly putting me before a New York County grand jury so that it can perform its function under Article I, §6 of the New York State Constitution and Criminal Procedure Law Article 190 "to inquire into the wilful misconduct in office" of New York County's state legislators.

By the way, am I correct in assuming, based on the Attorney General's report, that Governor's Cuomo's potential Manhattan "sexual harassment" crimes that you have *sua sponte* chosen to investigate would, at most, be simple misdemeanors not requiring grand jury indictment?

Finally, as I have also received no response from your FOIL office to my above-attached July 29, 2020 FOIL request, other than a <u>July 29, 2020 automated acknowledgment</u>, I am re-sending it for response

Thank you.

Elena Sassower, Director Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) www.judgewatch.org 914-421-1200

From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org> Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 1:58 PM To: 'tips@nytimes.com' <tips@nytimes.com'; 'metro@nytimes.com' <metro@nytimes.com'; 'editorial@nytimes.com' <editorial@nytimes.com>; 'jemcki@nytimes.com' <jemcki@nytimes.com>; 'luis.ferre@nytimes.com' <luis.ferre@nytimes.com>; 'ryork@nydailynews.com' <ryork@nydailynews.com>; 'jgreenman@nydailynews.com' <igreenman@nydailynews.com>; 'eglazarev@nydailynews.com' <eglazarev@nydailynews.com>; 'gotis@nydailynews.com' <gotis@nydailynews.com>; 'news@nydailynews.com' <news@nydailynews.com' >; 'news@nydailynews.com' <news@nydailynews.com 'voicers@nydailynews.com' <voicers@nydailynews.com>; 'harrysiegel@gmail.com' <<u>harrysiegel@gmail.com</u>>; 'dslattery@nydailynews.com' <dslattery@nydailynews.com>; 'tips@nypost.com' <tips@nypost.com>; 'letters@nypost.com' <letters@nypost.com>; 'online@nypost.com' <online@nypost.com>; 'bhogan@nypost.com' <bhogan@nypost.com>; 'ccampanile@nypost.com' <ccampanile@nypost.com>; 'edit.features@wsj.com' <edit.features@wsj.com'>; 'wsjcontact@wsj.com' <wsjcontact@wsj.com'>; 'wsj.ltrs@wsj.com' <wsj.ltrs@wsj.com'>; 'jimmy.vielkind@wsj.com' <jimmy.vielkind@wsj.com>; 'tallon@cityandstate.com' <tallon@cityandstate.com>; 'sfarbman@cityandstate.com' <sfarbman@cityandstate.com>; 'ilentz@cityandstate.com' <jlentz@cityandstate.com>; 'rsomers@cityandstate.com' < <a href="mailto:rsomers@cityandstate.com">rsomers@cityandstate.com</a>; 'eholmberg@cityandstateny.com' <eholmberg@cityandstateny.com>; 'badler@cityandstate.com' <badler@cityandstate.com>; 'zwilliams@cityandstateny.com' <zwilliams@cityandstateny.com>; 'rlewis@cityandstate.com' <rlewis@cityandstate.com>; 'esolomon@cityandstate.com' <esolomon@cityandstate.com>; 'tips@cityandstate.com' <tips@cityandstate.com>; 'jere@thecity.nyc' <jere@thecity.nyc>; 'john@thecity.nyc' <john@thecity.nyc>; 'akatz@thecity.nyc' <akatz@thecity.nyc>; 'hgittens@thecity.nyc' <hgittens@thecity.nyc>; 'JVelasquez@thecity.nyc' <JVelasquez@thecity.nyc>; 'tparris@thecity.nyc' <tparris@thecity.nyc>; 'tips@thecity.nyc' <tips@thecity.nyc>; 'info@thecity.nyc' < info@thecity.nyc'; 'bmax@gothamgazette.com' < bmax@gothamgazette.com'; 'skhurshid@gothamgazette.com' <skhurshid@gothamgazette.com'; 'ethangs@gothamgazette.com' <ethangs@gothamgazette.com>; 'jarrett@citylimits.org' <jarrett@citylimits.org>; 'editor@citylimits.org' <editor@citylimits.org>; 'jen@gothamist.com'; 'jake@gothamist.com'; 'johnd@gothamist.com'; jencarlson@gothamist.com'; 'chris@gothamist.com'; 'ekim@gothamist.com'; 'joffenhartz@gothamist.com'; 'tips@gothamist.com'; 'blehrer@wnyc.org' <blehrer@wnyc.org>; 'FMogul@wnyc.org' <FMogul@wnyc.org>; 'press@wnyc.org' /press@wnyc.org>; 'john.mancini@journalism.cuny.edu' <john.mancini@journalism.cuny.edu>; 'sarah.bartlett@journalism.cuny.edu' <sarah.bartlett@journalism.cuny.edu>; 'tips@propublica.org' <tips@propublica.org>; 'stephen.engelberg@propublica.org' <stephen.engelberg@propublica.org>; 'dick.tofel@propublica.org' <dick.tofel@propublica.org>; 'robin.fields@propublica.org' <robin.fields@propublica.org>; 'scott.klein@propublica.org' <scott.klein@propublica.org>; 'charles.ornstein@propublica.org' <charles.ornstein@propublica.org>; 'eric.umansky@propublica.org' <eric.umansky@propublica.org> Cc: 'lkrueger@nysenate.gov' <lkrueger@nysenate.gov>; 'kavanagh@nysenate.gov' <kavanagh@nysenate.gov>; 'hoylman@nysenate.gov' <hoylman@nysenate.gov>; 'serrano@nysenate.gov' <serrano@nysenate.gov>; 'bbenjamin@nysenate.gov' <bbenjamin@nysenate.gov>; 'jackson@nysenate.gov' <jackson@nysenate.gov>; 'niouy@nyassembly.gov' <niouy@nyassembly.gov>; 'GlickD@nyassembly.gov' <GlickD@nyassembly.gov>; 'RosentL@nyassembly.gov' <RosentL@nyassembly.gov>; 'Rrodriguez@nyassembly.gov' <Rrodriguez@nyassembly.gov>; 'OdonnellD@nyassembly.gov' <OdonnellD@nyassembly.gov>; 'Dickensl@nyassembly.gov' <Dickensl@nyassembly.gov>; 'taylora@nyassembly.gov' <taylora@nyassembly.gov>; 'delaRosac@nyassembly.gov' <delaRosac@nyassembly.gov>; 'quartd@nyassembly.gov' <quartd@nyassembly.gov>; 'epsteinh@nyassembly.gov' <epsteinh@nyassembly.gov>; 'GottfriedR@nyassembly.gov' < GottfriedR@nyassembly.gov'; 'SeawrightR@nyassembly.gov' <SeawrightR@nyassembly.gov>; 'vancec@dany.nyc.gov' <vancec@dany.nyc.gov'; 'pcuhotline@dany.nyc.gov' pcuhotline@dany.nyc.gov

Subject: Manhattan Elections 2020 -- Informing the Voters with EVIDENCE: public corruption/grand jury complaint vs Manhattan's 18 state legislators -- ALL running for re-election -- which Manhattan D.A. Vance is "sitting on"

TO: New York Times
Daily News
New York Post
Wall Street Journal
City & State
The City
Gotham Gazette
City Limits
Gothamist & WNYC

NYCity News Service/Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism

**Pro Publica** 

As you know, Manhattan's 18 state legislators – ALL running for re-election, including Senate Finance Committee Chair Liz Krueger, Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Brad Hoylman, Senate Committee on Budget and Revenues Chair Brian Benjamin, and Administrative Regulations Review Commission Assembly Chair Dan Quart – are the subjects of a **fully-documented** public corruption/grand jury complaint, filed with Manhattan District Attorney Vance, who has been "sitting on" it. The complaint involves the "force of law" commission/committee scheme that gave all the legislators pay raises – and a legislature <u>not</u> operating at a remotely constitutional level.

The June 9, 2020 complaint, by the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), is above-attached – and below are the emails transmitting it and the above-attached July 29, 2020 FOIL request to D.A. Vance. CJA's substantiating evidentiary webpage for the complaint is here: <a href="http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm">http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm</a>.

As stated by the complaint, Manhattan voters are entitled to know that <u>their state legislators cannot be re-elected</u> <u>because they must be indicted for larceny and other corruption on EVIDENCE so DISPOSITIVE as to assure their convictions.</u>

To facilitate your inquiries of the complained-against state legislators and D.A. Vance, I am cc'ing them on this email. What, if anything, do they deny or dispute. Let them start where the complaint starts: my July 16, 2019 e-mail to Senate Finance Committee Chair Krueger and the Legislature's 14 other stipend-receiving leaders requesting that they forward the e-mail to the 198 other state legislators, with its attached July 15, 2019 written NOTICE and substantiating analysis establishing that the December 10, 2018 Report of the Committee on Legislative and Executive Compensation – raising their legislative salaries from \$79,500 to \$110,000 – is "'a fraud on the People of the State of New York – and a larceny of their tax dollars', violating a succession of penal laws, and that their duty was to void it, to return the payraise monies they had already received, and to initiate criminal prosecutions of the Committee's four members and abetting attorneys." The analysis is 46 pages, excluding exhibits. Will they furnish you with their findings of fact and conclusions of law? If not, I'm sure ordinary Manhattan citizens would be able to help you with what is obvious. Just accompany your story with links to the complaint and the evidentiary webpage so that they can see for themselves the open-and-shut, prima facie EVIDENCE that D.A. Vance has been withholding from a Manhattan grand jury.

I am available to answer your questions and assist you, to the max -- on a story not only upending each and every one of Manhattan's 14 state legislative races, but, additionally, ALL New York's other state legislative races and its 15 D.A. races - and that's for starters.

Thank you.

Elena Sassower, Director

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) < elena@judgewatch.org>

Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 8:55 AM

To: 'vancec@dany.nyc.gov' <vancec@dany.nyc.gov>

Subject: Reasonable questions arising from your nonfeasance: June 9, 2020 public corruption complaint in support of grand jury inquiry, pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution, of New York County state legislators...

### TO: New York County District Attorney Cyrus Vance, Jr.

I have received no acknowledgment or other response to my above-attached June 9, 2020 public corruption/grand jury complaint against New York County state legislators, which I sent you by the below e-mail, with a direct link to the substantiating evidentiary webpage: <a href="http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm">http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm</a>.

As the complaint presents evidence so prima facie and open-and-shut as to leave no doubt that a grand jury would speedily indict – and a trial jury speedily convict – the complained-against state legislators and their accomplices, your nonfeasance raises reasonable questions as to your performance with respect to *other* public corruption complaints filed by *other* members of the public. To help answer these questions, I have today filed a FOIL/information request with your FOIL/records access officer – to which you are cc'd. It is attached.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) < elena@judgewatch.org>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 3:25 PM

To: 'vancec@dany.nyc.gov' <vancec@dany.nyc.gov>

Subject: Superseding CORRUPTION COMPLAINT in support of grand jury inquiry, pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution, of NY County state legislators for "wilful misconduct in office", including larceny & fraud...

## TO: New York County District Attorney Cyrus Vance, Jr.

Please supersede the corruption/grand jury complaint sent by the below e-mail, with the attached, correcting typos and making other essentially minor changes. Apologies for the inconvenience.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) < elena@judgewatch.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 5:18 PM

To: 'vancec@dany.nyc.gov' <vancec@dany.nyc.gov>

Subject: CORRUPTION COMPLAINT in support of grand jury inquiry, pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution, of NY County state legislators for "wilful misconduct in office", including larceny & fraud...

## TO: New York County District Attorney Cyrus Vance, Jr.

Attached is my above-entitled corruption/grand jury complaint of today's date addressed to you – with a separate scanned signature page. The link for CJA's "GRAND JURIES" webpage for the complaint, hyperlinking, linking, and posting all referred-to evidence, is here: <a href="http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm">http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm</a>.

Should you require an original signed complaint, please notify me – and I will send it, immediately.

Thank you.

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