

Center for Judicial Accountability

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Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 5:54 PM
To: 'Morgan Pehme'
Cc: Jon Lentz (jlentz@cityandstateny.com); 'ashort@cityandstateny.com'
Subject: By way of thanks, Morgan, for our productive conversation earlier today & your assistance --

Here's CJA's FOIL requests to the Senate & Assembly for their **general state charges of fringe benefits – pension, health, social security, etc.** -- & their responses. ***It should take you no more than 15 minutes to read:***

Info & Document Request #2

[CJA's February 25, 2013 letter to Secretary of Senate & Assembly Public Information Office](#): "RE: The Legislature's Certified Itemized Estimates of its Financial Needs for Fiscal Year 2013-2014, as Required by Article VII, Sec. 1 of the NYS Constitution"

[Secretary of the Senate's March 4, 2013 e-mail](#) -- "Subject: Re: Legislature's Certified Itemized Estimates of its Financial Needs: NYS Constitution VII, Sec. 1"

[Assembly Public Information Office's March 4, 2013 e-mail](#) -- "Subject: FOIL request re. itemized estimates"

attachments: (1) [December 1, 2012 letter to Governor from Temporary Senate President Skelos & Assembly Speaker Silver](#); (2) [Legislative budget request for fiscal year 2013-2014](#)

Info & Document Request #3

[CJA's March 6, 2013 letter to Assembly Public Information Office](#) -- "RE: Where are the Legislature's Separately Presented 'Fringe Benefit Costs' for Fiscal Year 2013-2014?"

[Assembly Public Information Office's March 13, 2013 responding letter](#)

This is the kind of major story City & State needs, if it is going to be a powerful source of REAL news – and I discussed it with Jon Lentz back in April, guiding him to these primary-source documents, as well as to my FOIL request to the Governor, also for the Legislature's general state charges – so that City & State's then upcoming pension issue might include it.

As for CJA's April 2nd FOIL request to the Governor – and his response, let me know when you'd like me to send them to you. Otherwise you can find them yourself on the webpage pertaining to our April 15th corruption complaint to U.S. Attorney Bharara. Here's the direct link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/corruption-complaint-to-us-attorney-bharara.htm> .

Please do remember to tell Aaron Short that I would like to speak with him about the many e-mails that he should have received from me these past many months on the issues presented by CJA's April 15th corruption complaint.

Thank you.

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From: Morgan Pehme [mailto:mpehme@cityandstateny.com]

Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 1:51 PM

To: Center for Judicial Accountability

Subject: Re: Assemblywoman Inez Barron's call for Assembly Speaker Silver's Ouster -- & Michael Benjamin's column "Minorities Should Seek Answers, Not Excuses, for Corruption"

To access WSJ stories behind the paywall, Google the headline. In this case, it is:

Silver Faces More Assembly Dissent

On 5/31/13 1:03 PM, Center for Judicial Accountability wrote:

Dear Morgan,

Thank you for forwarding me yesterday's first read, but I cannot access:

“* Democratic Assemblywoman Inez Barron broke with her colleagues by calling on Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver to resign from his leadership post for his handling of the sexual harassment allegations against Vito Lopez, The Wall Street Journal reports: <http://on.wsj.com/11coWp3>”.

IT REQUIRES A SUBSCRIPTION. Did the WSJ post Assemblywoman Barron's letter – or did you post it elsewhere?

Meantime, here's the link to CJA's webpage posting our April 15th corruption complaint to US Attorney Bharara & correspondence with legislators about it, with a special webpage devoted to “Unequal Justice: Going after Black & Hispanic ‘Little Fish’, while the ‘Big White Whales’ Go Free”. Here's the direct link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/grand-larceny-of-public-fisc.htm>.

Our “Unequal Justice” webpage posts Azi Paybarah's video of Senator Sanders' May 11th forum “Attack on Black Leaders: Corruption or Conspiracy?” from which you can see what took place at that event, NOT revealed by Michael Benjamin in his yesterday's City & State column “*Minorities Should Seek Answers, Not Excuses, for Corruption*”, even in face of May 14th & May 17th e-mails that I sent him as to their significance, also posted.

To enable Mr. Benjamin to respond to what his column did not reveal – and to respond to the request presented by CJA's May 22nd letter to ALL Senators & Assembly members for legislative follow-up to Senator Sanders' May 11th forum as to the evidentiary significance of our April 15th corruption complaint in establishing invidious & selection investigation & prosecution – including by a hearing of the 48-member Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic, & Asian Legislative Caucus -- this e-mail is also being forwarded to him.

Thank you.

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