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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 5, 2016 1:45 PM  
**To:** 'Christopher Baker'  
**Subject:** YES! -- RE: STORY LEAD: Onondaga County's Budget & its Highest Paid Elected Official  
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Salaries are only part of the picture. What about the non-salary benefits like pensions, health insurance, etc. See July 14<sup>th</sup> FOIL request.

Also – and most importantly – you are assuming that the December 24, 2015 report of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation is legitimate. It is NOT. See July 8<sup>th</sup> letter.

Am tied up right now. What's your phone number? After you read the July 8<sup>th</sup> letter, we should speak. IT's a HUGE, EXPLOSIVE STORY...

Thanks.

Elena  
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**From:** Christopher Baker [mailto:cbaker@Syracuse.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 5, 2016 1:30 PM  
**To:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>  
**Subject:** RE: STORY LEAD: Onondaga County's Budget & its Highest Paid Elected Official ....

Elena,

Maybe I'm missing something, but I'm pretty sure my colleague Doug Dowty has covered what you're looking at:

[http://www.syracuse.com/crime/index.ssf/2016/04/onondaga\\_co\\_da\\_fitzpatrick\\_gets\\_a\\_25000\\_raise\\_but\\_other\\_local\\_das\\_get\\_even\\_more.html](http://www.syracuse.com/crime/index.ssf/2016/04/onondaga_co_da_fitzpatrick_gets_a_25000_raise_but_other_local_das_get_even_more.html)

Is there a new angle I'm not seeing?

Best,  
Chris

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) [mailto:elena@judgewatch.org]  
**Sent:** 10/4/2016 3:03 PM  
**To:** Christopher Baker <cbaker@Syracuse.com>  
**Subject:** STORY LEAD: Onondaga County's Budget & its Highest Paid Elected Official ....

Dear Chris,

I'd like to give you the lead on an explosive follow-up to your today's story, "*As Onondaga County tries to reduce payroll, Joanie Mahoney's brother gets pay bump*"