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Subject: Why are you wasting time? NYS GOP Chair Cox and GOP county chairs have the

OPEN-AND-SHUT EVIDENCE to bring down Cuomo, Schneiderman, DiNapoli -- & DeFrancisco -- for corruption. Do they DENY it requires criminal indictments?

Attachments: 8-10-17-open-ltr.pdf; 2-8-18-email-to-colety-westchester-republicans.pdf

TO: Ken Lovett/Daily News

This follows my voice mail message for you, this morning, regarding your today's column, "State GOP discontentment with Cox growing": http://www.nydailynews.com/news/politics/state-gop-discontentment-growing-article-1.3841408, wherein you state:

"With Republicans still split over who their gubernatorial candidate should be and no down ballot candidates having yet come to the fore, there's increasing fingerpointing by party county chairmen at long-time state GOP Chairman Ed Cox.

'There's grumbling and growing dissatisfaction with the performance of Ed Cox,' said one prominent Republican county leader. 'There's a general frustration out there that I haven't heard since 2010. It's a sentiment that's real. It's not regional and it's not unique to big counties or small counties.'

Several Republican county chairs criticized Cox for...seemingly running hot-and-cold over Senate Deputy Majority Leader John DeFrancisco, who is considered the front-runner.

'I would call him wildly inconsistent,' the county leader said of Cox. 'One week he's talking about finding other candidates; this week he seems pro-DeFrancisco.'"

This is preposterous. More than six weeks ago, by my below January 8, 2018 e-mail, GOP Chair Cox – a lawyer -- and the GOP county chairs were furnished with OPEN-AND-SHUT, *PRIMA FACIE* EVIDENCE that the state Republican Party could EASILY – and without money – bring down Democratic Incumbent Governor Cuomo, Democratic Incumbent Attorney General Schneiderman, and Democratic Incumbent Comptroller DiNapoli in a major corruption scandal that simultaneously brings down Republican Incumbent Senator DeFrancisco. What have they done, since then, to VERIFY this EVIDENCE and put out an ALERT for strong Republican candidates to "blow the whistle" about what has been going on – and lead the state Republican Party to victory?

Perhaps you have not yet examined the EVIDENCE, for yourself – including the succession of corruption and disciplinary complaints pertaining thereto that criminal and ethics authorities have been "sitting on" since 2013. You MUST do so, immediately. My below January 15, 2018 e-mail to you – also sent to Chair Cox and the Republican county chairs -- furnished handy election webpages for Cuomo, Schneiderman, and DiNapoli, posting everything. Here they are, again:

CUOMO: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2018/cuomo.htm

SCHNEIDERMAN: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2018/schneiderman.htm

DiNAPOLI: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2018/dinapoli.htm

Perhaps, too, you have not yet viewed the 10-minute VIDEO of my testimony before DeFrancisco at the Legislature's February 6, 2013 budget hearing, which the below e-mail chain furnished, together with the EVIDENCE that substantiated it. Here again is the pertinent webpage: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2017/feb-6-2013-testimony-evidence.htm. Indeed, I have since created a special election webpage for DeFrancisco: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/challengers/john-defrancisco.htm, aggregating the

EVIDENCE of his corruption, prior thereto and thereafter, in a chronological fashion comparable to the election webpages I created for Cuomo, Schneiderman, and DiNapoli.

What other reason is there for your not questioning state GOP Chair Cox and the GOP county chairs about all this EVIDENCE – long ago?

As you report that Westchester Republican Chair Doug Colety made an "unsolicited" call to you, defending Chair Cox, he should be among the first GOP county chairs that you now question. This is additionally appropriate as Chair Colety was an original recipient of the attached August 10, 2017 OPEN LETTER, summarizing ALL the EVIDENCE which my below January 8, 2018 e-mail subsequently furnished Chair Cox and GOP county chairs.

Needless to say, Chair Colety is surrounded by many Westchester Republican lawyers able to furnish him with expert opinion about the EVIDENCE. Among these, the two Republican lawyer-candidates who lost out to Julie Killian for the Republican nomination against Democratic candidate Assemblywoman Shelley Mayer to fill the 37th senate seat in the April 24, 2018 special election. They are Daniel Schorr, Esq. and Sarmad Khojasteh, Esq. – and I spoke directly with them and with Chair Colety, including, face-to-face, at the February 7, 2018 Westchester County Republican convention nominating Killian. As I can readily PROVE, Chair Colety – aided and abetted by attorneys Schorr and Khojasteh – are SELLING OUT Westchester Republicans and the state Republican Party with respect to the pivotal 37th Senate seat and Assemblywoman Mayer. The above attached February 8, 2018 e-mail – to which I received no response -- is but a portion of that PROOF.

Suffice to say that subsequent to my February 8, 2018 e-mail, I telephoned both Chair Colety and Mr. Schorr – a former prosecutor – alerting them that I had obtained the VIDEO of my testimony before Assemblywoman Mayer at the February 2, 2018 local forum on the state budget – and that it was electorally-EXPLOSIVE. The webpage on which the VIDEO is posted – with the EVIDENCE in substantiation – is here: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2018-legislature/feb-2-2018-budget-hearing-westchester-delegation.htm.

As matters now stand, Republicans have NO HOPE of defeating Assemblywoman Mayer for the 37th Senate seat – not only because Cuomo endorsed her, on February 20th, but because the Independence Party has given over its party line to her, as you yourself reported on February 19th: http://www.nydailynews.com/news/politics/westchester-county-independence-party-backs-dem-senate-race-article-1.3827611.

<u>Time is of the essence.</u> Please advise me, as immediately as possible, if it is NOT your intention to question Chair Cox and the GOP county chairs about the EVIDENCE – and as to the reason why -- so that I might be guided accordingly in my contacts with other journalists.

Thank you.

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Subject: THE MISSING BACKSTORY to your today's story on the Jan 10th GOP strategy meeting: The corruption "right at (Cuomo's) doorstep"

TO: Ken Lovett/New York Daily News

This follows our brief phone conversation earlier this afternoon – itself following the voice mail message I left for Manhattan GOP Chair Andrea Catsimatidis (212)-517-8444, occasioned by your today's story about the meeting she held on Wednesday, January 10th, "with more than 15 GOP operatives", to pursue a strategy of "focusing relentlessly on the issue of corruption when challenging Cuomo this year": http://www.nydailynews.com/news/politics/lovett-retail-union-offers-endorsement-cuomo-re-election-article-1.3757408.

Below is the e-mail I sent on Monday January 8th to Chair Catsimatidis and other GOP county chairs, as well as to State GOP Chair Ed Cox and party staff. Did GOP Chair Catsimatidis NOT receive it? How about the other "more than 15 GOP operatives" at the January 10th meeting? Was this January 8th e-mail NOT on the agenda of the January 10th meeting — if NOT the very reason the meeting was called? And what was done to verify its truth, *to wit*, that the Republican Party could "EASILY DEFEAT CUOMO, et al. -- & at NO COST"?

Presumably, your sources for your story were the "New York Republican consultants" – and, in particular, "Consultant O'Brien Murray" who "attended the meeting". They appear NOT to have told you about my January 8th e-mail,

including because Mr. Murray refers to the corruption issue as being "right at (Cuomo's) doorstep". That is NOT correct. The corruption particularized by my January 8th e-mail involves CUOMO, directly – as likewise, SCHNEIDERMAN, DiNAPOLI – the three statewide Democrats against whom the Republican Party is struggling to field candidates. Not a cent of campaign monies is required to bring them down politically – and to secure their indictment for "grand larceny of the public fisc" – than for a Republican candidate to hold a press conference and demand their findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to CJA's October 27, 2011 opposition report, about which I testified at the Legislature's February 6, 2013 budget hearing before then Senate Finance Committee Chairman John DeFrancisco – the VIDEO of which is here: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2017/feb-6-2013-testimony-evidence.htm.

By the way, here's the webpage I have created for CUOMO, SCHNEIDERMAN, and DiNAPOLI – each named defendants in CJA's citizen-taxpayer action, suing them for corruption with respect to the state budget, whose origin is the judicial and district attorney salary increases that, since April 1, 2012, have stolen from taxpayers approximately \$300 million dollars:

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These links are now accessible from CJA's webpage for former Republican gubernatorial contender Harry Wilson: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/challengers/harry-wilson.htm -- from whom I have heard nothing in response to the January 8th e-mail, which I sent him, expressly, for response. Surely, Daily News readers would be interested in knowing whether the Republican Party received any response from Mr. Wilson – and, if none, why it didn't demand one of him. Or does GOP Chair Cox, the county chairs, and other GOP operatives think they were well-served by Mr. Wilson's leading them on for so many, many months about his intentions, until January 1st, when he bowed out by his ridiculous and dissembling Facebook post.

Thank you.

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Subject: Alert to NYS Republican Party: YOU CAN EASILY DEFEAT CUOMO, et al. -- & AT NO COST

In the event my below e-mail to Chairman Cox has not yet been forwarded to you – the county chairs of the New York State Republican Party – it is below. I am available to assist you, to the max, in ousting corrupt incumbent public officers – beginning with Governor Cuomo, Attorney General Schneiderman, and Comptroller DiNapoli.

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TO: NYS REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIRMAN ED COX --

This morning's Politico bulletin began as follows:

"The words we heard from Republican leaders, operatives and apparatchiks this weekend were stark: 'panic, 'desperate,' and 'depressing.' NYGOP Chairman Ed Cox will convene his chiefs at the Fort Orange Club this morning to hear out the three remaining men seeking to challenge Gov. Andrew Cuomo and lead the 2018 ticket and, perhaps, brainstorm ideas for down-ballot contests. 'I think everything's got to be on the table,' Erie County GOP chairman Nick Langworthy said.

Thus far, the stories about the GOP ticket are the names not on the table. First it was Harry Wilson, the business adviser from Westchester, who was regarded as the party's best horse in no small part because he was willing to put up \$10 million of his own money. (Cuomo, next week, is expected to declare he has about \$30 million.) Then Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, too, waved off last week. Even as New York Republicans rise in Washington - there's Donald Trump, and people like Rep. Chris Collins of suburban Buffalo who are grabbing onto his star - they're struggling in New York.

'The truth of the matter is, it's very late,' said strategist Susan Del Percio. 'Anyone who is interested, unless they're extremely well-funded, needed to start running a year ago to raise money, get their name out there and raise awareness. And in this current environment, having President Trump in charge will scare away a lot of people - just look at the county executive races in Westchester and Nassau counties.'

We'll see if Cox, by this afternoon, will have some news and some names." (bold in original).

It plainly appears from this, from news articles, and from Harry Wilson's January 1st Facebook post, announcing his decision not to run for governor – and his reasons why — that you and the State Republican Party you lead are <u>unaware</u> of my below September 20, 2017 e-mail to Mr. Wilson, detailing how EASILY Cuomo and his fellow democratic statewide incumbents, Attorney General Schneiderman and Comptroller DiNapoli, can be defeated – and at NO COST – and that two candidates that the Republican Party should NOT be considering are Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb and Senate Deputy Minority Leader John DiFrancisco. Did Mr. Wilson NOT share it with you – and discuss what steps he took to verify its accuracy?

For immediate purposes – and so that you can understand how easy it was for Mr. Wilson to verify the TRUTH of my September 20th e-mail to him – here's the link to the webpage of my testimony before Senator DiFrancisco at the Legislature's February 6, 2013 budget hearing, calling upon him to secure from Governor Cuomo, from Attorney General Schneiderman, and from Comptroller DiNapoli, among others, their findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to the October 27, 2011 opposition report I handed up to him: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2017/feb-6-2013-testimony-evidence.htm. And what were Senator DiFrancisco's findings of fact and conclusions of law, with respect thereto – and Assembly Leader Kolb's, whose knowledge of the October 27, 2011 opposition report preceded Senator DiFrancisco's. You are a lawyer – and such findings of fact and conclusions of law as you yourself can readily make should suffice for you to recognize that the public officers involved – from Governor Cuomo on down – must be indicted for corruption whose cost, with respect to the statutorily-violative, fraudulent, and unconstitutional judicial and district attorney salary increases that were the subject of the October 27, 2011 opposition report, has been, to date, approximately \$300 million dollars, stolen from the taxpayers – a figure that presently increases by about \$60 million each year.

I have called Mr. Wilson's office this morning (914-623-8211), asking whether he shared my September 20th e-mail with you and what steps he took to verify its truth. The message I left was with his assistant Elena Milano, who confirmed for me – as she had previously – that she had furnished my September 20th e-mail to Mr. Wilson. I told her that I would now send the September 20th e-mail on to you and would cc her on the transmittal so that she could forward it on to Mr. Wilson for response.

Following that call, I telephoned the Albany headquarters of the State Republican Party (518-462-2601), gave a brief message to your administrative assistant, Deborah Smith, who assured me that she would forward this e-mail on to you, without delay.

I am available to speak with you <u>directly</u> – and to assist you, <u>to the max</u>, in securing what I believed Mr. Wilson was well-positioned to achieve: a "constitutionally-functioning, fiscally-accountable government to New York State".

For the convenience of all, including the press to whom I will be forwarding this e-mail, the e-mail will be posted on the webpage I had created, but not publicized, for Mr. Wilson's candidacy, accessible from the Center for Judicial Accountability's prominent homepage link: "OUTING CORRUPT & COLLUSIVE INCUMBENTS & Ending their Road to Re-Election & Higher Office in 2017, 2018, & Beyond – WITH EVIDENCE". The direct link is here: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/challengers/harry-wilson.htm.

Thank you.

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Subject: Winning the Governor's Race -- & Bringing Constitutionally-Functioning, Fiscally-Accountable Government to New York State

TO: Harry Wilson/Potential Candidate for New York State Governor -

This follows up my phone conversation earlier this afternoon with your assistant, Elena Milano, thanking you for your civic activism and willingness to undertake a public contest to be New York's next governor, facing off, most probably, against incumbent Governor Andrew Cuomo. We need someone like you, with the independence, born of substantial financial means, to clean up the <u>boundless</u> corruption that pervades all three branches of New York State government, in which BOTH parties – Democratic and Republican – are utterly collusive and whose gushing source and motivator is the 160-plus billion-dollar slush-fund New York State budget.

News reports indicate that you are willing to devote substantial amounts of your own money to fund your gubernatorial campaign. That is not necessary. All you need to catapult yourself as a candidate – indeed, a WINNING candidate – and galvanize support from voters of all political parties -- is to use the bully-pulpit that is your name recognition, most importantly, as the formidable 2010 Republican candidate against incumbent Democratic state comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, to expose the "grand larceny of the public fisc" in which Governor Cuomo, Comptroller DiNapoli, and their fellow Democratic and Republican public officers at the highest levels of New York's government have been engaged. This is EASY to do as they are ALL defendants in an unfolding citizen-taxpayer action whose ten causes of action particularize their FLAGRANT violations of the New York State Constitution, statutory law, caselaw, and legislative rules with respect to the legislative budget, the judiciary budget, and the executive budget. This includes the UNCONSTITUTIONALITY of Governor Cuomo's behind-closed-doors, "three-men-in-a-room" budget deal-making – the first lawsuit to ever challenge such perversion of our representative democracy.

The full record of the citizen-taxpayer action, which our non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), brought, in the public interest, on behalf of the People of the State of New York, is posted on our website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible via the prominent homepage link: "CJA's Citizen-Taxpayer Actions to END NYS' Corrupt Budget 'Process' and Unconstitutional 'Three Men in a Room' Governance". I showed the link to your assistant Elena, as likewise, the link entitled "OUTING CORRUPT & COLLUSIVE INCUMBENTS & Ending their Road to Re-Election & Higher Office in 2017, 2018, & Beyond – WITH EVIDENCE".

The EVIDENCE that brings down incumbent Governor Cuomo, incumbent Comptroller DiNapoli, incumbent Attorney General Schneiderman, and ALL incumbent Senators and Assembly members running for re-election next year – and does so in one fell swoop — is CJA's citizen-taxpayer action, suing them for corruption. This, of course, includes the state legislators whose names have surfaced, with yours, as possible Republican contenders for governor — Senate Deputy Majority Leader John DiFrancisco and Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb — whose corruption, in office, I can attest-to from many, many years of direct interaction with each, including as reflected in a mountain of documentary PROOF, which I can readily furnish, over and beyond what is embodied in the citizen-taxpayer record.

As another name that has bobbed up as a possible Republican contender against Governor Cuomo is Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino, who lost to Governor Cuomo in 2014 and now facing a substantial re-election challenge as county executive from Senator George Latimer, I recommend that you begin your reading of the odyssey that is CJA's citizen-taxpayer action by the summary of it presented by my attached August 10, 2017 OPEN LETTER to Reform Party Chair Curtis Sliwa about Senator Latimer's record, in office. As you can see from the below e-mail, it was transmitted to the Reform Party and to New York's seven other recognized political parties – the Republican Party, among them – and

also sent to County Executive Astorino. All the substantiating proof to the August 10th OPEN LETTER, including my January 2014 correspondence to County Executive Astorino, which could have WON him the governor's race against Cuomo in the November 2014 elections— and, for the Republican ticket, an electoral sweep — is posted on CJA's webpage for the OPEN LETTER. The direct link is here: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2017/8-10-17-open-ltr.htm.

I am available to assist you – and such lawyers and constitutional scholars as you assign to reviewing the citizen-taxpayer record, on your behalf – including by furnishing "hard copies" to facilitate review. As I am only a couple of blocks from your White Plains office, it would be especially easy for me to meet with you – and I would be most pleased to do so and to discuss the extraordinary opportunity you have to "fix the broken organization" that is New York State.

With appreciation and patriotism,

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Attached is the Center for Judicial Accountability's OPEN LETTER of today's date entitled "The NYS Reform Party of Curtis Sliwa MUST Rescind its Endorsement of, & Party Line to, Senator George Latimer for Westchester County Executive & the Other Parties Must Follow Suit – Unless they Deem Corruption in Office a Qualification", herewith sent to ALL eight recognized political parties and to the three candidates seeking election/re-election to the office of Westchester County Executive: Messrs. Latimer, Astorino, and Jenkins.

The OPEN LETTER is already posted on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible via the prominent link "OUTING CORRUPT & COLLUSIVE INCUMBENTS & Ending their Road to Re-Election & Higher Office in 2017, 2018, & Beyond – WITH EVIDENCE". The direct link to the webpage for the

letter, which also furnishes THE EVIDENCE on which it is based, is here: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/ending-the-road-latimer.htm.

I am available to answer questions, under oath, and to assist you to the max, toward what should be our common goal of open, honest, fiscally-responsible, responsive, and accountable government, such as we do NOT remotely have on the state level... You can change that!

Thank you.

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