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TO: Sara Rafsky, Kyle Pope, Betsy Morais, Emily Bell

It's now a full week since I sent you my below September 24th e-mail – and I have received no response. Have you responded? Please advise – and identify, as immediately as possible, where in the five counties of New York City – and/or in the 57 other counties of New York State – I can find the “local journalism” for my below **“TIP -- TIME-SENSITIVE LEAD -- Election Issue #1: What salary is to be paid the winners of NYC's 92 state legislative races? Is it \$110,000 - or \$79,500? The answer upends all the legislative races -- & that's for starters”**. Or is it your professional judgment that it is not a MAJOR, MAJOR news story, as to which **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE**.

Thank you.

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Dear Sara,

Thank you for your yesterday's e-mail. However I did not offer to share with you “insights on local news in New York City”. I offered to furnish you with “primary-source, documentary evidence” pertaining to “the integrity of [your] sources”. Your January 7, 2020 report *“Media Mecca or News Deserts? Covering local news in New York City”* in the *Columbia Journalism Review* identifies its “**METHODOLOGY**”, under that heading, at the outset, stating: “This study relied upon a series of interviews with 39 participants from 28 news outlets, one journalism academic center, and a philanthropic foundation.” In other words, you relied on interviews of persons you believed would be truthful. But were they? Let's take one example – The City – which you prominently featured, as by the following: