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This follows up the e-mail I sent you earlier today for “NEEDED INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM & SCHOLARSHIP BASED ON PRIMARY SOURCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE”, which, as I stated, will impact not only on the electoral race between incumbent state Senator O’Mara and Challenger Danks Burke for the 58<sup>th</sup> state Senate district seat, but on four other Tompkins County races – and that’s for starters. The first of these other Tompkins County races is for Tompkins County district attorney, where incumbent D.A. Van Houten is running unopposed on the Democratic line – the seven other lines of New York’s seven other recognized parties being empty. To assist you in grasping what is happening, in this election cycle, in that race and in the other state D.A. and state legislative races, below is the “GUIDE TO NYS’ 15 D.A. Races...” that I e-mailed on October 5<sup>th</sup> to the entire roster of Albany’s Legislative Correspondents Association. Beneath it is my October 4<sup>th</sup> e-mail to those same journalists entitled “ELECTION ALERT: NYS’ 15 D.A. races -- & the rigging of the 213 races for state Senate & Assembly seats”.

I will separately forward you additional PRIMARY SOURCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE pertaining to Tompkins County’s three other state legislative races on this year’s ballot: for the 54<sup>th</sup> and 51<sup>st</sup> state Senate district seats and for the 125<sup>th</sup> Assembly district seat.

As you will rapidly discover – if not already from the two links furnished by my initial e-mail – there is a goldmine here of PRIMARY SOURCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE for prize-winning investigative journalism and scholarship by Cornell University – and it will put a completely new and accurate light on what’s been happening in New York state politics and state and local governance – including the causes of, and easy cures for, Albany’s “culture of corruption”.

I look forward to hearing from you, as immediately as possible – time being of the essence.

Thank you.

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**Subject: GUIDE TO NYS' 15 D.A. RACES -- & the unfitness of ALL 15 D.A. incumbents & the few candidates running to succeed them**

**TO: ALBANY LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENTS ASSOCIATION MEMBERS**

Yesterday morning, I sent you an e-mail entitled "**ELECTION ALERT: NYS' 15 D.A. races -- & the rigging of the 213 races for state Senate & Assembly seats**". For your convenience, it is below this summarizing guide of the 15 D.A. races.

- **In nine of the 15 counties with D.A. races, there is only a single candidate on the ballot – the D.A. incumbent -- making those races sham. There are:**
  - In Erie County, where D.A. John Flynn is "sitting on" CJA's June 12, 2020 public corruption/grand jury complaint against Erie County state legislators and running for re-election, unopposed, on the lines of ALL eight of New York's recognized parties – Democratic, Republican, Independence, Conservative, Working Families, Green, Libertarian, and Serve America Movement (SAM), as to which he faced no primary challenge;