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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 5:13 PM
To: 'sr3617@columbia.edu'
Cc: 'kylepope01@gmail.com'; 'editors@cjr.org'
Subject: Your report "Media Mecca or News Desert? Covering local news in New York City"(Jan 7, 2020 Columbia Journalism Review) -- & the necessity of follow-up scholarship based on primary-source, documentary evidence

TO: Sara Rafsky – Senior Research Fellow/Tow Center for Digital Journalism-Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism

I have just discovered your e-mail address on your [bio webpage](#) – as part of the [Tow Center staff](#).

Are you aware of my efforts to speak with you, since shortly after publication of your January 7, 2020 report "[*Media Mecca or News Desert? Covering local news in New York City*](#)" in the [Columbia Journalism Review](#)? Below is the relevant chain of e-mail, beginning January 16, 2020, to [editors@cjr.org](#), in which I stated "I have a goldmine of primary-source, documentary evidence germane to the subject about which she writes, to the integrity of her sources, and to the necessity of follow-up scholarship."

Please call me, as soon as possible. Time is of the essence.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:11 AM
To: 'kylepope01@gmail.com' <kylepope01@gmail.com>; 'editors@cjr.org' <editors@cjr.org>
Subject: CJR's public editor for the NYT, Gabriel Snyder -- & Sara Rafsky

TO: Kyle Pope, Editor in Chief and Publisher/Columbia Journalism Review

I have no record of any response from you to my below January 27, 2020 e-mail, inquiring about CJR's public editor for [The New York Times](#). Did you respond? If not, please do so now.

Also, I never heard from Sara Rafsky. Please send me her contact information so that I may communicate with her directly. Time is of the essence.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgwatch.org>

Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 8:48 AM

To: 'Kyle Pope' <kylepope01@gmail.com>

Subject: Thank you & CJR's public editor for the NYT, Gabriel Snyder --

TO: Kyle Pope, Editor in Chief and Publisher/Columbia Journalism Review

Thank you for your response. I have much to contribute to critical scholarship on the state of journalism and, in particular, to fatal, self-inflicted wounds – and remedies.

I was most heartened to read your excellent June 11, 2019 article "*Meet your new public editors*": https://www.cjr.org/public_editor/meet-your-new-public-editors.php -- and commend you on the much-needed initiative. Is Gabriel Snyder still CJR's public editor for The New York Times – and, if so, what is the best contact for him? Will the generic publiceditors@cjro.org best reach him – or is a more personalized e-mail also available? On the internet I have found: gs@thewire.com.

Please advise.

Thank you.

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From: Kyle Pope <kylepope01@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 6:27 AM

To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgwatch.org>

Subject: Re: AGAIN: E-mail address requested for Sara Rafsky: "Media Mecca or News Desert?: Covering local news in New York City"/Columbia Journalism Review (Jan 7, 2020)

Elena,

We have forwarded your note to Sara. And apologies about the voice mail. We'll get it cleared up.

Kyle Pope
CJR

On Wed, Jan 22, 2020 at 10:20 AM Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgwatch.org> wrote:

TO: Columbia Journalism Review

I have received no response to my below January 16th e-mail -- & upon calling your phone number, 212-854-1881, minutes ago, I got the same voice mail message as when I called previously, which disconnects without allowing for the recording of a message from callers. Please advise.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2020 5:00 PM
To: 'editors@cjr.org' <editors@cjr.org>

Subject: E-mail address requested for Sara Rafsky: "Media Mecca or News Desert?: Covering local news in New York City"/Columbia Journalism Review (Jan 7, 2020)

TO: Columbia Journalism Review

Sara Rafsky's report "*Media Mecca or News Desert?: Covering local news in New York City*" in the January 7, 2020 Columbia Journalism Review has a "twitter" link to "follow the author", but no e-mail address for contacting her.

What is Ms. Rafsky's e-mail address? Please send it to me – and/or forward her this e-mail and my request that she call me, as soon as possible. I have a goldmine of primary-source, documentary evidence germane to the subject about which she writes, to the integrity of her sources, and to the necessity of follow-up scholarship.

By the way, are you aware that there is no voice mail feature for your phone number, 212-854-1881, listed on your "Contact" page: https://www.cjr.org/about_us/contact.php. It simply disconnects after reciting the message: "I'm sorry no one is available to take your call. Thank you for calling. Goodbye."

Thank you.

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