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Subject: Bronx Elections 2020 -- Informing Voters with EVIDENCE: public corruption/grand jury complaint vs Bronx's 16 state legislators -- 13 running for re-election -- which Bronx D.A. Clark is "sitting on"

Attachments: [6-8-20-complaint-bronx-da-clark-corrected.pdf](#); bronx-signature.pdf; [bronx-7-29-20-da-foil.pdf](#)

TO: **New York Times**
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As you know, Bronx's 16 state legislators – 13 running for re-election, including Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senate Committee on Ethics and Internal Governance Chair Alessandra Biaggi, Assembly Judiciary Committee Chair Jeffrey Dinowitz, Senate Codes Committee Chair Jamaal Bailey, and Senate Crime Victims, Crime and Correction Chair Luis Sepulveda – are the subjects of a **fully-documented** public corruption/grand jury complaint, filed with Bronx District Attorney Clark, who has been “sitting on” it. The complaint involves the “force of law” commission/committee scheme that gave all the legislators pay raises – and a legislature not operating at a remotely constitutional level.

The June 8, 2020 complaint, by the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), is above-attached – and below are the e-mails transmitting it and the above-attached July 29, 2020 FOIL request to D.A. Clark. CJA’s substantiating evidentiary webpage for the complaint is here:

<http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>.

As stated by the complaint, Bronx voters are entitled to know that their state legislators cannot be re-elected because they must be indicted for larceny and other corruption on EVIDENCE so DISPOSITIVE as to assure their convictions.

To facilitate your inquiries of the complained-against state legislators and D.A. Clark, I am cc’ing them on this e-mail. What, if anything, do they deny or dispute. Let them start where the complaint starts: my July 16, 2019 e-mail to Assembly Speaker Heastie and the Legislature’s 14 other stipend-receiving leaders requesting that they forward the e-mail to the 198 other state legislators, with its attached July 15, 2019 written NOTICE and substantiating analysis establishing that the December 10, 2018 Report of the Committee on Legislative and Executive Compensation – raising their legislative salaries from \$79,500 to \$110,000 – is “‘a **fraud** on the People of the State of New York – and a **larceny** of their tax dollars’, violating a succession of penal laws, and that their duty was to void it, to return the pay-raise monies they had already received, and to initiate criminal prosecutions of the Committee’s four members and abetting attorneys.” The analysis is 46 pages, excluding exhibits. Will they furnish you with their findings of fact and conclusions of law? If not, I’m sure ordinary Bronx citizens would be able to help you with what is obvious. Just accompany your story with links to the complaint and the evidentiary webpage so that they can see for themselves the open-and-shut, *prima facie* EVIDENCE that D.A. Clark has been withholding from a Bronx grand jury.

I am available to answer your questions and assist you, to the max -- on a story not only upending Bronx's 16 state legislative races, but, additionally, ALL New York's other state legislative races and its 15 D.A. races – and **that's for starters.**

Thank you.

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Subject: Reasonable questions arising from the nonfeasance of your Public Integrity Bureau --June 8, 2020 public corruption complaint in support of grand jury inquiry, pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution, of Bronx County state legislators...

TO: Bronx County District Attorney Darcel Clark

Apparently my June 11, 2020 e-mail to you, annexing the above June 8, 2020 public corruption/grand jury complaint against Bronx County state legislators, did not reach you – because I neglected to include the suffix: .gov. So, too, my below August 7, 2020 e-mail, with the above-attached July 29, 2020 FOIL/information request.

It would seem, therefore, that the nonfeasance, to date, is that of your “Public Integrity Bureau” – as to which your supervisory oversight is mandated. Apologies for my error.

Thank you.

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Subject: Reasonable questions arising from your nonfeasance: June 8, 2020 public corruption complaint in support of grand jury inquiry, pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution, of Bronx County state legislators...

TO: Bronx County District Attorney Darcel Clark

I have received no acknowledgment or other response from you to my above-attached June 8, 2020 public corruption/grand jury complaint against Bronx County state legislators, which I sent you on June 11, 2010 by an e-mail that furnished you with a direct link to the substantiating evidentiary webpage: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>. I have also received no follow-up from your so-called "Public Integrity Bureau" – and my communications with it are reflected by the below.

As the June 8th complaint presents evidence *so prima facie* and open-and-shut as to leave no doubt that a grand jury would speedily indict – and a trial jury speedily convict – the complained-against state legislators and their accomplices, your nonfeasance – and that of your "Public Integrity Bureau" – raise reasonable questions as to how you each perform with respect to *other* public corruption complaints filed by *other* members of the public. To help answer these questions, I filed a July 29, 2020 FOIL/information request with your records access officer, to which you are cc'd. It is attached.

Thank you.

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Subject: Status? -- June 8, 2020 CORRUPTION COMPLAINT in support of grand jury inquiry, pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution, of Bronx County state legislators for "wilful misconduct in office", including larceny & fraud...

TO: Assistant District Attorneys Thomas Montella & Sarah Clements/Public Integrity Bureau – Office of Bronx County District Attorney Darcel Clark
(&, additionally, Alexandra Ragusa)

I have not heard from you since our June 8th phone conversation, reflected by our below e-mail exchange. Nor have I heard from Bronx County District Attorney Clark, to whom I e-mailed my above-attached June 8th public corruption/grand jury complaint on June 11th – forwarding the e-mail to you immediately thereafter. Please advise as to the status of your investigation of the complaint, as I have today filed a FOIL/information request, to which D.A. Clark is cc'd – and I wish to properly represent the situation as relates to the June 8th complaint in my e-mail to her.

As the FOIL/information request is relevant to the Public Integrity Bureau – pertaining, as it does, to (1) the functioning of the Bronx County district attorney's office & performance of its duties with respect to public corruption complaints filed by members of the public; and (2) access to the Bronx County grand jury – it is attached.

Thank you.

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Subject: CORRUPTION COMPLAINT in support of grand jury inquiry, pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution, of Bronx County state legislators for "wilful misconduct in office", including larceny & fraud...

Dear Tom & Sarah,

Thank you for your extensive phone interview, allowing me to speak, at such length, about the above-attached corruption/grand jury complaint that I had finalized shortly before your call. The direct link for CJA's "GRAND JURIES" webpage for the complaint, hyperlinking, linking, and posting all referred-to evidence, is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>.

Tomorrow, I will send a signed original complaint to the below address, to your attention.

I am available to assist you, to the fullest, in what I believe you will readily discern to be a monumental, fully-documented public corruption case that, in one fell swoop – and in lightning speed -- will wipe out New York's "culture of corruption" – and return this state to constitutional, responsible, accountable governance for the benefit of ALL the People of the Bronx and the other 61 boroughs long-hostaged to its corruption.

Again, thank you.

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