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Subject: **ERIE COUNTY ELECTIONS 2020 -- Informing Voters with EVIDENCE: public**

> corruption complaint vs Erie County's 13 state legislators --11 running for re-election or higher office -- which Erie County D.A. Flynn, also running for

re-election, is "sitting on"

Attachments: 6-12-20-complaint-erie-da-flynn.pdf; erie-signature.pdf;

erie-7-27-20-da-foil.pdf

TO: Buffalo News
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As you know, Erie County's 13 state legislators – 9 running for re-election and 2 running for higher offices – are the subjects of a **fully-documented** public corruption/grand jury complaint, filed with Erie County District Attorney Flynn, himself running for re-election, who has been "sitting on" it. The complaint involves the "force of law" commission/committee scheme that gave <u>all 14 of them</u> pay raises – and a legislature <u>not</u> operating at a remotely constitutional level.

The June 12, 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 27, 2020 FOIL request to D.A. Flynn. 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, Erie County voters are entitled to know that <u>their state legislators cannot be</u> <u>re-elected or elected to higher offices because they must be indicted for larceny and other corruption on EVIDENCE so DISPOSITIVE as to assure convictions.</u> So, too, retiring Senator Ranzenhofer and Assemblyman Schimminger, who will be pocketing *salary-based* pensions which are also larcenous.

To facilitate your inquiries of the complained-against state legislators and D.A. Flynn, 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 Majority Leader Peoples-Stokes 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 Erie County 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. Flynn has been withholding from an Erie County grand jury to maintain his own fraudulently-boosted D.A. salary, paid by Erie County taxpayers.

I am available to answer your questions and assist you, <u>to the max</u> -- on a story not only upending Erie County's state legislative and D.A. races, but, additionally, ALL New York's other state legislative races and its 14 other D.A. races – and **that's for starters**.

Thank you.

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

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Subject: Reasonable questions arising from your nonfeasance: June 12, 2020 public corruption complaint in support of grand jury inquiry, pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution, of Erie County state legislators...

TO: Erie County District Attorney John Flynn

I have received no acknowledgment or other response from you to my above-attached public corruption/grand jury complaint against Erie County state legislators, which I sent you at 11:49 am on Friday, June 12, 2020 by the below e-mail, with a direct link to the substantiating evidentiary webpage: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm. A short time earlier, I had submitted it to your Public Integrity Unit, *via* its website portal: https://www2.erie.gov/da/index.php?q=public-integrity-complaint-form. As the portal has NO attachment feature, I stated: "The complaint of today's date, addressed to Erie County District Attorney Flynn, is posted on the website of the non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), here: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/da-complaints-to-soares-plus-61-more.htm.

Seemingly, it was in response to that portal transmittal – or to the phone message I had left about the complaint, also on Friday morning June 12th (716-858-2424) – that I received a phone call on Monday, June 15th, at about 9:30 a.m., from a female staffer who tried to brush me off, without having read the complaint or examining its substantiating proof. My reply was to guide her to CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, and the relevant webpages. After eye-balling the posted complaint and the evidence substantiating it, the staffer quickly disconnected the call, as I was asking her name.

It takes no more than "eye-balling" the complaint and its substantiating evidence to know that a grand jury would speedily indict — and a trial jury speedily convict — the complained-against Erie County state legislators and their accomplices. Consequently, your nonfeasance raises reasonable questions as to your performance with respect to *other* public corruption complaints filed by *other* members of the public. So, too, the non-feasance of your "Public Integrity Unit". To help answer these questions, I have today filed a FOIL/information request with Erie County FOIL Officer & Second Assistant County Attorney Jeremy Toth — to which you are cc'd. It is attached.

Thank you.

Elena Sassower, Director Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) _____

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Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 11:49 AM

To: 'John.flynn@erie.gov' <<u>John.flynn@erie.gov</u>>

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

TO: Erie County District Attorney John Flynn

This follows the voice mail message I left a short time ago, requesting an e-mail address for you, because your electronic Public Integrity Unit complaint form, https://www2.erie.gov/da/index.php?q=public-integrity-complaint-form, which I have since utilized, does not have an attachment feature. I am assuming your e-mail follows the format of your predecessor, Acting District Attorney Michael Flaherty, which was Michael.flaherty@erie.gov.

Attached is my above-entitled corruption/grand jury complaint of today's date addressed to you — with a separate scanned signature page. The 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.

Thank you.

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