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Subject: Tompkins County Elections 2020--Informing Voters with EVIDENCE: public
corruption/grand jury complaint vs Tompkins County's 4 state legislators -- 2 seeking
re-election -- which Tompkins County D.A. Van Houten, also seeking re-election, is
"sitting on"
Attachments: tompkins-6-15-20-complaint-vanhouten.pdf; tompkins-signature.pdf;
tompkins-7-28-20-da-foil.pdf

TO: Ithaca Journal
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Tompkins County's four state legislators – two running for re-election – are the subjects of a **fully-documented** public corruption/grand jury complaint, filed with Tompkins County District Attorney Van Houten, also running for re-election, who has been "sitting on" it. The complaint involves the "force of law" commission/committee scheme that gave all five of them pay raises – and a legislature that is not operating at a remotely constitutional level.

The June 22, 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 31, 2020 FOIL request to D.A. Van Houten. 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, Tompkins County voters are entitled to know that their state legislators must be indicted for larceny and other corruption on EVIDENCE so DISPOSITIVE as to assure convictions.

To facilitate your inquiries of the complained-against state legislators and D.A. Van Houten, 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 Senate Finance Committee Chair Seward 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 Tompkins 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. Van Houten has been withholding from a Tompkins County grand jury to maintain his own fraudulently-boosted D.A. salary, paid by Tompkins County taxpayers.

I am available to answer your questions and assist you, to the max -- on a story not only upending Tompkins 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>

Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 2:05 PM

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Subject: Reasonable questions arising from your nonfeasance: June 15, 2020 public corruption complaint in support of grand jury inquiry, pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution, of Tompkins County state legislators...

TO: Tompkins County District Attorney Matthew Van Houten

I have received no acknowledgment or other response to my June 15, 2020 public corruption/grand jury complaint against Tompkins County state legislators, which I sent you 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>.

As the 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 Tompkins County state legislators and their accomplices, your nonfeasance raises reasonable questions as to your performance with respect to *other* public corruption complaints filed by *other* members of the public. To help answer these questions, I have today filed a FOIL/information request with Tompkins County Administrator & Records Access Officer Jason Molino – to which you are cc'd. 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 Tompkins County state legislators for "wilful misconduct in office", including larceny & fraud...

TO: Tompkins County District Attorney Matthew Van Houten

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>.

Should you require an original signed complaint, please notify me – and I will send it, immediately.

Thank you.

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