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Subject: Required Correction to Your Article: "'It's a Kill Shot': How Tish James Holds Cuomo's Future in Her Hands" (Politico Magazine, March 10, 2021) -- & LEAD, based on FULLY-DOCUMENTED corruption & ethics complaints
Attachments: 6-4-20-complaint-albany-da-soares-revised.pdf; albany-7-23-20-da-foil.pdf

TO: Politico – Anna Gronewold

Your lengthy March 10, 2021 magazine article ***"'It's a Kill Shot': How Tish James Holds Cuomo's Future in Her Hands"***, lauding Attorney General Letitia James and clearing the way not only for her 2022 re-election, but for a 2022 gubernatorial run, is in dire need of correction because it is materially false and misleading.

Attorney General James is a corrupt, self-serving public officer – and would have already been exposed as such and removed from office, together with Governor Cuomo, Lt. Governor Hochul, Comptroller DiNapoli, the 213 state legislators, and a multitude of New York judges, none more important than the seven of the New York Court of Appeals, were this state's safeguarding checks and balances remotely operational, which they are not. As evident from my below October 4, 2020 e-mail to you, with its two above-attachments, you are already familiar with my June 4, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint against ALL of them, filed with Albany County District Attorney Soares, furnishing a synopsis of the situation and their penal law violations, focused on the fraudulent, statutorily-violative, and unconstitutional pay raises they have procured for themselves – and district attorneys -- by "false instrument" committee/commission reports and a state budget that is "OFF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RAILS", stealing taxpayer monies by an avalanche of constitutional, statutory, and legislative rule violations. Did you – and your colleagues at Politico – not read it?

D.A. Soares' response to the June 4, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint, by a July 27, 2020 letter, was to purport that the Joint Commission on Public Ethics (JCOPE) and the Legislative Ethics Commissions (LEC) were the "appropriate entities" to investigate. Based thereon, I filed the June 4, 2020 complaint with JCOPE and LEC on March 5, 2021 – with the particulars, **as relates to Attorney General James**, detailed in an accompanying February 11, 2021 complaint against her and her culpable attorneys filed with New York's attorney grievance committees, itself accompanied by an elaborating February 7, 2021 complaint filed with the Commission on Judicial Conduct.

Just as CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, has a webpage for the June 4, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint, with ALL of its referred-to open-and-shut, *prima facie* EVIDENTIARY PROOF there accessible: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>, so too are there comparable EVIDENTIARY webpages:

for the March 5, 2021 complaint to JCOPE/LEC: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/jcope/3-5-21-complaint-to-jcope-lec.htm>;

for the February 11, 2021 complaint to the attorney grievance committees: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/attorney-discipline/feb-11-21-complaint-vs-james-etc.htm>; and

for the February 7, 2021 complaint to the Commission on Judicial Conduct: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/cjc/feb-7-21-cjc-complaint.htm>.

I also filed corruption complaints with the FBI and New York's four U.S. Attorneys, on October 16, 2020, November 4, 2020, and December 19, 2020 based on the June 4, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint and the 61 materially-identical other grand jury/public corruption complaints I had filed with New York's 61 other district attorneys. These are also posted on CJA's website: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-federal/oct-16-2020-complaint-to-fbi-us-att-bacon.htm>.

Needless to say, the federal investigation of the Cuomo administration's under-reporting of the nursing home covid deaths by U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York Seth Ducharme, resulting from A.G. James' January 28, 2021 report, must be seen in the context of his knowledge of the FULLY-DOCUMENTED December 19, 2020 corruption complaint against Cuomo, et al that he has been "sitting on".

So, too, must A.G. James' appointment of the former U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York Joon Kim to investigate the sexual harassment allegations against Cuomo be seen in the context of the EVIDENCE of his "protectionism" of Cuomo, et al.: first while he was working for U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara, to whose office I had hand-delivered a FULLY-DOCUMENTED April 15, 2013 corruption complaint against Cuomo, et al, followed by further communications and correspondence, spanning from 2013-2015, including pertaining to Cuomo's rigged, D.A.-stacked Commission to Investigate Public Corruption and the cover-up of JCOPE's readily-verifiable corruption, protecting Cuomo, et al – and then, as U.S. Attorney, when I hand-delivered a FULLY-DOCUMENTED September 27, 2017 corruption complaint (& here). At every step of the way, the EVIDENCE I furnished to then U.S. Attorney Bharara and then U.S. Attorney Kim was then, as now, open-and-shut and *prima facie* for securing indictments and convictions of New York's highest public officers, starting with Cuomo. The webpage on which these EVIDENCE-laden complaints and correspondence are accessible is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-federal/bharara-kim-complaints-correspondence.htm>.

Please be further advised that apart from A.G. James' deceit to you – as, for instance, in purporting:

"It's a priority of mine to stay close to the ground and to be humble and to identify with people... I never want to lose that quality — never, ever. So I will not be in my white ivory tower. I will be on the ground with the people always and forever.",

which you accepted, hook-line-and-sinker, several of your sources are knowledgeable of the systemic governmental corruption, involving Cuomo – which A.G. James had the duty to prosecute, from her day 1 in office on January 1, 2019 – and to speak up about it, as a candidate for attorney general, after I furnished her, *in hand*, on July 16, 2018, with a copy of a May 16, 2018 NOTICE/complaint to then Interim Attorney General Underwood about the *modus operandi* of litigation fraud utilized by prior attorneys general to defeat meritorious lawsuits against the state to which there was NO legitimate defense and also handed her, in substantiation, EVIDENCE consisting of the appeal brief and 3-volume record on appeal in the CJA v. Cuomo...Schneiderman...DiFiore citizen-taxpayer action – the same as I would hand up to the Committee on Legislative and Executive Compensation, in testifying before it on November 30, 2018, as DISPOSITIVELY establishing that the state budget is "OFF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RAILS" and that the Legislature is not operating at a constitutional level, precluding pay raises. These sources are: (1) Lupe Todd-Medina, who you describe as "a political consultant who has known James for years and considers her a friend", with whom I spoke, by phone, on May 27, 2020 – thereupon sending her an e-mail; (2) Zephyr Teachout, to whom, as an attorney general candidate, I gave, on July 16, 2018, a copy of the same May 16, 2018 NOTICE/complaint, appeal brief, and 3-volume record as I gave to A.G. Candidate James and who, over and again, since 2014, I had reached out to, with EVIDENCE, only to discover her complete refusal to respond because doing so would undermine her "progressive" agenda whose advance would be impeded by constitutional, lawful governance – and EVIDENCE; and (3) former U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara, who moderated a debate between them and other A.G. Democratic primary candidates on September 6, 2018 and who had covered up, totally, for Cuomo and his sham, corruption-perpetuating Commission to Investigate Public Corruption that had covered up for him – the EVIDENCE for which is accessible from CJA's prominent homepage center link: "Exposing the Fraud of the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption -- & Preet: NY's UNTOUCHED 'culture of corruption' -- Pay Raises, JCOPE, Judicial & Attorney Discipline, etc".

As for your quoted comment of former NY Mayor Bloomberg's "longtime communications guru" Stu Loeser, stating, with respect to A.G. James, "we have not seen a single story of a dumb thing that has come out of the attorney general's office or a hypocrisy where someone's dropped a dime on her", it reinforces that it is long past time that the press report on A.G. James' *readily-verifiable* hypocrisy about the rule of law, equal justice, and rooting out corruption and her flagrant repetition of the *modus operandi* of litigation fraud of her predecessor attorneys general, including her "mentor" former A.G. Robert Abrams, to perpetuate systemic governmental corruption, as proven by the aforesaid FULLY-DOCUMENTED complaints.

As I have previously stated in my many prior e-mails to you and your fellow Politico reporters – and in e-mails to senior editor Terry Goloway "responsible for New York state political coverage out of Albany", I am available to assist you, to the max. **Please confirm, as immediately as possible, that based on the complaints, Politico will be publishing a corrective follow-up to your March 10th article and its embedded podcast.**

Suffice to add that the above series of corruption and ethics complaints put the LIE to Cuomo's claim – which was his excuse for closing down the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption, following his behind-closed doors, three-men-in-a-room budget deal-making –

"We have plenty of enforcement mechanisms by and large...I don't believe we needed yet another bureaucracy for enforcement. We needed laws changed",

to which the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption's Co-Chair Onondaga County D.A. Fitzpatrick gave echo:

"The problem was not that the state lacked adequate prosecution capacity. After all, we have sixty-two District Attorneys, four U.S. Attorneys, and a statewide Attorney General. The problem was the weakness of laws addressing official misconduct...",

Indeed, the complaints EVIDENTIARILY establish that the state Senate and Assembly members clamoring for Cuomo's resignation and/or impeachment – and the senators and Court of Appeals judges who would constitute a court of impeachment (NYS Constitution, Article VI, §24)-- must themselves resign and/or be impeached – and that everyone in a line of gubernatorial succession, beginning with Lieutenant Governor Hochul, must be criminally prosecuted – and will be convicted. This is yet a further MAJOR story, for which – for now – you have the LEAD.

Thank you.

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TO: Anna Gronewold/Politico

This should reach you now, as it had bounced back due to my error in your e-mail address. Please furnish this to your top editors – and to Politico's publisher/owners --- if you deem this not to warrant IMMEDIATE investigation and reporting by Politico.

Thank you.

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Subject: ELECTION ALERT: NYS' 15 D.A. races -- & the rigging of the 213 races for state Senate & Assembly seats

TO: ALBANY LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENTS ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

New York's 213 races for state Senate and Assembly seats are being rigged by New York's 62 district attorney – 14 of whom are running for re-election/election and 1 defeated in a primary. They are ALL "sitting on" FULLY-DOCUMENTED public corruption/grand jury complaints against state legislative incumbents – most running for re-election and higher office. The complaints – 62 in number – establish, with **open-and-shut, prima facie EVIDENCE**, that the legislative incumbents have stolen taxpayer monies, including by their **OWN** salary raises and by the Legislature's **OWN** budget, and that they have NOT been doing their jobs, indeed, that the Legislature does NOT function at a constitutional level.

The complaints, by the non-partisan, nonprofit citizens' organization Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), are posted on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible from its prominent center link: "ELECTIONS 2020 – Taking Out Corrupt & Collusive Legislative Incumbents & Conspiring D.A.s – *All Beneficiaries of Statutory-Violative, Fraudulent, Unconstitutional Pay Raises & Other Larcenies of Taxpayer Monies*". The direct link is [here](#). The direct link to the separate substantiating EVIDENTIARY webpage is [here](#).

Each of the 62 complaints is materially-identical, except for the first, to Albany County District Attorney P. David Soares – and that is because he alone has criminal jurisdiction over ALL 213 state Senate and Assembly members, in addition to the Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, and such Albany-based judges as the seven of the NY Court of Appeals. For that reason – and because D.A. Soares is himself running for re-election – that "master" June 4, 2020 complaint is above-attached – and the e-mails transmitting it and CJA's related above-attached July 23, 2020 FOIL request to D.A. Soares are below.

On behalf of the voters of the State of New York – and in discharge of your constitutional press responsibilities – you MUST question D.A. Soares, the 61 other D.A.s, and the complained-against legislative incumbents. To facilitate your doing so, I e-mailed ALL of them last month giving them notice to expect press inquiries. Is there anything in the FULLY-DOCUMENTED complaints they deny or dispute? Let them start where the complaints start: [my July 16, 2019 e-mail to the 15 stipend-receiving legislative 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 citizens** would be able to help you with what is [obvious](#). Just accompany your stories with links to [the 61 complaints](#) and [the evidentiary webpage](#) so that they can see [for themselves](#) the **open-and-shut, prima facie EVIDENCE** that New York's 62 D.A.s have been withholding from grand juries, enabling corrupt legislative incumbents -- who must be indicted and will be convicted – to freely posture as faithful public servants and run for re-election, mostly unopposed or in races not competitive, thanks to the legislators' self-dealing non-feasance in office.

I am available to answer your questions and assist you, [to the max](#) on this EASY-TO VERIFY major election news story upending **ALL** 15 of New York's district attorney races and **ALL** 213 of its state legislative races – and **that's for starters**.

Thank you.

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Subject: Your wilful nonfeasance & violation of duties: June 4, 2020 public corruption complaint in support of an Albany County grand jury inquiry of "wilful misconduct in office of public officers", pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution...

TO: Albany County District Attorney P. David Soares

I have received no acknowledgment or other communication from you or from your Public Integrity Unit to my June 4, 2020 public corruption/grand jury complaint – just as, likewise, I received none to my four prior public corruption complaints dated July 19, 2013, January 7, 2014, June 21, 2016, and March 6, 2018.

The standard for grand jury indictments, “legally sufficient evidence”, is identified by your Public Integrity Unit, whose webpage about itself, <http://albanycountyda.com/Bureaus/PublicIntegrityUnit/about.aspx>, reads, in full:

“The Public Integrity Unit is a manifestation of the Albany County District Attorney’s commitment to abide by one standard of justice for all. No person, no matter their rank or affiliation, is above the law. Nowhere does this principle apply more meaningfully than to our elected officials. Endowed with the public trust, our elected officials and government employees are expected to act for the benefit of the citizens of Albany County, and not for personal profit or gain. On the other hand, great caution must be exercised to ensure that no person suffers personal or professional disrepute because of the dissemination of baseless or unfounded allegations of criminal conduct. For that reason, no criminal charge can be leveled unless and until supported by **legally sufficient evidence**. Integrity means that criminal charges are prosecuted in the courtrooms of our state, in a manner that is fair, just and above reproach.” (bold added).

Each of my five complaints not only furnished “legally sufficient evidence”, but 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 public officers and their accomplices.

As your wilful nonfeasance and violation of duties with respect to these fully-documented complaints raises reasonable questions as to your performance with respect to *other* public corruption complaints filed by *other* members of the public, I have today filed a FOIL/public information request with Albany County’s Public Information Officer to help answer those questions. A copy is attached.

Finally, I take this opportunity to correct the obvious error, at page 5 of the June 4, 2020 corruption/grand jury complaint, in the first name of Assemblywoman Fahy, which is Patricia, not Patrick. Please supersede with the attached complaint correcting page 5.

Thank you.

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Subject: Superseding CORRUPTION COMPLAINT in support of an Albany County grand jury inquiry of "wilful

misconduct in office of public officers", pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution -- & indictments based on CJA's July 15, 2019 NOTICE and analysis...

TO: Albany County District Attorney P. David Soares

Please supersede the corruption/grand jury complaint sent by the below June 4th e-mail, with the attached, correcting typos and making other essentially minor and clarifying changes. The superseding original will now be mailed.

Apologies for the inconvenience.

Thank you.

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Subject: CORRUPTION COMPLAINT in support of an Albany County grand jury inquiry of "wilful misconduct in office of public officers", pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution -- & indictments based on CJA's July 15, 2019 NOTICE and analysis...

Attached is the Center for Judicial Accountability's above-entitled corruption complaint of today's date. Original will be mailed. CJA's webpage on which it will be posted is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>

Thank you.

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