

Cuomo Ignores Questions on Sexual Harassment

Governor Cuomo remains silent on sexual harassment allegations in midst of secret settlement, resignation and promotion of top State officials

ALBANY, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES, November 4, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- As news of another sexual harassment case secretly settled for \$50,000 surfaces publicly, Gov. Cuomo remains silent? Governor Cuomo cannot continue to remain silent regarding Jay Kiyonaga, who was quietly promoted following allegations of sexual harassment and workplace violence

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<http://www.einpresswire.com/press-releases/preview/2394542> . The New York Post first broke this story about Jay Kiyonaga titled “Top Cuomo official claims former boss sexually harassed employees” <http://nypost.com/2017/10/23/top-cuomo-official-claims-former-boss-sexually-harassed-employees/> . This story was picked up by many media outlets including CBS News which added an important piece to this

puzzle; their story is titled “Former Cuomo aide claims harassment by superior” <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/patricia-gunning-cuomo-administration-aide-claims-harassment-by-superior/> . Governor Cuomo must break his silence and he must take emergency actions to protect women, as well as people with developmental disabilities in possible danger.

Calls for the firing of Jay Kiyonaga to the Governor and his Deputy Secretary of Health, Paul Francis, by Michael Carey, the founder of the Jonathan Carey Foundations for many months before these sexual harassment allegations surfaced publicly went ignored. Instead of Jay Kiyonaga being fired for allegations of covering –up sex crimes and deaths of people with disabilities, Jay Kiyonaga was left in his position for many months and then secretly promoted by Governor Cuomo.

The questions now are why is Jay Kiyonaga still employed by New York State? Why was Jay Kiyonaga not removed and fired long ago? Why was everything kept quiet by Governor Cuomo and his administration? Why was Jay Kiyonaga promoted instead? How many women were involved? Why is the governor silent and not taking emergency actions? Why is the governor who usually claims he champions women rights not being a strong voice and leader on the sexual harassment issue that has gained national attention? Is there some sort of political blackmail happening in this case because of so much controversial news about Governor Cuomo’s Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs (Justice Center), which Kiyonaga headed? What really happened behind closed doors in secret within the Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs offices? What would Jay Kiyonaga know that possibly could hurt the governor that would allow him to get promoted instead of fired? What skeletons are in this closet?

Following the NY Post story regarding allegations of sexual harassment by Jay Kiyonaga another top State official and ally of Governor Cuomo resigned. This news story titled, “LANGWORTHY QUESTIONS GOVERNOR’S KNOWLEDGE OF HOYT SETTLEMENT” is extremely powerful

because the Governor must have close knowledge and possible involvement in these cases. <http://www.spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/top-stories/2017/11/02/langworthy-questions-governor-s-knowledge-of-hoyt-settlement-> . These additional news stories also raise questions regarding what Governor Cuomo knew and what was he possibly involved in <http://www.wgrz.com/news/local/hoyts-departure-continues-to-raise-questions/488131188> . The Buffalo News story titled, "State offers no answers to questions surrounding Hoyt departure" speaks volumes <http://buffalonews.com/2017/11/01/state-offers-no-answers-to-questions-surrounding-hoyt-departure/> - gee I wonder why? Governor Andrew Cuomo must personally answer the questions above, as well as the ones the Buffalo News is asking;

"Why did Hoyt's boss, Howard A. Zemsky, applaud Hoyt's record when investigations were under way over allegations that Hoyt had sexually harassed a state employee?

Why did Hoyt, a close official and political operative of Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo, "separate from state service" at the Empire State Development Corp. only this week when a probe of his romantic relationship with the a fellow state employee began months ago?

Were Hoyt's superiors aware of a \$50,000 settlement that he paid the state employee in return for her silence and a promise to not seek legal recourse?"

Governor Cuomo, it is time you break your silence on sexual harassment and these two top State officials, you must answer these tough questions yourself, including what you personally knew and when? Governor Cuomo, what was your involvement?

Enough is enough of either the extreme silence or flippant one- liners from your press office governor – answer all the questions surrounding Kiyonaga and Hoyt. Governor Cuomo, your silence and refusal to answer questions regarding these specific sexual harassment allegations only raises further questions that could implicate you or make people believe you have something to hide. Sexual harassment is extremely serious. Covering up sex crimes and deaths of people with disabilities is extremely serious.

It is important to end this press release with a New York State document that reveals Mr. Kiyonaga's alleged involvement in covering-up deaths of people with disabilities <http://www.justicecenter.ny.gov/sites/default/files/documents/JusticeCenterDeathReportingClarification12-17-15.pdf> . The law requires County Medical Examiners and Coroners to be investigating all deaths in institutional settings, not provider agency staff, as Mr Kiyonaga directs. These practices of circumventing and bypassing the 911 call systems, local police, County elected District Attorney's and Medical Examiners and Coroners are how criminally negligent deaths and homicides of the disabled in residential care facilities and group homes are easily covered-up. Jay Kiyonaga headed this up and he is promoted by Governor Cuomo instead of being fired?

No longer can 911 and local police be bypassed. 911 call systems must be immediately called by all victims, witnesses and mandated reporters regarding all sexual abuse. If you agree please go to the Jonathan Carey Foundation website and sign the 911 Petition and please consider helping us with a donation <http://jonathancareyfoundation.org/donate/> . Thank you.

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