

## Today's Headlines: Silver Moves to Oust Lopez

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Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver [announced](#) he is moving [to expel Assemblyman Vito Lopez last night](#). Silver, facing a firestorm of criticism for his office's handling of the Lopez sexual harassment scandal is looking to take decisive action as soon as Monday. Silver refused to expel Lopez last year as the scandal broke but stripped Lopez of his seniority and committee assignments. Now, with [more criticism](#) focused on his office following the release of the Joint Commission on Public Ethics' [damning report](#), Silver says he plans to introduce a resolution that [according to his spokesman](#) Michael Whyland will be, "voted on Monday to ask the Ethics & Guidance Committee to consider the full JCOPE report and to recommend appropriate sanctions including expulsion of Assemblymember Lopez." Earlier Thursday Gov. Andrew Cuomo [told reporters](#) the Assembly should [consider expelling Lopez](#). "The reaction from the legislature should be zero tolerance," [Cuomo said](#). "If he doesn't resign, he should be expelled."

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