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Sent: Friday, March 14, 2025 3:42 PM
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Subject: **ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY: Your 2020 Electoral Race for the NYS Assembly, Your performance, in Office, as an Assemblyman, & Your 2025 Electoral Race for NYC Mayor**

Attachments: [6-9-20-complaint-queens-da-katz.pdf](#)

TO: [Assemblyman](#) & [Would-Be New York City Mayor](#) Zohran Mamdani

Elections are a time of accountability. Based on your on-the-job performance as a state assemblyman, why do you believe yourself fit to be mayor of New York City – or for any office of public trust?

Five years ago, when you were running for election to the Assembly, I sent you four e-mails to help you win, easily and without money – and to test your integrity for public office. The first three e-mails were to help you win your Democratic primary against the incumbent.

I sent you my [first e-mail](#) entitled “I can help you win –” on April 28, 2020. As I received no response, I re-sent it on May 22, 2020 as part of my [second e-mail](#) entitled “You can win, easily & without money, NY’s 36th Assembly seat. All it takes is ‘whistle-blowing’”. Again, I received no response. I then resent both by a June 14, 2020 [third e-mail](#) entitled “You can win! – corruption/grand jury complaint vs Assemblywoman Simotas, filed with Queens D.A., for ‘wilful misconduct in office’, involving larceny & fraud, including as to her OWN legislative salary & the Legislature’s OWN budget”. Again, I received no response.

The original chain of these three unresponded-to e-mails is below and its attachment is above: my June 9, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint to Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz, which I thereafter sent you, a second time, by a September 28, 2020 [fourth e-mail](#) entitled “GOOD NEWS: You have an open-&-shut public corruption issue that will WIN you election – and demonstrate your fitness for public service”. To this I also received no response.

Of course, by then, by a scant 423 votes, you had won your [June 2020 Democratic primary](#) over the incumbent – the total votes cast being a measly 16,427. This assured you your Assembly seat, representing, according to the [Legislature’s FY2020-21 budget](#) (at p. 2), “approximately 129,000 constituents”, as no candidate was on the November 2020 general election ballot running against you. This was also how you won re-election in 2022 and 2024, where, likewise, there was only one candidate on the general election ballots for the 36th Assembly seat – you. And compounding this affront to democracy is that in 2022 and 2024, you faced no primaries for your Democratic and Working Families Party lines. In other words, your 2022 and 2024 re-elections were without ever having had to defend your record as an assemblyman.

Today, you are in a hotly contested Democratic primary race to be New York City’s next mayor – and my four e-mails to you from five years ago are again relevant to the issue of your fitness for public office. Please confirm that you received them – and explain why you did not respond.

In reports issued in [2004](#), [2006](#), and [2008](#), New York University's Brennan Center for Justice described New York's Legislature as the most dysfunctional in the nation. This dysfunction, reflected in sham committees that do not meaningfully discharge their lawmaking and oversight responsibilities, would have been obvious to you upon taking office in January 2021 and before voting on the state budget in March and April 2021, especially in light of the [June 9, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint](#) I had sent you twice.

Six weeks into your tenure as an assemblyman and every year thereafter I have furnished testimony for the Legislature's budget hearings:

- Here's [my \(written\) oral testimony at the February 10, 2021 budget hearing on "public protection"](#);
- Here's [my \(written\) oral testimony at the January 25, 2022 budget hearing on "public protection"](#);
- Here's [my written testimony for the February 7, 2023 budget hearing on "public protection"](#);
- Here's [my written testimony for the January 25, 2024 budget hearing on "public protection"](#);
- Here's [my written testimony for the February 6, 2024 budget hearing on "local gov't officials/general gov't"](#);
- Here's [my written testimony for the February 4, 2025 budget hearing on "local gov't officials/general gov't"](#);
- Here's [my written testimony for the February 13, 2025 budget hearing on "public protection"](#);
- Here's [my written testimony for the February 25, 2025 budget hearing on "higher education"](#).

The ONLY difference in the testimony, from year to year, is that, with each year, there is that much more evidence substantiating the previous year's testimony and the [June 9, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint](#) that, to date, remains pending before Queens D.A. Katz. Are you unaware of this testimony – and the two citizen-taxpayer action lawsuits I commenced "on behalf of the People of the State of New York & the Public Interest, in June 2022 and March 2024, suing all three government branches, including you as a member of the Assembly, and seeking declarations of unconstitutionality, unlawfulness and cessation/claw-backs of larcenous disbursements. Has it not been discussed by your legislative colleagues, including at the closed-door party conferences that substitute for discussion and debate at open committee meetings?

New York City voters, whose votes and financial support you are soliciting for your mayoral run, are entitled to your responses to these e-mails, testimony, and lawsuits because they establish corrupt, posturing, and larcenous conduct by you and your fellow legislators, inexplicable except as a manifestation of self-interest, over the public interest. What, if anything, do you deny or dispute?

To assist you in furnishing that measure of accountability by your answers, I have created a [webpage for your mayoral run](#) from which the foregoing is accessible, plus the complaints I have filed with ethics and criminal authorities against you and your co-conspirators. It is part of a series of webpages, featured by

the first prominent center link on CJA's homepage, www.judgewatch.org, entitled "[ELECTIONS 2025 -- INFORMING THE VOTERS -- ALERT: Corrupt candidates & incumbents are on the ballot](#)".

To further encourage your response, this e-mail will be posted on CJA's webpage for your mayoral candidacy – and sent to the other New York City mayoral candidates and the media.

Thank you.

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

Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2020 6:45 AM

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Subject: You can win! -- corruption/grand jury complaint vs Assemblywoman Simotas, filed with Queens D.A., for "wilful misconduct in office", involving larceny & fraud, including as to her OWN legislative salary & the Legislature's OWN budget

Dear Candidate Mamdani --

I was disappointed not have heard from you, in response to my below two e-mails.

Attached it the corruption/grand jury complaint I filed against Assemblywoman Simotas with Queens District Attorney Katz, on June 9th. The substantiating EVIDENCE to which it refers is all accessible from CJA's webpage for the complaint, here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>.

I again invite you to call me, directly – as with this, you can win!

Thank you.

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

Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 9:56 AM

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Subject: You can win, easily & without money, NY's 36th Assembly seat. All it takes is "whistle-blowing".

Dear Candidate Zohran Kwame Mamdani,

I am director & co-founder of the non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), based in White Plains, New York.

You can win your Democratic primary for New York's 36th Assembly seat, easily and without money – and the general election – against Incumbent Assemblyman Aravella Simotas, a lawyer. All it takes is "whistle-blowing" from the bully-pulpit of your candidacy. Please call me for details – and the EVIDENCE that backs it up, accessible from CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org.

On the assumption that you are unfamiliar with Article VII, §§1-7 of the New York State Constitution pertaining to the fashioning and enactment of the state budget, here it is: <https://codes.findlaw.com/ny/constitution-of-the-state-of-new-york/#!tid=N9A526E8102AB49058F336F851D9B3DA7>. I'd like to begin our conversation by discussing it – followed by a discussion of Assemblywoman Simotas' on-the-job performance as a member of the Assembly Ways & Means Committee and Assembly Judiciary Committee – and as the former co-chair of the Legislative Commission on Administrative Regulations Review. The issues will include Assemblywoman Simotas' OWN legislative pay and the Legislature's OWN budget, both of which are larcenous.

Although I previously contacted you, by the below April 28, 2020 e-mail, I received no response. Perhaps it was overlooked.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please be in front of your computer, when you call.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
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Subject: I can help you win --

TO: CANDIDATE ZOHRAN KWAME MAMDANI

Thank you for running against Assemblywoman Aravella Simotas, a lawyer, whose important committee assignments include the Assembly Judiciary Committee and Assembly Ways and Means Committee, and,

previously, co-chair of the Legislative Commission on Administrative Regulations Review. I can furnish you with documentary proof of her corruption, in office – for which she and her fellow legislative incumbents must not only be voted out, but indicted.

Call me.

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