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Subject: **Follow-up: Aug 18th e-mail "Thank you, NYC Councilwoman Vernikov, for your leadership vs the Hamas-supporting, Anti-Israel Mamdani & his ilk-- & now we need more"**
Attachments: [3-14-25-email-to-mamdani.pdf](#);
[8-22-25-alert-to-jewish-pro-israel-communities.pdf](#)

Dear Councilwoman Vernikov,

This follows my phone conversation with your Legislative Director Troy Olson, which I request he discuss with you, and that you personally examine the above two attachments and my below August 18th e-mail to you, so that you can assess the duties you owe your constituents and New York City voters, in the circumstances at bar. As there stated "leadership is imperative".

I am available to speak with you directly – and would welcome the opportunity to do so, including over the weekend.

Thank you.

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Subject: Thank you, Legislative Director Olson -- RE: Thank you, NYC Councilwoman Vernikov, for your leadership vs the Hamas-supporting, Anti-Israel Mamdani & his ilk-- & now we need more

Dear Troy,

Thank you for your below e-mail, to which, immediately upon receipt, I responded by calling the first indicated number, 718-368-9176 x. 105, on which I left a message.

As stated by my message, please call me, at your convenience, this afternoon, over the weekend, or Monday, after you have familiarized yourself with my above-attached March 14th e-mail to Mamdani entitled "ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY" – which is the starting point for what is described and substantiated by my August 18th e-mail to the Councilwoman, also below. To further assist you, by

way of overview, above-attached is my today's "ALERT TO NEW YORK'S JEWISH & PRO-ISRAEL COMMUNITIES".

Again, thank you.

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Elena,

Thank you for your kind words about the Councilwoman. Thank you for your advocacy and bringing this to attention.

I'm the Councilwoman's Legislative Director and I'd be happy to speak with you further.

Best,

Troy



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Subject: Thank you, NYC Councilwoman Vernikov, for your leadership vs the Hamas-supporting, Anti-Israel Mamdani & his ilk-- & now we need more

TO: [NYC Councilwoman Inna Vernikov, ESQ.](#)

This follows my phone call at about noon to your district office (718-368-9176), answered by your district director, Mary Scarfogliero, to express my appreciation to you, after reading the [New York Post's](#) August 16th article about you, "[NYC pol rips Jewish activist over photo op with Zohran Mamdani: 'Don't even bother calling' for funding](#)" by Rich Calder. As a Jew and Zionist, who lived in Israel for four years and worked for 10 months at the Israel Mission to the UN under Benjamin Netanyahu, who I greatly admire, I thank you. We need more like you – but also more from you.

Not revealed by Mr. Calder's article – or by the [Post's](#) four other August 16th articles about Mamdani and the NYC mayoral race bearing his byline ([here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#)) – is that Mamdani cannot be elected NYC mayor because, based on the EVIDENCE of his corruption as a NYS assemblyman, involving the NYS budget, his legislative salary, and NY's oversight/"public protection" entities, he must indicted – and will be convicted. Mr. Calder and the [Post](#) have had this EVIDENCE, but NOT reported it – and this is recited by my below August 15th e-mail to them, with its above attachment: my March 14th e-mail to Mamdani entitled "ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY...". As you are an attorney, its EVIDENTIARY significance will be all the more obvious – as, likewise your duty, on behalf of all NYC voters and the Jewish and pro-Israel community who are among your constituents.

I look forward to speaking with you about this – and am available, no matter how early or late, to answer your questions. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE – and [leadership is imperative](#).

Thank you.

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Subject: Your today's article "JP Morgan CEO Jamie Dimon held 'friendly' phone chat with Zohran Mamdani...:report" -- & Oversight by Publisher/CEO Sean Giancola & Post Legal Counsel

TO: [Ariel Zilber/New York Post](#)

A *propos* of your today's article "[JP Morgan CEO Jamie Dimon held 'friendly' phone chat with Zohran Mamdani after calling him a 'Marxist': report](#)", largely repeating today's Bloomberg News article "[Mamdani Seeks to Charm NYC Business Leaders, Including JPMorgan's Dimon](#)", to which you link as the "report", below is my e-mail to Bloomberg News about its article, requesting oversight by Mr. Bloomberg and legal counsel.

By the way, did no one at the Post apprise you of my [July 22nd e-mail](#) to it (& [here](#)), and of my [July 26th e-mail](#) to it (& [here](#)), and of my [August 3rd e-mail](#) to it (& [here](#), [here](#), [here](#)) -- each furnishing "the EVIDENCE of Mamdani's corruption as a NYS assemblyman, for which he must be indicted and will be convicted", starting with my above-attached March 14th e-mail to him entitled "ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY...". The ONLY response I received was from Post columnist John Podhoretz, who **refused** to comment about it ([here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#)).

By copy of this e-mail to those same Post recipients – and, specifically, Post Group Editor-in-Chief Keith Poole, Post Managing Editor of News Lia Eustachewich, and Post Editorial Page Editor Mark Cunningham – please advise what investigation, if any, the Post has done of the EVIDENCE I furnished, such that it has continued to report and opine, as it has, about Mamdani's candidacy and presumptive mayoralty – and provide me with the name and contact information of Post legal counsel, who must be alerted to the situation, as, likewise Post Publisher/CEO Sean Giancola.

I am available to answer questions or to be interviewed, *no matter how early or late*. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, obviously.

Thank you.

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cc via the Post's webportal to Post columnists Douglas Murray & Michael Goodwin
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Subject: Your today's article "Mamdani Seeks to Charm NYC Business Leaders, Including JPMorgan's Dimon" -- & Oversight by Mr. Bloomberg & Legal Counsel

TO: **Bloomberg News Editor-in-Chief John Micklethwait**

RE your today's article "[Mamdani Seeks to Charm NYC Business Leaders, Including JPMorgan's Dimon](#)" by Amanda Gordon, Nacha Cattan, and Laura Nahmias, three of the reporters to whom my below August 5th e-mail was sent – without response from you, them, or anyone else.

What investigation, if any, did you do of the EVIDENCE furnished by my August 5th e-mail of Mamdani's corruption as a NYS assemblyman, involving the state budget, his legislative salary, and NY's oversight/"public protection" entities, such that you could continue to report on him as a viable candidate – indeed, the presumptive next NYC mayor – and NOT inform "NYC Business Leaders, Including JP Morgan's Dimon" that, as stated by my e-mail "he cannot be elected NYC mayor because he must be indicted for larceny and corruption – and...will be convicted".

Please advise, without delay – including whether my August 5th e-mail, which was indicated for Mr. Bloomberg's attention, was forwarded to him. If it was not, please forward this e-mail to him immediately and, additionally, to Bloomberg News legal counsel, whose name and contact information I request.

I am available to answer questions or to be interviewed, *no matter how early or late*. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, obviously.

Thank you.

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Subject: UNREPORTED STORY: Mamdani's corruption as a NYS assemblyman, involving the state budget, his legislative salary, & NY's oversight/"public protection" entities.

TO: BLOOMBERG NEWS – “Submit a Tip”

ATT: Michael Bloomberg

Editor-in-Chief John Micklethwait

Bloomberg Law New York State Court Correspondent Beth

Wang ([March 5th e-mail](#))

None of Bloomberg's reporting on Zohran Mamdani, including by your "[Senior reporter... covering New York City and state politics](#)" [Laura Nahmias](#), reveals his corruption as a NYS assemblyman, destroying lawful, constitutional state governance, involving the state budget, his legislative salary, and NY's oversight/"public protection" entities – the subject of lawsuits and criminal and ethics complaints against him and his co-conspirators.

Establishing this corruption is **open-and-shut and *prima facie*** – with the EVIDENCE summarized by my above-attached and here-linked [March 14th e-mail to Mamdani](#) entitled "ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY...", which, with a [March 17th supplementing e-mail to him](#), I provided to Bloomberg's Zach Williams and his fellow reporters of the Albany Legislative Correspondents Association (LCA) by a [March 18th e-mail](#), cc'ing Mamdani. I also cc'd Mamdani on a [March 20th e-mail](#) to [The New York Times](#), [New York Post](#), [Daily News](#), [New York Law Journal](#), [Wall Street Journal](#), and [Associated Press](#), likewise furnishing the March 14th e-mail and its March 17th supplement. Mamdani did not deny or dispute the accuracy of any of it.

Evident from these, from my further [April 7th](#) and [April 18th](#) e-mails to Reporter Williams and the LCA roster, and from Mamdani's votes in May approving the FY2025-26 budget bills, is that he cannot be elected NYC mayor because he must be indicted for larceny and corruption – and that he will be convicted. You can confirm this fact from [former Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York Jim Walden](#), running for mayor as an Independent candidate, with an [anti-corruption policy platform featured on his campaign website](#). By contrast, [Mamdani's campaign website contains no anti-corruption platform](#).

Below are my July 13th and July 11th e-mails to The New York Times about the foregoing – to which there has been no response. My subsequent e-mails to NY's other press are posted [here](#).

I am available to discuss the foregoing and to answer your questions about this fully-documented election-upending story, bringing down not only Mamdani, but the field of NYC mayoral candidates. Also, such other NYC Democratic primary winners as NYS Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal, running for Manhattan borough president, and NYC Democratic primary winner-incumbents NYC Public Advocate Jumanne Williams, Manhattan D.A. Alvin Bragg, and Brooklyn D.A. Eric Gonzalez – *and that's for starters*.

Thank you.

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Subject: AGAIN -- The Times' "News Value" Standard & Confirmation "Through Direct Sources" -- MAMDANI, etc.

TO: **New York Times Assistant Managing Editor Patrick Healy/Standards & Trust**

Eight hours after sending you my below July 11th e-mail – whose several typos in Mamdani's name I have now corrected – the New York Post published "[Zohran Mamdani's campaign persona called into question by vote to give himself raise: critics](#)", identifying that "Mamdani did not respond to The Post's request for comment."

Apparently, The Post saw "news value" in its July 11th story. Do you? Will The Times be following up by requesting Mamdani's comment to The Post article – the tiniest sliver of Mamdani's hypocrisy and corruption that my below linked March 14th, March 17th, March 18th, and March 20th e-mails to him establish. Have you not yet determined their "news value"?

By the way, is The Times' May 28th article "[Mamdani Has a Thin Legislative Record but Is a Forceful Voice in Albany](#)" the only article The Times published about his record as an assemblyman – so puny that it had to be bolstered by comments from other legislators, ALL Democrats, as to his "forceful voice" "to move the ideological center of the Assembly to the left", interspersed with The Times' usual anti-Israel slanting and slandering, consistent with Mamdani's lies as, for instance, in stating: "Mr. Mamdani stands firm in his defense of Palestinians in Gaza, where over [53,000 people have been killed](#) by Israeli forces" – when revealed by the hyperlink is that this figure is "according to Palestinian health officials, who do not distinguish between civilians and combatants" – in other words, it is according to Hamas.

Suffice to say, this May 28th article, by two of your three Albany reporters – recipients of my March 18th and March 20th e-mails and of my May 18th letter to Publisher Sulzberger – concealed the ENTIRETY of what the e-mails particularized, with evidence, and falsely made it appear as if there is nothing irregular in how the Legislature operates, including pertaining to the budget and this fiscal year, and the inclusion of policy – indeed, concluding, as follows:

"Perhaps the most telling evidence of Mr. Mamdani's evolution came earlier this month, when the budget bills came up for a vote. As in years past, they contained scores of policy changes, not all to Mr. Mamdani's liking. Mr. Mamdani voted yes."

For that "yes" vote alone, Mamdani cannot be elected NYC's next mayor, because – based on my e-mails to him – he must be indicted and will be convicted of corruption. If you have any doubt of this, you should "confirm it through direct sources", such as [former Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York Jim Walden](#), running for NYC mayor as an independent, with an [anti-corruption policy platform featured on his campaign website](#).

Tellingly, [Mamdani's campaign website contains no anti-corruption platform](#) – and none is reflected in The Times' July 9th guest essay "[If Zohran Mamdani Wins, Then What?](#)" by Ross Barkan, with its required disclosure: "In 2018, when I ran for state senator in New York City, Mr. Mamdani was my campaign manager". Barkan, a left-wing, agenda-driven journalist, is an accomplice to the corruption of lawful, constitutional state governance involving the Legislature, the budget, and pay raises. [As far back as May 2013](#), I furnished him with the evidence of what was going on, including my [April 15, 2013 complaint to then U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York Preet Bharara](#) – sending him e-mail, after e-mail, to which he never responded. This includes when he was campaigning for the Senate, such as my [October 4, 2017](#) and [January 17, 2018](#) e-mails to him reflecting my entreaties that he could easily win election and, simultaneously, propel non-partisan, good-government reform if he would "blow the whistle" on the corruption of the Senate incumbent – entreaties I would repeat in my e-mails in 2020 to Mamdani, running against an Assembly incumbent. In any event, nothing could be more obscene than Barkan's sentence, in his essay, "There cannot be any whiff of self-dealing or graft in the Mamdani administration", considering that "self-dealing" and "graft" are precisely how Mamdani became and conducted himself as an assemblyman, in collusion with his fellow self-dealing, grafting legislators, who would then endorse and support his mayoral candidacy.

Please advise by no later than noon tomorrow, July 14th, whether you will be confirming from Mamdani the obvious truth of my e-mails to him, etc.

Thank you.

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**Subject: The Times' "News Value" Standard & Confirmation "Through Direct Sources" -
- The "On-The-Job Performance" of Mamdani & Hoylman-Sigal as State Legislators,
Corrupting Lawful, Constitutional State Governance & Irreparably Injuring the People
of New York**

TO: [New York Times Assistant Managing Editor Patrick Healy/Standards & Trust](#)

The Times' July 4th article "[Mamdani Once Claimed to Be Asian and African American. Should It Matter?](#)" quotes [your statement](#):

“When we hear anything of news value, we try to confirm it through direct sources. Mr. Mamdani confirmed this information in an interview with The Times.”

Are you aware of my [March 14th e-mail](#) to Mamdani entitled “ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY...”, whose supplement I sent him on [March 17th](#) – thereafter sending both to him again when I cc’d him on my [March 18th e-mail](#) to the roster of Legislative Correspondents Association reporters – The Times’ three Albany reporters among them – and then, again, when I cc’d him on my [March 20th e-mail](#) to The Times, New York Post, Daily News, New York Law Journal, Wall Street Journal, and Associated Press, with the five Times e-mail addresses being Metro and Editorial in addition to the three Albany reporters.

The March 20th e-mail I would then feature as “Example #1”, at page 1, of my mailed [May 18th letter to Publisher A.G. Sulzberger](#), e-mailed to eight Times e-mail addresses, including Editorial, Metro, and the three Albany reporters, on [May 18th](#) and [May 19th](#).

As the “news value” of my e-mails to Mamdani is obvious, did The Times not ask him to confirm their equally obvious truth? And if not, why not – and will it do so now that he has won the Democratic primary to be New York City mayor?

Also, and plainly reinforcing, was the obvious “news value” of my [March 16th e-mail](#) to Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal, also entitled “ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY...”, and additionally sent to him, twice, when I cc’d him on the March 18th and March 20th e-mails of which it was part. Did The Times not ask Hoylman-Sigal to confirm the equally obvious truth of these e-mails to him? If not, why not – and will it do so now that he has won [the Democratic primary to be Manhattan borough president](#)?

Please advise – including as to when you would like to interview me with respect to the foregoing election-upending EVIDENCE of the “on-the-job performance” of Mamdani and Hoylman-Sigal as state legislators, corrupting lawful, constitutional state governance and irreparably injuring the People of New York.

Thank you.

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