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Subject: Federal Lawsuit Suing You for Corruption-Abetting, Election-Rigging,
"Journalistic Fraud"
Attachments: cja-complaint-oct-8-2025.pdf

TO: **WNYP – NEW YORK PUBLIC RADIO – & ITS GOTHAMIST**

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As I received no response from you to my below September 17th e-mail – replicating your non-responses to my [years of e-mails to you](#) – I have today filed the above-attached and [here-linked](#) federal complaint, suing you and other NY press for corruption-abetting, election-rigging “journalistic fraud”.

Pursuant to [Rule 4\(d\) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure](#), you have “a duty to avoid unnecessary expenses of serving the summons” and I, as plaintiff, may request that you “waive service of [the] summons”, which I am required to do by mail, enclosing a copy of the complaint, two copies of the waiver form and a stamped return envelope.

As a benefit of your timely return of the waiver, you get 60 days from the date of my mailed request within which to answer the complaint, rather than 21 days from the date of physical/personal service – and your waiving service of the summons does not waive any objection to personal jurisdiction or to venue. If, “without good cause”, you fail to sign and return the waiver, “the court must impose” upon you “the expenses later incurred in making service” and “the reasonable expenses, including attorney’s fees, of any motion required to collect expenses”. “‘Good cause’ does not include a belief that the lawsuit is groundless, or that it has been brought in an improper venue, or that the court has no jurisdiction over this matter or over [you]”.

Am I correct that your mailing address is 160 Varick Street, New York, NY 10013, which I was unable to find on your websites, but did locate, for NY Public Radio and WNYC, *via* google searches.

Kindly confirm and also furnish me with the name of your legal counsel and his/her contact information.

Thank you.

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Subject: NOTICE: Your NYC Election Reporting & Partnership with NY1/Spectrum News for 3 NYC Campaign Finance Board Election Debates

TO: WNYC – NEW YORK PUBLIC RADIO – & ITS GOTHAMIST

My below e-mail to you is here resent from my personal e-mail, in light of the bounce-back I got with a message reading:

“* [jcampbell@nypublicradio.org rkhalifeh@nypublicradio.org sclary@nypublicradio.org smax@nypublicradio.org acooper@nypublicradio.org elkim@nypublicradio.org]: 550 Administrative prohibition - envelope blocked - <https://community.mimecast.com/docs/DOC-1369#550> [LIBq477VPP6VjddJA4y0lg.us516] Server "170.10.128.221:25" returned an error:

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* [tips@gothamist.com]: 550 Administrative prohibition - envelope blocked - <https://community.mimecast.com/docs/DOC-1369#550> [FQQEiUO5PRKaNwRnPFpCg.us613]”.

As I identically stated by my [March 19th e-mail](#), [April 7th e-mail](#), [April 18th e-mail](#), [July 25th e-mail](#), and [September 4th e-mail](#), all sent from my personal e-mail:

“Remove the block – and start discharging your duties as journalists to report facts essential to our democracy and informed voting, where they run counter to your partisan and personal interests.” (underlining in the original).

Thank you.

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I have received no response from you to my [September 4th News Tip/Alert](#), sent to you on that date by my below e-mail – and, then again, because of your block, *via* my [personal e-mail](#). The same is true of the [July 25th e-mail](#) I sent you on the same topic, also resent *via* my [personal e-mail](#), due to a block. Why is that? Is there anything that did not check out 100%?

Also, by what process and by whom were you selected to partner with NY1-Spectrum News for three election debates, [announced by the NYC Campaign Finance Board on August 26th](#) – and on what terms.

Suffice to say, reporting on the EVIDENCE of Mamdani's corruption as a NYS assemblyman, summarized and furnished by my [September 4th News Tip/Alert](#) and, prior thereto, by my July 25th e-mail, will END him as a mayoral candidate – and Cuomo, Adams, and Sliwa, necessitating cancellation of the October 22nd mayoral debate. The same EVIDENCE also ENDS [NYS Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal](#), running to be Manhattan borough president, and NYC re-election-seeking incumbents [NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams](#), [Brooklyn D.A. Eric Gonzalez](#), and [Manhattan D.A. Alvin Bragg](#). At very least, it would require questioning the candidates, at the debates, about that EVIDENCE – preliminary to anything else.

Do you deny this? – and, if not, when were you planning to report on the EVIDENCE that you have had, [for years](#) and [years](#).

As requested by my July 25th e-mail:

“...if it is not your intention to report on the EVIDENCE...please identify the reason and forward this e-mail to [WNYC's other leadership](#), apart from WNYC Senior Vice President & Editor in Chief/Gothamist Editor in Chief Audrey Cooper, and, specifically:

- WNYC President/CEO & Executive Chair [LaFontaine E. Oliver](#);
- WNYC General Counsel [Ivan Zimmerman](#);
- ALL members of the WNYC Board of Trustees;
- ALL members of the WNYC Honorary Board.”

So that I may be guided accordingly, please advise by Monday, September 22nd – including as to the names of the specific journalists working with NY1-Spectrum News on the three election debates, for mayor, for public advocate, and for comptroller.

As always, I am available to answer questions.

Thank you.

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Subject: NEWS TIP/ALERT: Mamdani Can't Be Elected NYC Mayor, Because He Must Be Indicted & Will Be Convicted of Corruption, as a NYS Assemblyman

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The attached NEWS TIP/ALERT summarizes Mamdani's corruption as a NYS assemblyman, involving the state budget, his legislative salary, and NY's oversight/"public protection" entities, destroying constitutional, lawful state governance and causing vast, irreparable injury to the People of New York – with hyperlinks furnishing the open-and-shut, *prima facie* EVIDENCE.

I am available to answer your questions and to be interviewed.

Thank you.

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