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Attachments: [3-14-25-email-to-mamdani.pdf](#)

TO: Calder McHugh, Deputy Editor-Politico Nightly

More than two full days before your July 30th article "[The rise of 'Zohran Derangement Syndrome'](#)", I sent the below July 28th e-mail to nine of your fellow Politico reporters, entitled "NYC ELECTIONS: Will you be reporting on Mamdani's corruption as a NYS assemblyman -- &, likewise, the corruption of NYS Senator Hoylman-Sigal & other Democratic NYC primary winners?". I received no response from them.

Did none of these nine reporters – or their editors – alert you to the July 28th e-mail and the EVIDENCE it furnished, starting with my above-attached March 14th e-mail to Mamdani? To date, what investigative reporting has Politico done of Mamdani's "on-the-job performance" as a NYS assemblyman – and of those who colluded in his corruption who are also on the NYC ballots.

Please advise – including whether you will investigate and report and, if not, why not.

Thank you.

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[Jeff Coltin](#)
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Will you be reporting on Mamdani's corruption as a NYS assemblyman, involving the state budget and his pocketing of pay raises for himself that he knew to be fraudulent? The EVIDENCE is furnished by my [March 14th e-mail to Mamdani](#) entitled "ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY", which opened as follows.

"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?"

Mamdani did not respond – and I sent the March 14th e-mail to him a second time, with a supplement, by a [March 17th email](#), and then a third time, when I cc'd him on my [March 18th e-mail](#) to the Legislative Correspondents Association roster of reporters (LCA), and then a fourth time, when I cc'd him on my [March 20th e-mail](#) to [The New York Times](#), [New York Post](#), [Daily News](#), [New York Law Journal](#), [Wall Street Journal](#), and [Associated Press](#). Thereafter, I sent the LCA roster of reporters two additional e-mails, on [April 7th](#) and [April 18th](#), as to what was unfolding pertaining to the FY2025-26 state budget.

Will you be getting Mamdani's response to the March 14th "ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY" e-mail? Isn't it obvious that it – and his votes, seven weeks later, approving the FY2025-26 budget bills – establish that he cannot be elected NYC mayor because he must be indicted for larceny and corruption – and that he will be convicted? Why don't you confirm that fact with [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 the way, are you aware that [Mamdani's campaign website contains no anti-corruption platform](#)?

Also, will you be reporting on the corruption of other NYC Democratic primary winners, such as NYS Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal, running for Manhattan borough president. The EVIDENCE of his corruption as a NYS senator is furnished by my [March 16th e-mail](#) to him, likewise entitled "ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY..." – part of my [March 18th](#) and [March 20th e-mails](#) to which both Mamdani and Hoylman-Sigal were cc'd.

Finally, if it is not your intention to report on the corruption of NYS legislators Mamdani and Hoylman-Sigal – and of NYC Democratic primary winner-incumbents [NYC Public Advocate Jumanne Williams, Manhattan D.A. Alvin Bragg](#), and [Brooklyn D.A. Eric Gonzalez](#) – notwithstanding the EVIDENCE is *prima facie*, open-and-shut, as to ALL FIVE – please identify the reason and forward this e-mail to your editors, whose names and contact information I request, so that they can enforce [Politico's posted "Ethos"](#) of “relentless grit, total integrity...providing accurate, nonpartisan impactful information to the right people at the right time so that they can act with confidence and speed.”

Please advise by noon, Wednesday, July 30th – as TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, obviously.

I am available to answer questions.

Thank you.

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