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

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

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

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As I have identically stated by my [March 19th e-mail](#), my [April 7th e-mail](#) and [April 18th 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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Will you be reporting on Mamdani's corruption as a NYS assemblyman – starting with 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 him the March 14th e-mail 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 roster of reporters of the Legislative Correspondents Association (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](#).

Will you be getting Mamdani's response to my 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 state 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 is furnished by my [March 16th e-mail to Hoylman-Sigal](#), 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 open-and-shut, *prima facie* EVIDENCE of the corruption of Mamdani, Hoylman-Sigal, and other NYC Democratic primary winners that you enabled – incumbents [NYC Public Advocate Jumanne Williams](#), [Manhattan D.A. Alvin Bragg](#), and [Brooklyn D.A. Eric Gonzalez](#) topping the list – 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.**

To assist you and them, here are my prior e-mails to you on the subject of this year's NYC elections: (1) my [February 22nd e-mail](#); (2) my [February 24th e-mail](#); (3) my [March 19th e-mails](#) and [here](#); (4) my [April 7th e-mails](#) and [here](#) and [here](#); and (5) my [April 18th e-mails](#) and [here](#), and [here](#).

Please advise by no later than noon Monday, July 28th – as TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, obviously.

I am available to answer questions.

Thank you.

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