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Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 4:12 PM
To: 'ajay@zoa.org'
Cc: 'eroman@zoa.org'; 'info@zoa.org'

Subject: **OVERSIGHT REQUIRED: The nonfeasance & misfeasance of Susan Tuchman & Liz Berney, in face of EVIDENCE of Mamdani's corruption as a NYS assemblyman, mandating his indictment & ensuring his conviction, unreported by the press**

Attachments: [3-14-25-email-to-mamdani.pdf](#);
[mobilizing-8-24-25.pdf](#);
[8-22-25-email-to-lawfare2.pdf](#)

Thank you for your call. See below which I had written when you called.

Dear Enid --

This follows the message I left on your voice mail shortly before 3 pm (212-481-1500 x223), concerning the unprofessional manner in which ZOA is operating.

On August 27th, I sent Liz Berney the below e-mail – and, having not heard back from her, called her today at 2:50 pm. It was not a convenient time for her to speak, as she was with her grandson. She stated that “maybe on Thursday”, she’d be able to speak with me – and, in answer to my question as to whether she had discussed or shared my e-mail with Susan Tuchman, I understood her to say she had not. I also understood that she had not, as my e-mail requested, forwarded my above announcement **“MOBILIZING NEW YORK’S JEWISH, PRO-ISRAEL, AND OTHER COMMUNITIES”** to ZOA executive leadership so that it could be ALERTED that Mamdani’s corruption as a NYS assemblyman is a scandal he cannot survive.

Please call me, as soon as possible, about the foregoing and about my below e-mail, reciting the prior misfeasance of Ms. Berney – and of Ms. Tuchman before her – for which they should both be fired. In any event, please forward this e-mail to ZOA’s executive leadership, without delay – and cc me on the e-mail, or send me their contact information.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2025 10:36 AM
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Subject: Our forthcoming "chat": the EVIDENCE of Mamdani's corruption as a NYS assemblyman, for which he must be indicted & will be convicted, unreported by the NYT & other press, PLUS proposed federal lawsuit for "journalistic fraud"

Dear Liz –

Thank you for your call, at 8:41 am – and our lengthy conversation of nearly an hour thereafter. As discussed, I was just finishing the below e-mail when you called and was going to be sending it to you, after following up with Enid, on whose voice mail I left a message yesterday afternoon (212-481-1500, x 223). It was in response to that voice mail message that you called this morning.

Based on our productive conversation, I am now sending, only to you, the e-mail I had written. The issues are EVIDENTIARY – and, upon your review, I believe you will agree that the EVIDENCE is rock-solid, open-and-shut, *prima facie*, ON ALL COUNTS.

I am available, *no matter how early or late*, to answer questions and assist in your review. Otherwise, I propose a further “chat” for next Wednesday, September 3rd – and am willing to come into the City and meet at ZOA’s office, if that would be helpful.

Meantime, as TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, please forward the above “MOBILIZING NEW YORK’S JEWISH, PRO-ISRAEL, AND OTHER COMMUNITIES” announcement to ZOA’s executive leadership, so that it can be ALERTED that Mamdani’s corruption as a NYS assemblyman is a scandal he cannot survive.

Thank you.

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TO: Zionist Organization of America Director of Special Projects Liz Berney

While I thank you for your below August 26th e-mail, particularly because you are “happy to chat”, I am at a complete loss to understand it.

FIRST, are you unaware that in response to my August 6th e-mail to ZOA that is beneath yours, and which had attached [my March 14th e-mail to Mamdani](#), ZOA Administrative Assistant Enid Roman had sent me an [August 6th e-mail](#), stating:

“Thank you for your message. I have forwarded it to Susan Tuchman, Director of the Center for Law and Justice, and Liz Berney, Director of Special Projects. One of them will follow up with you directly.”,

and that I had responded with [another August 6th e-mail](#), again attaching my March 14th e-mail to Mamdani, and stating,

“Much appreciate your acknowledgment. Mamdani cannot survive the EVIDENCE of his corruption, as NYS assemblyman, that my e-mail to you furnishes – and The New York Times and other press well know this, in not reporting it.

I look forward to reviewing the EVIDENCE with Susan, Liz – or other ZOA officers and activists. It is dispositive.” (underlining in the original).

SECOND, are you unaware that five days later, on August 11th, I called Ms. Roman mid-afternoon because I had received no communication from either Ms. Tuchman or yourself – and that Ms. Tuchman called me at approximately 5:30 p.m. and we had a conversation of almost 20 minutes pertaining to the EVIDENCE furnished by my e-mails, which Ms. Tuchman had NOT examined – and whose assessment she stated she would NOT put in writing, once she examined it. Apparently, Ms. Tuchman did not share with you the content of our conversation, or that we even had one.

THIRD, why does your e-mail: (1) NOT address the EVIDENCE my e-mails furnished, starting with my March 14th e-mail to Mamdani, which you do not mention; (2) conceal that the unidentified “mentioned” and “referenced” “website” is CJA’s own; and (3) purport that the three Post articles from CJA’s website that you have imported to your e-mail are the Post “reporting significant issues” – when CJA’s website posts them for purposes of illustrating how sham and trivial they are compared to what the Post is NOT reporting. On a scale of “significant issues”, how do you rate those articles against my March 14th e-mail to Mamdani, sent to him three additional times, on [March 17th](#), on [March 18th](#) and on [March 20th e-mail](#), without response – and which the Post has not reported, nor any other press. Isn’t it obvious that Mamdani cannot NOT survive their reporting – and that, as stated by my [July 13th e-mail to The New York Times](#) – the original of which my below August 6th e-mail furnished you – his yes vote, in May, on the state budget, suffices to establish that “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” (underlining in the original).

FOURTH, I am NOT seeking to have ZOA “campaign for candidates” and am well aware of the limitations of “a 501c3 nonprofit organization”, which, nonetheless, leave ZOA tremendous room for action, as reflected by the ZOA website, as, for example, its June 27, 2025 statement: [“ZOA Strongly Opposes a Dangerous Palestinian State Which Reports Claim is Being Supported by U.S. & Israel”](#), its July 7, 2025 op-ed [“ZOA’s Susan Tuchman’s & Co-Counsel Jeffrey Schreiber’s USA Today Op-Ed Re: ZOA’s Antisemitism Lawsuit Against Cherry Hill Public Schools”](#) – reflecting, in addition to its own journalism, litigation in which it engages – and its August 22, 2025 posting

["JNS's Tobin Criticizes Jewish Establishment & Praises ZOA's and CAMERA's Position That ADL, Hillel, Conf. of Pres. Are Still Failing on Campus Antisemitism"](#), reflecting that its voice is carried by press. **ZOA's mission is – as stated by its website – “defending Israel and the Jewish People”.** **Mamdani is a danger to both Israel and the Jewish People – and to America** – which is why I contacted ZOA with the EVIDENCE of his corruption as a NYS assemblyman, which – as the title of my August 6th e-mail states, is an “unreported story”. This you do not deny – nor the significance of my March 14th e-mail to Mamdani – an e-mail Ms. Tuchman was unable to discuss because she had either not read it or not reviewed its single attachment, my [June 9, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint to Queens D.A. Melinda Katz](#), or the multitude of evidentiary links that my March 14th e-mail furnished for my testimony, complaints, lawsuits – and such other documentation as the Brennan Center for Justice's scathing [2004](#), [2006](#), and [2008](#) reports about the NYS Legislature. That both of you are lawyers makes this all the more incomprehensible.

So that our forthcoming “chat” may be productive, above-attached and here linked is the ["MOBILIZING NEW YORK's JEWISH, PRO-ISRAEL, AND OTHER COMMUNITIES"](#) announcement that I have begun to disseminate so as to “SPREAD THE WORD” about the scandal that Mamdani cannot survive – his corruption as a NYS assemblyman, being concealed by the NYT and other NY press, which is its own scandal that they cannot survive, reputationally or financially.

As to the latter scandal, I discussed with Ms. Tuchman the lawsuit I had in mind against the NYT and other press, arising from their election-rigging for Mamdani, including legitimizing his falsehoods about Israel. I would also like to “chat” with you about that – and, to that end, annex and link my [August 22nd e-mail to The Lawfare Project](#) requesting its assistance – which I herewith submit as my written request for ZOA's assistance by its Center for Law and Justice, whose webpage states:

“How Can We Help You?”

If you need legal assistance on a matter that you believe supports our mission, please contact us. We will try to help you or find someone who can.

How Can You Help Us?

If you have information that you think our supporters should know about, or if you are working on a legal project that you believe supports our mission, please contact us so that we can get the word out to our members and friends.”,

By this e-mail I now make explicit that **I am responding to both ZOA's questions – and am seeking ZOA's action, consistent with its answers.**

As TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, please review the above and below on a priority basis – and with Ms. Tuchman. Following your review, let's speak. Can we target next Wednesday, September 3rd?

Thank you.

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From: Liz Berney <lizberney@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 12:35 AM
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Subject: Re: Urgent Message from Elena Sassower (Center for Judicial Accountability)

Dear Ms. Sassower,

My sincere apologies for not getting back to you sooner. Thank you for your email and calls.

I looked at the website you mentioned.

I see that your referenced website indicates that the NY Post is reporting significant issues with Mandami, in addition to his antisemitism, including:

- The NY Post reported discrepancies in Mandami's financial disclosure filings: <https://nypost.com/2025/08/16/us-news/nyc-mayoral-candidate-zohran-mamdani-financial-disclosure-filings-filled-with-discrepancies/>
- The NY Post reported on an ethics probe regarding how Mandami obtained his rent-stabilized apartment: <https://nypost.com/2025/08/14/us-news/zohran-mamdani-rent-stabilized-nyc-apartment-could-face-ethics-watchdog-probe/>

- The NY Post reported that Mandami voted to increase his assemblyman pay from \$110K to \$142K: <https://nypost.com/2025/07/11/us-news/zohran-mamdani-campaign-persona-called-into-question-by-vote-to-give-himself-raise-critics/> .

I would be happy to chat with you, but please note that we're a 501c3 nonprofit organization and thus cannot campaign for candidates.

Wishing you all the best,
Liz



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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: [ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA](#)

ATT: Enid Roman – Administrative Assistant to the Executive Officers

As briefly discussed in our phone conversation a short time ago (212-481-1515 x223), I am a Jew, a Zionist, lived in Israel for four years, and worked ten months at the Israel Mission to the U.N. under Benjamin Netanyahu, who I greatly admire. I am director and co-founder of the New York-based non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization [Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. \(CJA\)](http://www.judgewatch.org) – and, in that capacity, have **the open-and-shut, prima facie EVIDENCE to knock out Mamdani as the Democratic candidate for NYC mayor**. NY's press has had that EVIDENCE, beginning three months *before* the June 24th NYC Democratic mayoral primary, but reported NOTHING.

The starting point is my above-attached March 14th e-mail to Mamdani entitled "ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY...". My e-mails furnishing the March 14th e-mail to NY's press, before the primary and since, are posted on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible from the first prominent "HAPPENING NOW" center link entitled "**ELECTIONS 2025 -- INFORMING THE VOTERS – ALERT: Corrupt candidates & incumbents are on the ballot**". This I showed you, during our conversation.

Below, as illustrative – and furnishing an overview – are my July 13th and July 11th e-mails to The New York Times, to which there was no response.

There is more, much more for ZOA to know about the obliteration of lawful, constitutional governance in NY, concealed by The Times and NY's other press, whose *knowingly* false, corruption-abetting journalism has rigged NY's elections, for years – replicating its knowingly false, slanted coverage of Israel.

Please forward to ALL ZOA executive officers, etc., with a request that someone call me, as immediately as possible, *no matter how early or late*, as TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, obviously.

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", interspliced 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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