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Subject: **Federal Lawsuit Suing City & State (City & State NY, LLC) for Corruption-Abetting, Election-Rigging, "Journalistic Fraud" and, specifically, in connection with the 2025 NYC & D.A. elections**

Attachments: cja-complaint-oct-8-2025.pdf

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As I received no response from you to my below September 22nd e-mail "NOTICE TO CITY & STATE's LEGAL COUNSEL: Your NYC election journalism, RIGGING Mamdani's mayoral win -- & other top races in NYC & NYS" – just as, likewise, I received no responses from you to my [years of prior e-mails](#) – I yesterday filed the above-attached and [here-linked](#) federal complaint, suing you and NY press for corruption-abetting, election-rigging, "journalistic fraud", specifically in connection with the 2025 NYC and DA elections.

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]".

What address shall I use for mailing you my request for your waiver of service of the summons? Your website has no information as to your mailing or physical address. Upon searching the [database of the Department of State](#), I found City & State NY, LLC, with an address of 28 Liberty Street, NY, NY 10005, with a "Registered agent: C T CORPORATION SYSTEM" at 28 Liberty Street, NY, NY 10005.

Please advise and, in any event, forward this e-mail to your legal counsel, whose name, e-mail, and telephone number I again request.

Thank you.

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I have received no response to my below July 28th e-mail whose title asked “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?” Nor has there been any reporting of same.

Was there anything about my July 28th e-mail, with its above-attached March 14th e-mail to Mamdani “ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY...”, that did not check out 100%?, other than that re-election-seeking Brooklyn D.A. Gonzalez faced NO primary challenges for the Democratic and Working Families party lines on which he is running – and has NO opponent in the general election.

The 2025 Brooklyn D.A. “election”, which Brooklyn D.A. Gonzalez has already “won”, resembles a great many others in NYC and throughout NYS – and is all the more newsworthy as he has been “sitting on” my [June 9, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint against Brooklyn state legislators](#) – materially-identical to my [June 9, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint against Queens state legislators](#) that Queens D.A. Katz has been “sitting on” – the SOLE attachment to my March 14th e-mail to Mamdani. And, of course, these two NYC D.A.s, along with their 60 fellow D.A.s of NYS’ 60 other counties – re-election-seeking Manhattan D.A. Bragg, among them – have been “sitting on” my [July 18, 2024 grand jury/public corruption complaint against ALL state legislators](#). This you have had, but not reported, nor its continuation – my [March 3, 2025 grand jury/public corruption complaint to D.A.s Gonzalez and Bragg](#), which, by a [March 27, 2025 grand jury/public corruption complaint](#) I expanded to include ALL state legislators, which they have been “sitting on”. The most electorally-significant of these “ALL state legislators” are Mamdani and [NYS Senator Hoylman-Sigal](#), who has already “won” election as Manhattan borough president, on Democratic and Working Families lines, as the opposition [Republican candidate](#) and so-called [Unity Party candidate](#) are sham.

To further assist you in discharging your First Amendment responsibilities and journalistic duties to the City & State to which you purport to be a [“trusted guide” in providing “in-depth, non-partisan coverage”](#), I am additionally attaching and here-linking two comparable summaries of the open-and-shut, *prima facie* EVIDENCE of Mamdani’s corruption as a NYS assemblyman, reflecting what you have had, but not reported – with knowledge that it is dispositive that Mamdani cannot be elected NYC mayor because he must be indicted and will be convicted, with similar consequences for other candidates on the 2025 ballots for top NYC and NYS offices:

- [NEWS TIP/ALERT](#): “Mamdani Can’t Be Elected NYC Mayor, Because He Must Be Indicted & Will Be Convicted of Corruption, as a NYS Assemblyman” (Sept 4th);
- [“MOBILIZING NEW YORK’S JEWISH, PRO-ISRAEL & OTHER COMMUNITIES” announcement](#): “SPREAD THE WORD – Mamdani’s Win as NYC Mayor is being Rigged by the NYT & Other NY Press, Concealing his Corruption as a NYS Assemblyman – A Scandal He Cannot Survive” (August 24th).

Take your pick.

Again, if you are not going to report on this EVIDENCE – but, rather, continue to mislead voters by reporting on [“endorsements”](#), “polls”, and everything else that the EVIDENCE renders irrelevant – please IMMEDIATELY forward this e-mail to your legal counsel, whose name and contact information I request, NOW.

As always, I am available to answer your questions.

Thank you.

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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 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 Advisory Board chair and members, whose contact information I request, so that they can give truth to [City & State's representation about itself](#) as "the premier media organization dedicated to covering New York's local and state politics and policy", with "in-depth, non-partisan coverage [that] serves New York's leaders every day as a trusted guide to the issues impacting New York."

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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