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Subject: **Federal Lawsuit Suing the NYT for Corruption-Abetting, Election-Rigging, "Journalistic Fraud" -- & specifically pertaining to the 2025 NYC mayoral & other top races**

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

TO: THE NEW YORK TIMES

**ATT: Assistant Managing Editor Patrick Healy/Standards & Trust
Metro & Albany LCA Reporters
Editorial**

As I received no response to my below September 18th e-mail to the director of Siena polling, to which you were cc'd, entitled "NOTICE -- Your NYT/Siena poll of the NYC mayoral race was rigged by the NYT & other press -- & has itself rigged the mayoral race. What corrective steps with the NYT be taking?", I yesterday filed the above-attached and [here-linked](#) federal complaint, suing the NYT and other press for corruption-abetting, election-rigging, "journalistic fraud" and specifically pertaining to the 2025 NYC mayoral and other top races.

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]".

The address I will be using for mailing my written request for the NYT's waiver of service of the summons is the corporate headquarters at 620 Eighth Avenue, NY, NY 10018, to the attention of [NYT Company Executive Vice President & Chief Legal Officer Diane Brayton](#). Please forward this e-mail to Ms. Brayton, so that she can confirm and take the appropriate and IMMEDIATE steps mandated by the First Amendment, the NYT's own codes of conduct and assertions about its journalism, and her own professional responsibilities.

Thank you.

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Subject: NOTICE -- Your NYT/Siena poll of the NYC mayoral race was rigged by the NYT & other press -- & has itself rigged the mayoral race. What corrective steps with the NYT be taking?

TO: [SIENA POLLING – RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT SIENA UNIVERSITY](#)
ATT: [DON LEVY, DIRECTOR](#)

A *propos* of your partnership with [The New York Times](#) and its release of the [New York Times/Siena poll](#) on the NYC mayoral race, reported by its September 9th article "[Mamdani Holds Huge Lead in Mayor's](#)

[Race, Times/Siena Poll Finds](#)”, this is to put you on NOTICE that [The Times](#) and other press have been rigging Mamdani’s win as NYC mayor – and their success in doing this is what is reflected by the poll.

The facts as to the rigging of Mamdani’s win by [The Times](#) and other press are summarized, with substantiating EVIDENTIARY links, by the above-attached and below linked:

- [August 24th Announcement](#) “MOBILIZING NEW YORK’S JEWISH, PRO-ISRAEL & OTHER COMMUNITIES: 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”; and
- [September 4th 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).

Obvious from their cited-to and linked four e-mails I sent to Mamdani in March of this year, starting with my [March 14th e-mail](#) entitled “ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY...” and my supplementing [March 17th e-mail](#), is that had [The Times](#) and other press reported on these e-mails, furnished to them by my [March 18th e-mail](#) and by my [March 20th e-mail](#), each cc’ing Mamdani, his candidacy would have ended then, by his indictment for corruption as a NYS assemblyman involving the state budget, his own legislative salary, and NY’s oversight/“public protection” entities, as to which his best option would have been to take a plea deal – and that Cuomo’s candidacy would also have ended then, by his indictment for corruption as NY’s former governor, as to which his best option would also have been a plea deal – with comparable indictments and deals for Governor Hochul, Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins, and Assembly Speaker Heastie – *for starters*.

No amount of favorable ratings – or the endorsements they propel – can save Mamdani from the criminal consequences of the mountain of open-and-shut, *prima facie* EVIDENCE furnished by those e-mails – and plainly, his favorable ratings, such as what the September 9th article terms “voters’ personal regard for him”, *to wit*, “being inspirational” and having “good character”, will plummet upon press reporting of his on-the-job-performance as a NYS assemblyman and the vast, irreparable injury it has done to NY’s state and local governance and the People of NY. This poll plummet will also be the fate of Cuomo, Hochul, Stewart-Cousins, and Heastie – and such conspiring accomplices on the NYC election ballots as NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, Manhattan D.A. Alvin Bragg, Brooklyn D.A. Eric Gonzalez, and NYS Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal, running to be Manhattan borough president.

As for the poll’s questions as to which candidate “has best addressed the Israeli-Palestinian conflict during the campaign” and “In the dispute between Israel and the Palestinians, which side do you sympathize with more: Israel or the Palestinians?”, [The Times](#) and other press have rigged the answers to these, as well, by their deluge of slanted and false reporting about Israel that have given resonance and credibility to Mamdani’s brazen LIES. The answers, which [The Times](#) separately featured by a September 10th article “[Gaza War Turns New Yorkers Against Israel, With Mayor’s Race as Backdrop](#)”, not only emboldened Mamdani, as evident from [The Times’](#) September 12th article “[Mamdani, if Elected Mayor, Pledges to Order N.Y.P.D. to Arrest Netanyahu](#)”, but resulted – as [The Times](#) presumably knew it would – in collapsing support for Israel as a bulwark against him, which it then facilitated by publishing Governor Hochul’s political endorsement of Mamdani as a “[guest essay](#)” on Sunday night, September 14th, along with an article “[Hochul Endorses Mamdani for Mayor of New York](#)”. On September 15th came “[Cuomo, Staunch](#)

[Supporter of Israel, Says 'Horrific' Gaza War Must End](#)" and, on September 16th, "[Carl Heastie, Another Democratic Holdout, Endorses Mamdani](#)".

Suffice to add that the September 9th "[Mamdani Holds Huge Lead in Mayor's Race, Times/Siena Poll Finds](#)" article included the sentence:

"Voters have doubts about whether Mr. Mamdani, [a three-term state lawmaker](#) with [a sparse résumé](#), can deliver on his ambitious campaign plans."

The link for "[a three-term state lawmaker](#)" is to The Times' May 28th article "[Mamdani Has a Thin Legislative Record but Is a Forceful Voice in Albany](#)", as to which, by a [July 13th e-mail](#) to The Times I asked and stated:

"is...[this] 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', interspersed 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."

I received no response – and stated this by my [August 9th e-mail](#) to The Times, asking, in pertinent part:

"Are you unaware that notwithstanding my July 13th e-mail highlighted the fraud of The Times' May 28th article "[Mamdani Has a Thin Legislative Record but Is a Forceful Voice in Albany](#)", The Times linked to it in its August 6th article '[Cuomo Tells Business Leaders That His Campaign Is on a New Path](#)', stating:

'Mr. Mamdani, who has a [strong lead in the polls](#), has defended [his record as a state lawmaker](#)...'

Is it your view that the May 28th article accurately depicts Mamdani's '[record as a state lawmaker](#)' and that there is no corruption and larceny in that 'record' that The Times was obligated to report and have Mamdani 'defend[]' prior to his June 24th primary win? What about now? Isn't it obvious that Mamdani's '[strong lead in the polls](#)' would tumble were The Times to report on his knowing participation in the obliteration of constitutional, lawful state governance, involving the state budget, his own legislative salary, and NY's oversight/'public protection' entities – the EVIDENCE of which I furnished The Times repeatedly before June 24th – and thereafter twice, by my July 11th and July 13th e-mails. Do you deny that such EVIDENCE establishes that **Mamdani cannot be elected NYC mayor, because he must be indicted and will be convicted – and, so too, Cuomo and Adams, if not, additionally, Sliwa and Walden.**" (hyperlinks and bold in the original).

I received no response.

As for the link to “[a sparse résumé](#)”, it is to The Times’ June 10th article “[Can Mamdani Persuade New York to Elect Its Youngest Mayor in a Century?](#)”, stating, in pertinent part:

“Mr. Mamdani’s résumé is comparatively slight. The son of a renowned filmmaker and academic, he bounced among gigs — working on one of his mother’s movies, as a rapper, a campaign organizer, a part-time tutor and a foreclosure counselor — before winning a seat in the Assembly in 2020. In Albany, he has [a reputation](#) more for advocacy than lawmaking.

...

His tenure has also been relatively brief in Albany, where it can take years to accumulate power. Colleagues say he helped push the ideological center leftward, but only had three relatively minor bills signed into law.”

The “[reputation](#)” link is back to the May 28th article.

Notably, there is no question in your poll as to the sources of the respondents’ views about the candidates or issues – and, specifically, which media they consume. Isn’t that relevant?

I look forward to discussing the foregoing with you – and ask that you forward this e-mail to your contacts at The Times and to its Law Department for their response to The Times’ willful violation of its First Amendment responsibilities and journalistic duties that have rigged the poll and, based thereon, the NYC mayoral race. What corrective steps will The Times be taking?

Meantime, I am cc’ing the authors of the above Times articles, to the extent they are not among the recipients of my succession of e-mails to The Times since March 18th, also cc’d

Thank you.

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