

Addenda #9 – July 2025, April 2026 Update

Continuation of the Revolution

Zohran Mamdani – First 100 days as mayor of New York City

On November 4, 2025, New York City voters went to the polls to elect a new mayor. City residents had seven candidates to choose from, but in reality, only two of them stood a chance of winning the mayoral election. The two men who had a legitimate shot at leading the largest city in the United States were:

Former New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, who was responsible for New York's own version of the Green New Deal, the man who led the state through a disastrous response to the COVID-19 pandemic and was forced to resign in from office in 2021, after being accused of sexual harassment by multiple women.

New York State Assembly member Zohran Mamdani, member of the Democrat Socialists of America party, campaigned on a rent freeze on stabilized apartments, fare-free city buses, publicly funded universal childcare and elder care, city-owned and run grocery stores, comprehensive public safety reform, higher taxes on corporations, higher taxes on millionaires and a implementing a citywide \$30 minimum wage by 2030.

Despite the large number of “choices” for voters to choose from, just 38.7% of all registered voters showed up at the polls to cast a vote for the person who would be in charge of directing the city they lived in for the next four years. Zohran Mamdani won just over 50% of the vote, hardly what you could call a “mandate” and was sworn into office on January 1, 2026. Standing on the steps of City Hall, Mamdani promised to be a mayor for all people, while recognizing several supporters in attendance including fellow Democrat Socialists Senator Bernie Sanders and Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. Mamdani immediately set the tone that he would be a mayor for all New Yorkers. “I promise you this: if you are a New Yorker, I am your Mayor. Regardless of whether we agree, I will protect you, celebrate with you, mourn alongside you, and never, not for a second, hide from you.”

Then Mamdani launched into descriptive prose about his socialist agenda... “Beginning today, we will govern expansively and audaciously... To those who insist that the era of big government is over, hear me when I say this—no longer will City Hall hesitate to use its power to improve New Yorkers’ lives... City Hall will deliver an agenda of safety, affordability, and abundance... The cost of childcare will no longer discourage young adults from starting a family—because we will deliver universal childcare for the many by taxing the wealthiest few. Those in rent-stabilized homes will no longer dread the latest rent hike—because we will freeze the rent. Getting on a bus without worrying about a fare hike or whether you’ll be late to your destination will no longer be deemed a small miracle—because we will make buses fast and free. These promises carried our movement to City Hall, and they will carry us from the rallying cries of a campaign to the realities of a new era in politics.”

Mamdani did not apologize for being a socialist or for pushing a socialist agenda. “We will govern without shame and insecurity, making no apology for what we believe. I was elected as a Democratic socialist and I will govern as a Democratic socialist... We will replace the frigidity of rugged individualism with the warmth of collectivism.”

A quick note about “*individualism vs. collectivism*”...

Merriam-Webster says individualism is a doctrine where the interests of the individual are or ought to be ethically paramount, that all values, rights, and duties originate in themselves. Individuals are self-reliant, responsible for themselves and maintain their own independence: politically, socially and economically, from others.

Collectivism, on the other hand, is defined as a political (or economic) system advocating collective control, especially over production and distribution. In collectivism, the group is considered more important than its individuals.

China is considered to have one of the most collective cultures in the world, based on its communist party ideology. A society without classes, in which everyone is theoretically equal and individual rights and freedoms are severely regulated. Cuba may be even more collective, as the government expects every citizen to contribute to its national plan for economic and social development. The former Soviet Union, was also an example of a collectivist culture under Stalin, in which small individual farms into large state-controlled collectives. How did collectivism turn out for these three countries?

In China, under Communist Party Chairman Mao Zedong, private farming was banned in favor of collective and communal farming on land now owned and run by the government during its “transition to socialism” in the 1950s. Poorly implemented policies and communal farming are widely regarded as contributing factors to the “Great Chinese Famine,” which resulted in as many as 55 million additional deaths due to starvation.

Cuba was one of the most prosperous Latin American countries before the Cuban Revolution of 1953-1959, due to its exports of sugar, tobacco and coffee, and being a favorite tourist destination for wealthy Americans. After Fidel Castro seized control in 1959, private industries were seized and nationalized, Cubas agricultural and industrial economy became inefficient, and the country became reliant on the Soviet Union for trade and subsidies. As the country’s economy deteriorated and the Soviet Union collapsed, Cuba went from being self-sustaining and helping provide foreign aid to its neighbors to becoming a debtor nation, defaulting on billions in loans it received from other countries.

In the Soviet Union, as a result of Chairman Stalin’s *five-year plan*, over 90% of individual farming households were integrated into state controlled collectives by 1937. The policy was expected to result in an increased food supply for the countries increasing urban population, as the industrialization program drew more people to cities. Instead, famine caused by falling grain harvests was responsible for the deaths of 5-7 million people across the Soviet Union. Entire villages disappeared, and in those that remained, former village elders lost local control to Communist Party officials.

Regardless of historical examples of how collectivism has turned out in countries that embraced the policy, socialists insist this time is different, that they now have a plan that will work for the people. No system has done more to lift countries and their citizens out of poverty than the free market capitalist economy. China was one of the poorest countries in the world by the late 1970's after the devastation caused by Mao Zedong's collectivist policies. Deng Xiaoping, the new leader of the Chinese Communist Party announced his Open Door Policy which allowed foreign capital and technology to help China become a manufacturing power, helping to lift hundreds of millions out of poverty. Despite repressive government controls, state owned businesses and privately owned businesses were able to co-exist and since 2016, China has been the world's second largest economy measured by gross domestic product (GDP). Yet despite the countries turnaround, the continued growth of agriculture, manufacturing, construction and technology is dependent on government subsidies which reward not efficiency and growth, but higher employment. This direct intervention in the economy prioritizes maintaining control of all levels of government from the top down, but results in an inefficient government and an inefficient economy. Over the past two years, multiple sectors of the economy have been in crisis, leading to business closures, rising unemployment, rising levels of poverty, pessimism and unrest.

Mamdani immediately set about reinventing New York City by appointing his closest advisor and fellow Democrat Socialist of America party member Elle Bisgaard-Church* as his chief of staff, Catherine (Cat) Almonte Da Costa* as his Director of Appointments, former U.S. deputy Secretary of Labor Julie Su* to lead the newly created Deputy Mayor of Economic Justice, former New York City Planning Commissioner and “national affordability housing expert” Leila Bozorg* as deputy mayor for Housing and Planning, fellow Democrat Socialist of America party member Cea Weaver* as director of newly revitalized Mayor's Office to Protect Tenants, Afua Atta-Mensah* as Chief Equity Officer and Commissioner of the Office of Equity & Racial Justice, and Renita Francois* as Deputy Mayor for the newly created office of Community Safety.

Observations:

* Zohran Mamdani and his chief of staff Elle Bisgaard-Church, are both pro-Palestine (anti-Israel) activists in a city with a Jewish population of 2.1 million.

<https://nypost.com/2026/04/12/us-news/anti-defamation-league-flunks-mamdani-100-day-tenure-over-antisemitism/>

* Da Costa was forced to step down from her position after her past X posts showed antisemitic rhetoric, including referring to “money hungry Jews,” calling a subway line the “Jew train,” and making remarks about working with “rich Jewish peeps.”

<https://dailycaller.com/2026/01/15/mamdani-afua-atta-mensah-chief-equity-officer/>

* Deputy Mayor of Economic Justice, Julie Su, is an outspoken advocate *for* undocumented (illegal) immigrant workers in a city with as many as 836,000 undocumented (illegal) immigrants. Su was also President Biden's *acting* secretary of labor but failed to earn enough support from Democrats or Republicans to be confirmed to that post, “prioritized partisan activism over American workers and their families,” according to Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-La.). A Harvard educated lawyer, Su was a champion of progressive views during her

academic career, including writing a paper that argued the definition of a corporation “seems to promote and perpetuate economic injustice.”

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/gop-senators-prepare-grill-bidens-labor-pick-activist-history-bias>

<https://nypost.com/2025/12/19/us-news/zohran-mamdani-picks-julie-su-as-top-nyc-economic-justice-aide/>

* Bozorg earned a master's degree in city planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a program that “develops new models for community design” including sustainability and creating more just, livable and inclusive “smart cities”. Bozorg will be paid a base salary of \$235,000 by New York taxpayers in her new role.

* Weaver stated on her Twitter account in 2017 that her followers should elect more communists to office and in 2019 that “private property... especially home ownership, is a weapon of white supremacy.” After taking office in January, Weaver posted on X “We'll transition from treating property as an individual good to a collective good. Whites especially will be impacted... What I am envisioning, is a world in which the housing is owned by a collective. And people are paying 30 percent of their income in order to live in their housing. If someone makes \$0 per year, they live for free — if someone makes \$500k per year, they're paying 30% of that.” Weaver will be paid as much as \$144,000 by New York taxpayers in her new role.

<https://hotair.com/david-strom/2026/01/05/mamdani-appoints-communist-tenant-advocate-n3810484>

<https://townhall.com/tipsheet/amy-curtis/2026/01/11/cea-weaver-government-housing-will-cost-you-30-percent-of-your-income-n2669287>

You are horrified at our intending to do away with private property. But in your existing society, private property is already done away with for nine-tenths of the population; its existence for the few is solely due to its non-existence in the hands of those nine-tenths.

Manifesto of the Communist Party: Karl Marx and Fredrich Engels 1847

* Francois previously led the George Soros-funded lobbying group *Beyond Impact* that pushed social justice, defunding police and abolishing jails, will be paid \$290,000 per year by NYC taxpayers in her new role..

<https://nationaltoday.com/us/ca/west-hollywood/news/2026/03/28/mamdani-appoints-anti-cop-radical-as-deputy-mayor-for-community-safety/>

New Yorkers have every right to be fearful about the policies that will come out of this administration...

New York Mayor Zohran Mamdani released his “Preliminary Citywide Racial Equity Plan” on April 6. Mamdani’s equity plan shows alleged “racial disparities” in housing, education, and income, and his new plan aims to “establish a new framework for how New York City measures affordability, understands inequity and plans for a more equitable future.”

“... we know this crisis is not felt equally. Black and Latino New Yorkers — who have been pushed out of this city for decades — are bearing the brunt. The Preliminary Racial Equity Plan is where we begin to reverse that pattern” Mamdani proclaimed. The mayors office promotes the plan as the “first time any New York City administration has required major city agencies to examine their work through a racial equity lens...” Mamdani’s Racial Equity Plan will require “an expansive framework featuring more than 200 agency-level

goals, over 800 proposed strategies, and roughly 600 performance indicators intended to track progress over time.” Mamdani did promise to “govern expansively” and use big government to achieve his affordability goals...

Remember, to treat people ‘equally’ means treating everyone fairly, without bias or favoritism, giving everyone the same opportunity to become successful and prosperous. Dozens of ‘equal protection’ cases have been decided by the Supreme Court. Three amendments have been added to the Constitution to address discrimination on the basis of race and sex. The U.S. Congress has passed Civil Rights Acts in 1866, 1871, 1964, 1965 and 1968. Certain segments (including minorities) of the population still has biases against people who are different from them, but people of color living in the United States have never had better *opportunities* to succeed and live happy lives.

But sometimes, opportunities don’t always lead to success and happiness. People are human: they make poor decisions and destructive lifestyle choices. Karl Marx’ utopian vision of equality was to abolish classes based on individual success, and create a world in which everyone was on a equal footing without economic or social disparity. This led to the introduction of ‘Diversity, Equity and Inclusion’ or DEI in our society. ‘Equity’ as defined by present day Marxists, means that people who are challenged or disadvantaged, receive however much resources they require to achieve the same success and happiness achieved by people who have made better decisions and life choices. Mayor Zohran Mamdani,

Deputy Mayor for Economic Justice Julie Su and NYC Chief Equity Officer Afua Atta-Mensah will attempt to elevate people of color who may have made poor decisions and destructive lifestyle choices, along with those who have had failures despite making good decisions and lifestyle choices, even though favoring people of color above white households in the same situation goes *against* every Constitutional Amendment, Supreme Court decision and Civil Rights law. Mamdani and his woke Marxist administration simply don’t care about the law, they simply want to further the Marxist revolution.

The problem with Mamdani’s big government, free for all approach is that it will take a lot of money to implement. The day after Mamdani took office, New York City Comptroller Mark Levine announced that the City is facing a budget shortfall of \$2.2 billion for fiscal year 2026 and a budget gap of \$10.4 billion for FY2027. Levine said these deficits were a result of poor budgeting decisions from the previous administration, including public assistance, rental assistance and shelter expenses... Aren’t the first two reasons exactly what Mamdani has in mind for the city under *his* administration, more spending for the poor to help affordability of living in the city? And the third reason, shelter expenses, due to housing an estimated 600 – 700,000 illegal immigrants due to the city’s sanctuary policies? Mamdani vowed to protect immigrants, defy ICE attempts to remove criminal illegal immigrants in NY City and maintain sanctuary-style policies when he was elected. Sounds to me that the “poor budgeting decisions from the previous administration” will just be repeated under the new one.

Zohran Mamdani ran for office with a promise for making New York City more affordable for *all* residents, but the policies he has proposed do nothing to make this a reality. ‘Free Stuff’ always comes with a cost. The administrator who gave the orientation meeting at the University at Buffalo when our daughter began her first semester there, told us parents about all the “benefits” UB had to offer our children who were just beginning their education there: “It’s free... but you pay for it.” And that’s a systemic problem with the finances of New York City.

Zohran Mamdani submitted his first budget to the City Council for approval in January. For fiscal year 2027 (FY2027) which begins July 1st, Mamdani proposed record high spending of \$127 billion, a 10% increase from FY2026. The problem: NYC is already facing a \$2.2 billion budget shortfall for FY2026, as total receipts declined 2.8% while expenditures increased 7.6%. In FY2027, the city faces a projected \$10.4 billion gap. NY City does not have enough revenue from taxes and fees to support normal levels of spending, let alone the ‘Free-for-All’ programs Mamdani campaigned on.

From 2021 through 2025, NYC relied on \$13.5 billion in COVID-19 related aid to help pay for its generous social spending, but that revenue source has ended. To pay for his agenda programs, Mamdani’s budget includes a 2% increase in personal income taxes on “the most affluent New Yorkers,” an increase in corporate tax rates to 10.8% for financial sector firms and 10.62% for non-financial companies, and a 9.5% property tax increase for all city property owners.

But New York City does not have the authority to raise personal and corporate income tax rates on their own. The state legislature must approve the increases, and the governor must sign off on the increase for that to happen. The City Council still must approve Mamdani’s budget and property tax increase before it becomes law. The Democrat controlled Assembly and Senate are very much in favor of higher taxes on the wealthy and corporations and have the ability to override a veto by Governor Hochul. Any tax increases will have an adverse effect on NYC residents, small businesses and corporations. Consider the following...

 #1 Proposed Corporate Tax rate increase: Businesses operating IN New York City are subject to state tax, NYC tax and an MTA corporate tax surcharge, totaling 17.44 percent. High taxes (and regulations) make businesses located in NYC less competitive than those in lower tax locations. The New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) just released its ‘Economic Snapshot’ report, which showed that New York City experienced a net loss of 1,050 businesses in the third quarter of 2025. “Despite 4,660 new businesses opening, an estimated 5,700 businesses closed their doors. This marks another quarter of negative net business formation, compounding the crisis following a disastrous Q2 2025, which saw a net loss of 4,900 businesses.” These business closures resulted in a loss of 25,000 jobs in 2025. Each business closure and each job loss is a loss of tax revenue for NYC. (Unemployment in December 2025 was 12,300 higher than December 2024)
NYC Chambers sound alarm as city loses 1,000+ businesses in Q3; Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, April 9, 2026

🚩 #2 Proposed Personal Income Tax increase: Tax paying residents continue to leave the city as shown in the January release of the Bank of America Institute ‘migration report’ which showed New York City had the second-largest absolute outflow of people in 2025. “Affordability and climate remain the two biggest magnets—and the two biggest push factors,” the report noted. Each resident that leaves is a loss of tax revenue for NYC. The current combined state and local tax rate for the highest earners is 14.776%, and tens of thousands of New York City’s highest earners have fled the state over the past seven years. If Mamdani and the NY State Legislature pass higher tax rates on wealthier city residents, the people who own businesses and create those jobs, the exodus will accelerate.

🚩 #3 Proposed Property Tax Increase: According to the Mayor’s Office to *Protect Tenants*, (how ironic is that) New York City had 3,705,000 total housing units for its 8.347 million residents as of 2023. That’s an average of 2.25 people per household.

> 1.1 million of those housing units were ‘owner occupied’ (2.498 million people +/-)

> 1.0 million (2.440 million people +/-) of the 2.6 million housing units that were ‘renter-occupied, were ‘market rate rentals’ meaning there are no controls on amount of rent building owners charge. As expenses, including taxes, increase, so do rents.

Mayor Mamdani, who campaigned on a promise for making New York City more affordable for all residents, is passing along a 9.5% increase in the cost of housing to 4.938 million New York residents.

🚩 #4 Proposed Estate Tax Increase: New York State currently imposes an “estate tax” on all estates valued at \$7.35 million or higher, with tax rates ranging from 3.06% to a maximum of 16%. New York State collected \$1.1 billion in Estate Taxes in FY2025, with \$592 million of that going to New York City.

(Ref: NYS Department of Taxation, State Fiscal Year 2025, Table 16: Estate Tax Collections by County)

Mayor Mamdani has proposed a decrease in the threshold from \$7.35 million to \$750,000 and an increase in the top tax rate from 16% to 50%. Since the average home value in NYC is \$812,861 and the median home sale price in New York City was \$770,000 in 2025, Mamdani’s higher estate taxes will involve most individuals who own a home and disproportionately affect middle-class homeowners.

... every form of society has been based, as we have already seen, on the antagonism of oppressing and oppressed classes... modern bourgeois private property is the final and most complete expression of the system of producing and appropriating products, that is based on class antagonisms, on the exploitation of the many by the few.

Manifesto of the Communist Party; Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels 1847

One hundred seventy nine years later, Democrat Socialist Mayor of New York City Zohran Mamdani and his Commissioner to Protect Tenant Rights Cea Weaver are working to help make Marx and Engels abolition of private property ownership come true...

“In transitioning to treating it [private property] as a collective good and toward a model of shared equity will require that we think about it differently. And it will mean that families, especially white families but some POC families who are homeowners as well, are going to have a different relationship to property than we currently have.”

Cea Weaver; Twitter, August 2019

Because NYC does not have the money to implement Mamdani's "Free-for-All" programs in mass, he is forced to implement his agenda one bit at a time: pilot programs give the illusion that Mamdani's agenda is proceeding as planned. One of candidate Mamdani's promises was to "create a network of 'not-for-profit' city-owned grocery stores focused on keeping prices low, not making a profit." Mamdani's reasoning was that grocery stores owned by the city would be exempt from paying rent, property taxes and insurance. They could then pass those savings to shoppers.

"We will redirect city funds from corporate supermarkets to city-owned grocery stores, whose mission is lower prices, not price gouging," candidate Mamdani proclaimed. During his "First 100 days in office" speech on April 12, 2026, Mayor Mamdani announced that New York's first city-owned grocery store would open in East Harlem next year and declared that all five of his planned city-owned grocery stores would be open by the time his first term ends at the close of 2029. Mamdani knows that the full financial impact of five city-owned and run grocery stores won't be known for years, but City officials confirmed that the grocery store, located in the La Marqueta marketplace, will cost \$30 million to build from the ground up, while a 'standard-size' 25,000-square-foot grocery store should only be about \$15 million to build, according to investigative reporter Adam Lehodey. Mamdani originally claimed his chain of five city-owned grocery stores would cost \$70 million to construct, but we all know how accurate progressive Marxists are in their cost estimates ...

Another of candidate Mamdani's campaign promises was to provide free 'Universal child care' for all city children from six weeks to 5 years old, which according to U.S. Census Bureau data, would be 483,200 children. Candidate Mamdani claimed his citywide plan will cost \$6 billion, or roughly \$12,400 per child, but Mayor Mamdani's office recently confirmed state funding for his free 2-K pilot program in the amount of \$73 million, or about \$36,500 per child in his pilot program. Just a "slight miscalculation" (3x) in cost...

Zohran Mamdani is either ignorant of how the economy works... or, he is aware and is intentionally trying to destroy the middle class. In a Marxist society, there are in theory no classes, but everyone knows there will always be a ruling class that sets and decides the political and economic agenda of society, and a subservient class of useful idiots who follow those rules. The Soviet Union had Vladimir Lenin and Joseph Stalin. Cuba had Fidel Castro and Raúl Castro. China had Mao Zedong, Deng Xiaoping and Xi Jinping. North Korea had Kim Il-Sung, Kim Jong-il and Kim Jong-un. All of these leaders maintained strict and brutal control over their subjects by military force, something Mamdani does not have. Instead, he used Socialist utopia promises which fooled his useful idiot supporters and enabled him to get elected mayor of the largest city in America.

"A moment like this comes rarely. Seldom do we hold such an opportunity to transform and reinvent" Zohran Mamdani; inauguration speech January 1, 2026

"The pandemic represents a rare but narrow window of opportunity to reflect, reimagine, and reset our world... every country... and every industry... must be transformed."

Klaus Schwab; The Great Reset, June 3, 2020