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Over 65 Interfaith Religious Leaders Bless Zohran Mamdani's Campaign for Mayor

Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum, Dr. Cornel West, Ruth W. Messinger, Valarie Kaur, Sonny Singh, Sunny Jain, Dr. Simran Jeet Singh, Pandita Pratima Doobay, and more than 65 faith leaders from Hindu, Muslim, Jewish, Christian, Sikh, and Jain traditions unite behind Mamdani's historic mayoral bid.

New York, NY — October 29, 2025 — One week before New York City's mayoral election, a coalition of more than 65 interfaith religious leaders and faith-based organizers has come together to endorse **Zohran Mamdani** for Mayor of New York City. **Hindus for Zohran**, a campaign affinity group, announced this historic show of multifaith unity in support of a candidate who represents hope, integrity, and justice for all New Yorkers.

The diverse list of endorsers spans a wide range of faith traditions — including Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Christianity, Sikhism, and Jainism — and features leaders primarily from New York, as well as from across the United States and around the world, including India and Guatemala.

"We need a mayor who is fearless in telling the truth, who prioritizes the neediest among us, and who brings us together rather than widens

divides. That mayor is Zohran. I've never been more excited about a candidate," said **Sunita Viswanath**, a Brooklyn-based Hindu faith leader and co-founder of Hindus for Zohran.

These endorsements arrive as New Yorkers turn out to the polls in historic numbers, energized by the opportunity to elect a mayor who embodies the values of inclusion, compassion, and community that define the city.

Prominent religious and interfaith leaders offered their support:

- Imam Shamsi Ali: "Zohran will be the mayor for all New Yorkers. Under his administration, he will make NYC a better, prosperous and more compassionate city."
- Rabbi Michael Feinberg: "Mamdani brings hope to NYC politics, to create a just city for all."
- Rev. Abhi Janamanchi, a Hindu Unitarian Universalist leader, stated: "Zohran's vision is bold and compassionate, and his leadership invites all of us into the work of repair. He has my full and enthusiastic support."

International support has also poured in from India:

- Swami Viswabhadrananda Shakthibodhi: "Real and ethical modern man should support Democratic aspects."
- Fr. Cedric Prakash SJ, Ahmedabad: "New York, the United States, and the world need brilliant leaders with heart like Zohran Mamdani."

From progressive Hindu leaders to Christian peace activists, Muslim imams, rabbis, and interfaith coalitions, the support is loud: Zohran Mamdani offers a transformative vision for a city in need of moral courage, social equity, and inclusive leadership.

"A young, fresh, incorruptible face in City Hall," said Indo-Caribbean Hindu community leader Rohan Narine.

"Because I love New York!" added Mark Colville, founder of the Amistad Catholic Worker Community.

About Hindus for Zohran

Hindus for Zohran is a group of Hindu New Yorkers united in support of Zohran Mamdani's campaign for Mayor of New York City. We came together not only to help elect a leader who reflects our values, but also to push back against the Hindutva-driven hate and anti-Muslim bigotry that has been directed at Zohran in our name. As New Yorkers and as Hindus, we reject hate in all its forms and stand proudly for justice and inclusion.

Quote Sheet (with attribution)

1. **Rohan Narine Hindu Community Member:**
"A young fresh incorruptible face in City Hall!"
2. **Sunita Viswanath** (Hindu community leader):
"We need a Mayor that is fearless in telling the truth; that prioritizes the neediest among us; and that brings us all together rather than widens divides. That Mayor is Zohran. I've never been more excited about a candidate."
3. **Rabbi Barat Ellman:**
"Zohran Mamdani is the Mayor for today!"
4. **Rabbi Michael E. Feinberg:**
"Mamdani brings Hope to NYC politics, to create a just city for all!"
5. **Hussein Amadu Ibrahim:**
"I believe Mamdani will be the best choice for NYC because his concern is poor people's issues."
6. **Imam Adebola Sanusi:**
"I am endorsing Zohran Mamdani for Mayor of NYC because of his vision for New Yorkers."
7. **Imam Kake:**
"He is the right choice."
8. **Imam Shamsi Ali:**
"Zohran will be the mayor for all New Yorkers. Under his administration he will

make NYC a better, prosperous and more compassionate city.”

9. **Rev. Abhi Janamanchi** (Hindu Unitarian Universalist):
“As a faith leader, I am proud to endorse Zohran Mamdani for Mayor of New York City.”
10. **Mark Colville** (Founder, Amistad Catholic Worker Community):
“Because I Love New York!”
11. **Rumni Saha MDiv, MEd** (Hindu Unitarian community leader):
“A resounding Yes!”
12. **Victor Begg**:
“He’ll bring New Yorkers together, and lead the City in prosperity.”
13. **Korneshwar Swami Lingayat Dharm Guru**:
“Humanity is great Religion.”
14. **Omkar Naga Jaya**:
“New York (my home of many years), the United States, and the world need brilliant leaders with heart like Zohran Mamdani.”
15. **Swami Viswabadrnananda Shakthibodhi**:
“Real and ethical modern man should support Democratic aspects.”

List of Endorsers (by Faith & Region)

IN NEW YORK (NY)

Hindu Faith Leaders & Community

- Aminta Kilawan-Narine, Esq.
- Anita Kutaiah
- Chandra Ramsammy
- Ishwar Bridgelal
- Neha Savant
- Pujarin Perley Kutayiah
- Rohan Narine
- Sunita Viswanath

- Uma Ramnauth-Andrews
- Yogini Pandita Pratima Kushmani Shridevi Doobay
- Oma Anderson
- Shanmugam Sridhar
- Shailly Barnes Gupta

Sikh Faith Leaders

- Dr. Simran Jeet Singh
- Sonny Singh

Jewish Faith Leaders

- Rabbi Abby Stein
- Rabbi Barat Ellman
- Rabbi Michael E. Feinberg
- Ruth W Messinger, Former Manhattan Borough President
- Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum

Christian Faith Leaders

- Rev. Chelsea MacMillan
- Rev. Elizabeth G. Maxwell
- Rev. Fletcher Harper
- Rev. Mark Thompson
- Rev. Micah Bucey
- The Rev. Dr. John J. Thatamanil
- Dr. Cornel West

Muslim Faith Leaders

- Afsheen Shamsi
- Dr. Debbie Almontaser
- Hussein Amadu Ibrahim
- Imam Adebola Sanusi
- Imam Al-Hajj Talib Abdur-Rashid
- Imam Kake
- Imam Shamsi Ali

- Rizwan Rizvi / Masjid e Ali (a). Muslim Foundation Inc

Interfaith / Other

- Ravi Raghbir
- Sunny Jain

OUTSIDE NEW YORK (U.S.)

Christian Faith Leaders

- Rev. Abhi Janamanchi
- Rev. Dr. Timothy L. Adkins-Jones
- Rev. Neal Christie
- Sister Barbara Battista SP
- Dr. Laurie Gagne
- Mark Colville
- Beth Brockman
- Rev. Peter Cook
- Linden Jenkins (Quaker)

Hindu Faith Leaders

- Brahmacharini Shweta
- Pandit Dr. Raja Gopal Bhattar
- Pandit Shivam Bhatt
- Pandit Sushma Dwivedi
- Punya Upadhyaya
- Sapna Pandya
- Dr. Gautham Reddy
- Rumni Saha MDiv, MEd

Jewish Faith Leaders

- Rabbi Alissa Wise

Muslim Faith Leaders

- Imam Fayaz Nawabi

- Imam Suhaib Webb
- Kaleem Kawaja
- Dr. Sulayman Hassan
- Victor Begg

INTERNATIONAL (OUTSIDE USA)

Christian Faith Leaders

- Dennis Leder, SJ (Jesuit priest in Guatemala)
- Fr. Cedric Prakash SJ, Ahmedabad
- Fr. Anand Mathew IMS, Varanasi

Hindu / Interfaith Monks & Swamis (India)

- Korneshwar Swami Lingayat Dharm Guru
- Omkar Naga Jaya
- Swami Raghavendra
- Swami Sandeepananda Giri
- Swami Viswabadrananda Shakthibodhi
- Umesh Kabir (Kabirmath, Varanasi)