

THE FACTS BEHIND ZOHRAN MAMDANI'S POLICY PROPOSALS

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Did you know?...

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- ➔ Mamdani has a plan to create a [network of city owned grocery stores](#). The [city would pay to cover the cost of rent, utilities, and property taxes](#). Food policy experts estimate that it would cost \$100 million annually for five grocery stores. They estimate a network of [20 stores would cost \\$400 million annually](#).



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Executive Summary

Zohran Mamdani has a double-digit lead in the polls to become the next Mayor of New York City. He has campaigned on a number of extreme policy proposals, many of which would increase taxes.

Mamdani's proposals include a new public safety department, expanding access to gender-affirming care, city owned grocery stores, a \$30 minimum wage, free buses, eliminating the budget for police overtime, encouraging pretrial releases of prisoners and diverting prosecution entirely, a rent freeze on rent-stabilized apartments, and universal childcare.

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- Have New York City pursue [procurement reform](#); claims it would save the city \$300 million a year.
- Pursue \$2.1 billion in unpaid fines, which he plans to do by [hiring more staff to pursue outstanding fines](#).

Public Safety Department

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- Mamdani has said this would require a [budget of \\$1.1 billion](#). He estimates \$605 million of that budget would be transferred from other departments and that the remaining \$455 million would have to come from new sources.

Expanding Access To Gender-Affirming Care

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- Mamdani platform includes [support for Cecilia's Occupational Inclusion Network \(COIN\)](#), a free healthcare program at Callen Lorde Community Health Center co-founded by the late trans and sex workers' rights activist Cecilia Gentili.
- Mamdani's LGBTQ+ platform includes [establishing an Office of LGBTQIA+ Affairs](#), "declaring New York City a sanctuary city for LGBTQIA+ people and families," and supporting legislation to "ensure ... incarcerated trans New Yorkers are treated with dignity."

City Owned Grocery Stores

Mamdani has a plan to create a network [of city owned grocery stores](#).

- The [city would pay to cover the cost of rent, utilities, and property taxes](#). The city owned stores would buy and sell goods at wholesale prices.
- Mamdani's campaign estimates it would cost roughly [\\$60 million annually](#) to open five grocery stores.
- Food policy experts estimate that it would cost \$100 million annually for five grocery stores. They estimate a network of [20 stores would cost \\$400 million annually](#).

\$30 Minimum Wage

Mamdani has proposed raising New York City's [minimum wage to \\$30](#) an hour by 2030.

- Under [Mamdani's proposal](#), the city's minimum wage would increase to \$20 per hour in 2027, \$23.50 in 2028, \$27 in 2029 and \$30 in 2030.
- After 2030, the minimum wage would [increase every year](#) based on either cost of living increases or productivity increase, whichever is higher.

Free Buses

Mamdani has pledged to make city [buses free](#).

- Mamdani's campaign estimates it would cost [\\$800 million](#).
- In 2024, 410 million bus trips were taken in NYC, at a cost of \$2.90 a fare. An estimated 48 percent of rider evaded fares, [costing the city over \\$570 million in unpaid fares](#).

Eliminate The Budget For Police Overtime

Mamdani believes that the [New York City Police Department's overtime should be eliminated](#) and that the Strategic Response Group, used to respond to protests, should be disbanded.

- The NYPD has about 33,740 uniformed officers, below the budgeted allotment of 35,000. In 2000, there were 40,000 uniformed officers.
- In 2022, Mamdani called for the NYPD to [reduce its work force by 1,300 police officers](#) through attrition. Now that he is running for Mayor, he says those specific comments don't reflect his current views.

Pretrial Release Of Prisoners And Diversion Of Prosecution Entirely

Mamdani [supports](#) working with District Attorneys to release more people pretrial or to divert them from prosecution entirely.

- Mamdani is committed to [closing Rikers Island](#), even though the four new planned jails will only have half the combined capacity.
- He supports alternatives to incarceration, such as supportive housing.

Rent Freeze On Rent-Stabilized Apartments

Mamdani has proposed a [rental freeze on nearly one million rent-stabilized](#) apartments in New York City. This has no direct cost to the city budget and doesn't directly raise taxes.

- This proposal would [require building owners to should more costs](#), requiring them to pay increasing maintenance fees and property taxes without increases revenues to offset those costs.

Universal Child Care

Mamdani has proposed universal, [no cost childcare](#) for every New Yorker aged 6 weeks to 5 years old. This plan also includes increasing the wages for childcare workers to be in line with public school teachers.

- Mamdani's campaign estimates this proposal would cost [\\$6 billion annually](#), by far his most expensive proposal.
- The average annual salary of a childcare worker in New York State is \$38,000. The average salary for a kindergarten teacher is \$85,000.