

# ***Rebecca Cooke Endorsed New York City's Socialist Mayor Zohran Mamdani, Who Supports Radical Left Policies Like Taxing Whiter Neighborhoods, Defunding The Police, And Banning Gas Cars***

## **Support For Mamdani**

### **In September 2025, Rebecca Cooke, When Asked Who She Would Support In The New York City Mayoral Election, Responded "Mamdani"**

**Rebecca Cooke Said She Would Have Voted For Zohran Mamdani If She Lived In New York City.** "I am a Blue Dog and a New Dem, but I'm also very progressive where it counts,' Cooke told NBC News last year. 'I don't like the labels and the boxes that kind of have been created, because immediately, you know, you're written off and 'othered' in your party because you're this or because you're that. And really, I'm just — I'm running because I'm for western Wisconsin, period.' Republicans are looking to paint her as too far left for the district. Van Orden campaign spokesperson Grace Kim recently said in a statement that Cooke 'has aligned herself with the most extreme elements of her party,' pointing to video of her saying she would support Zohran Mamdani for mayor of New York and calling for a ban on AR-15 rifles." (Bridget Bowman and Ben Kamisar, "Democrat Backed By Blue Dogs And Bernie Sanders Wins Primary As Parties Prepare To Battle For The House," [NBC](#), 8/11/26)

**VIDEO: When Asked Who She Would Support In The New York City Mayoral Election, Responded "Mamdani."** QUESTIONER: "If you lived in New York City right now who would you be supporting for mayor?" COOKE: "Mamdani." ("Middle Of The Road Wisconsin Democrat Endorses Socialist Mamdani," [Washington Free Beacon](#), 9/19/25) Minute 0:12-0:17

## **Mamdani On The Issues**

### **Mamdani's Housing Plan Included Shifting The Tax Burden To "Richer And Whiter" Neighborhoods**

**Mamdani's Housing Plan Included Shifting The Tax Burden To "Richer And Whiter" Neighborhoods.** "The Mamdani administration will address this deeply inequitable system, using the full power of the mayor's office to both address the system directly and working with legislators at the state level to win necessary reforms. In the long term, these changes will include implementing much of the New York City Advisory Commission on Property Tax Reform's 2021 recommendations which are comprehensive. However, shorter term, immediate relief is necessary. The administration will: • Shift the tax burden from overtaxed homeowners in the outer boroughs to more expensive homes in richer and whiter neighborhoods: The property tax system is unbalanced because assessment levels are artificially capped, so homeowners in expensive neighborhoods pay less than their fair share. The Mayor can fix this by pushing class assessment percentages down for everyone and adjusting rates up, effectively lowering tax payments for homeowners in neighborhoods like Jamaica and Brownsville while raising the amount paid in the most expensive Brooklyn brownstones." (Homeowner Policy Memo, [Zohran For New York](#), 5/27/25)

### **Mamdani Has Called For The NYPD To Be Defunded**

**During The Summer Of 2020, Mamdani Called To Defund The Police, And Said "NO To Fake Cuts."** "We don't need an investigation to know that the NYPD is racist, anti-queer & a major threat to public safety. What we need is to #DefundTheNYPD. But your deal with @NYCMayor uses budget tricks to keep as many cops as possible on the beat. NO to fake cuts - defund the police. <https://t.co/2RCXU8heg2>" (Zohran Mamdani, [Twitter](#), 6/28/20)



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**Mamdani Wants To Spend \$65 Million On Gender Affirming Care, Including Minors.** “Mayoral hopeful Zohran Mamdani wants to spend \$65 million in taxpayer funds on transgender treatment — including for minors — if he’s elected to lead New York City. The Queens assemblyman, who is locked in a close race with former Gov. Andrew Cuomo in Tuesday’s Democratic primary, says on his campaign website that the money would be funneled to public providers to help transgender New Yorkers. About \$57 million would be allotted for public hospitals, community clinics, federally qualified health centers and nonprofits with another \$8 million for more expanded services, the website states. The surging Democratic socialist contender first unveiled his plan to “deliver care, opportunity, and protection for LGBTQIA+ New Yorkers” last month following a Trans Community Town Hall with advocates. The New York Sun, which reported on the spending plan Sunday, noted it was unclear whether the proposal would pay for just medication, or gender transition surgery as well. Mamdani defended the spending plan as necessary, citing how private Big Apple hospitals had stopped providing gender-affirming care for minors under threats from the Trump administration earlier this year. ‘LGBTQIA+ New Yorkers are under attack by the Trump administration and Zohran is going to stand up for them as Mayor,’ a campaign spokesperson said in a statement to The Post on Monday. ‘That means ensuring both public and private institutions follow our state constitution and human rights laws, protecting gender-affirming care, and creating the Office of LGBTQIA+ Affairs at City Hall.’ President Trump signed an executive order aimed at restricting gender transition procedures for patients younger than 19, but that measure has been blocked by a judge for now. Trans care for youth has been a controversial issue, with critics arguing children and teens are too young to move ahead with something so permanent while supporters believe the treatment helps handle gender dysphonia that could lead to mental health problems.”

(David Propper and Criag McCarthy, ‘Zohran Mamdani Wants To Spend \$65M On Trans Medical Treatment — Including For Minors — If Elected NYC Mayor,’ [The New York Post](#), 6/23/25)

**Mamdani’s “LGBTQIA+ Care, Opportunity, And Safety” Plan Stated His Administration Would “Budget \$65 Million In Funding To Explicitly Support And Expand Access To Gender Affirming Care (GAC) In NYC.”** “Expand and Protect Gender Affirming Care Citywide A private institution operating with a quarter-billion dollar public subsidy should not have the ability to sell out young trans New Yorkers to the Trump administration. Yet, that’s exactly what happened when NYU Langone decided to stop providing gender-affirming care for trans youth. Soon after, other private NYC hospitals also stopped providing necessary lifesaving healthcare for trans youth. These decisions are in direct contradiction with New York state law. The Mamdani administration will protect gender-affirming care immediately by investing \$65 million in public providers to provide gender-affirming care to New Yorkers who seek it and will hold private entities abetting Trump’s attacks to account. The Mamdani Administration will budget \$65 million in funding to explicitly support and expand access to Gender Affirming Care (GAC) in NYC. It will direct \$57 million of to public hospitals, community clinics, federally qualified health centers, and

nonprofits providing GAC. In the face of the Trump administration's proposed elimination of federal support for GAC and his threats to care for adults, this infusion will protect GAC access for both transgender youth and adults. \$8 million will be directed to: Develop and support virtual and telehealth GAC and delivery of GAC treatment by community health providers. Add GAC to New York Health+Hospitals Virtual Care. Establish a City-based GAC Access Hub to direct those seeking GAC to providers based on their individual situations. Provide aftercare, home health support, and respite housing. Support health programs like Callen-Lorde Community Health Centers COIN Clinic (Cecilia's Occupational Inclusion Network)." (LGBTQIA+ Care, Opportunity, And Safety, [Zohran For New York City](#), 5/22/25)

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