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State Legislators Running for Mayor: What the Scorecards Reveal About Their Ideologies

In a couple of major cities in the United States, high-profile state legislators are running for mayor — bringing their voting records into sharper focus. Nowhere is this more evident than in [Minneapolis](#) and [New York City](#), where current Democratic lawmakers are campaigning on leftist platforms. Their true records — as documented by *The New American's* [state Legislative Scorecards](#) — reveal troubling patterns of government overreach, disregard for constitutional limits, and hostility toward individual liberty and free enterprise.



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Zohran Mamdani

Omar Fateh: From State Senate to Minneapolis Mayor?

Minnesota [state Senator Omar Fateh](#) (D-Minneapolis), currently running for mayor of Minneapolis, has earned a zero-percent cumulative score on *The New American's* [state Legislative Scorecards](#) for [Minnesota](#). His legislative record reveals unwavering support for bills expanding government power, prioritizing Marxist-style “equity” policies, and restricting individual rights.

Fateh backed [HF 146](#), a [bill](#) that prohibits the enforcement of another state’s law allowing a child to be removed from parental custody for permitting sex-change surgery. He also supported [SF 3852](#), which [mandates](#) that small and large businesses pay the same minimum wage, eliminates exemptions for minors and J-1 visa workers, and increases the annual wage adjustment cap from 2.5 percent to five percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is lower. On every major issue — from [government spending](#) to public safety — Fateh has consistently opposed limited, constitutional government.

Minneapolis voters deserve to know that Fateh’s mayoral platform is not a break from failed leftist policies, but a continuation of them. His record as a state senator reveals a blueprint for expanding city-level control, eroding public safety, and embedding [divisive ideological](#) agendas in local governance.

Fateh’s mayoral campaign doubles down on these same failed policies. His platform calls for raising the [citywide minimum wage to \\$20 by 2028](#) — a nearly 30-percent increase for large employers — alongside [freezing residential rents](#) and severing all cooperation between [city police and federal immigration](#) authorities. He frames the agenda as [“Trump-proofing”](#) the city, but in reality, it mirrors the [Democratic Socialist playbook](#): centralizing economic control, weakening law enforcement, and embedding radical-equity mandates into local government. Minneapolis voters should recognize Fateh’s platform for what it is — a city-level extension of the same statist ideology that earned him a zero-percent score at the state Capitol.

Zohran Mamdani: A Socialist for New York City Mayor?

New York [state Assemblyman Zohran Mamdani](#) (D-Queens), a self-described democratic socialist and



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prominent member of the [Democratic Socialists of America](#), is now the [Democratic nominee](#) for mayor of New York City. Following a complicated [ranked-choice](#) election, Mamdani secured [56.4 percent](#) of the vote, defeating former Governor Andrew Cuomo, who received 43.6 percent. In the state Legislature, Mamdani has championed radical leftist causes and consistently voted in favor of authoritarian, state-controlled policies.

Mamdani holds a lifetime score of just six percent on *The New American's* [state Legislative Scorecards](#) for [New York](#), reflecting his consistent disregard for constitutional limits on government power. He has supported [taxpayer-funded housing subsidies](#), embraced [radical “woke” policies](#), backed [measures protecting abortion](#), and promoted “[climate justice](#)” mandates that undermine private industry and violate property rights.

Notably, Mamdani backed [S 2129](#), which creates the “[climate change adaptation cost recovery program](#)” — a scheme that, among other provisions, demands payment from companies based on their alleged greenhouse gas emissions. He also supported [S 8479](#), a bill requiring financial institutions to use [merchant category codes](#) to identify firearm retailers, further enabling backdoor gun control through [financial surveillance](#).

If elected mayor, Mamdani would likely bring his radical socialist agenda to the local level — pushing policies that would accelerate the city's decline into lawlessness, economic stagnation, and ideological extremism.

Scorecards Expose the Truth

The New American's [state Legislative Scorecards](#) serve as a vital tool for voters who want to cut through the political noise and examine candidates based on their actual records. These scorecards evaluate lawmakers on key votes that [reflect core constitutional principles](#), such as limited government, individual liberty, private property, and national sovereignty.

Both [Fateh and Mamdani](#) have attempted to brand their campaigns as bold moves for “equity” and “justice.” Their voting records reveal a consistent pattern of expanding the welfare state, growing unelected bureaucracies, attacking law enforcement, and attacking parental rights — all under the guise of social progress.

As urban voters seek real [solutions to crime](#) and [economic instability](#), it is essential to examine not just campaign promises, but actual voting behavior. Candidates who consistently oppose constitutional principles at the state level cannot be trusted to uphold liberty and restore order at the local level.

Use the Scorecards to Unmask Local Power Grabs

Mayoral races in cities such as Minneapolis and New York are not just local contests — they are ideological battles with national consequences. Candidates such as Omar Fateh and Zohran Mamdani represent a broader movement to embed radical leftist governance at every level. Their Legislative Scorecards offer a clear warning to voters: These candidates have used their state office to erode liberty, not protect it.

The New American and [The John Birch Society](#), steadfast advocates of constitutional government and free enterprise, urge Americans to hold their state legislators [accountable](#) — not just for what they say, but for what they have done. If you care about what is happening at every level of government — and whether your elected officials are voting in accordance with the Constitution and America's founding principles — sign up for JBS Legislative Alerts [here](#).



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