



Blakeman to Mamdani: Fire Radical Anti-Police Activist from Your Transition Team

Nassau County Executive and presumptive Republican nominee for Governor of New York, Bruce Blakeman, today called on Mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani to immediately fire Kazi Fouzia from his transition team after a video surfaced in which she referred to the brave men and women of the New York City Police Department as “killers.”

In the 2020 video, Fouzia — director of organizing at Desis Rising Up and Moving (DRUM) and self-described “revolutionary organizer” — shockingly asked those who support their family members becoming police, “What are you proud for? That your relative would become a killer one day, or brutally beat our people?”

“Calling our police officers — the men and women who put their lives on the line every day to protect New Yorkers — ‘killers’ is disgusting, dangerous, and completely unacceptable,” said Blakeman. “Mayor-elect Mamdani cannot allow someone who publicly demonizes law enforcement to sit on his transition team. Kazi Fouzia should be fired immediately.”

Blakeman said this anti-police rhetoric is part of a broader, deeply troubling pattern embraced by both Mamdani and Governor Kathy Hochul. Both were endorsed by the Working Families Party, a radical group that has repeatedly called for defunding the police and weakening law enforcement across New York State.

“By empowering a radical anti-police activist and standing shoulder to shoulder with ‘Defund the Police’ allies, Mamdani and Hochul have made their priorities crystal clear,” Blakeman concluded. “As Governor, I will stand with law enforcement, reject the ‘Defund the Police’ agenda, and ensure extremists have no influence over the future of New York.”

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