PSC/CUNY Mayoral Election Briefing:

# Rank Five Candidates AND DON'T RANK CUOMO

PSC members need a Mayor who will stand up to Trump and care for public institutions, including CUNY.

- To make ranked choice voting effective, be sure to <u>fill out all</u> <u>five slots on your ballot</u>. Do not leave slots empty.
- 2. Rank our five endorsed, proven CUNY Champions, **NOT CUOMO**. Your ballot will look like this, with PSC's top three recommendations in red:

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Zohran Mamdani	0	^	4	
Scott Stringer	0	0	0	(
Selma Bartholomew	0	0	0	(
Zellnor Myrie	0	0	0	
Adrienne Adams	0	0	0	0
Andrew Cuoma	0	0	0	0
Jessica Ramos	0	0	0	0
Whitney Tilson	0	0	0	0
Michael Blake	0	0	0	0
Brad Lander	Õ	0	0	0
Panerla D	0	0	0	Õ
Paperboy Prince	0	U	0	Õ
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#### Why these CUNY Champions?

Mamdani (Rank 1, 2 or 3): Prime sponsor of the REPAIR Act to fund budget increases for CUNY by ending property tax breaks for NYU and Columbia; New Deal for CUNY cosponsor Lander (Rank 1, 2 or 3): Has a long history of support for the PSC and CUNY students, authored reports that demonstrates the economic impact of CUNY

Adams (Rank 1, 2 or 3): Created CUNY Reconnect; restored millions of Mayor Adams' cuts to services including to CUNY; attended York

**Blake** (Rank 4 or 5): Former Assemblymember and outspoken advocate for public higher education, housing and racial justice.

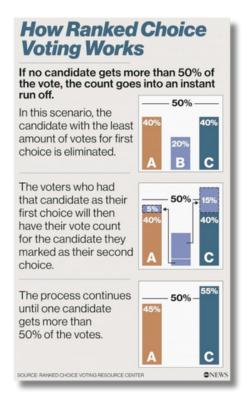
Myrie (Rank 4 or 5): State Senate ally to the PSC, New Deal for CUNY cosponsor; helped save SUNY Downstate

#### **Ranked Choice Strategy:**

In ranked choice voting, if a candidate doesn't win 50% of votes, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated in a series of rounds. As candidates are eliminated, their supporters' votes roll over to their next ranked choice. This consolidation significantly alters the field.

In 2021, the City's first experiment with ranked choice voting, a significant number who favored Maya Wiley or other candidates at the top of their ballot ranked Eric Adams 4th or 5th. Those votes led to his victory over Kathryn Garcia in the final round by just 7,000 votes.

Spread the word to family, friends and colleagues: To protect CUNY in this election, rank 5 candidates and do not rank Cuomo.



## CUOMO SOLD OUT CUNY.

**HURT OUR PENSIONS**: In 2011 Governor, Cuomo teamed up with Mayor Bloomberg to force new municipal workers on to a new rung of our pension plan called Tier 6. New York public employees have to **work longer and pay more into the system** to retire. As of 2024, Tier 6 makes up more than 50% of the public employees retiree system.

**CUT CUNY FUNDING**: Governor Cuomo threatened to cut CUNY's state aid by \$485 million. He then refused to fund \$240 million for retroactive collective bargaining increases, pitting faculty and staff against other university expenses. During the pandemic, Cuomo **withheld funds from CUNY causing thousands of adjunct layoffs** and cutting many adjuncts off from their health insurance in the middle of a public health disaster.

<u>GIVEAWAYS TO BIG BUSINESS</u>: Cuomo's budget austerity was of his own making. He took money from public institutions for **big corporate giveaways instead of helping people**. Billions went to companies including Elon Musk's Tesla/SolarCity, Morgan Stanley, Geico, and Brookfield.

### **DON'T RANK CUOMO!**