### Cuomo Mythbusting Truth, lies, and why he should NOT be mayor

### **MYTH** Cuomo was unfairly forced out as governor

#### **BUSTED** Cuomo chose to resign because of overwhelming evidence

Found by the Attorney General and U.S. Department of Justice to have harassed at least 13 women, including government employees

Retaliated against accusers, using his office to silence them and further abuse his power Spent \$60 million of taxpayer money defending his scandals

### **MYTH** Cuomo heroically saved new york during COVID

### **BUSTED** Cuomo played hero while worsening the crisis behind the scenes

Slashed \$2.5B from Medicaid at the start of the pandemic

Forced nursing homes to take COVID patients causing up to 1,000 preventable deaths

Hid public health data, then threatened lawmakers who questioned him

Used state staff to ghostwrite his \$5.1M self-congratulatory book

Presided over a decade of hospital closures, gutting care before COVID even hit

### MYTH Cuomo will stand up to Trump's abuses of power

#### **BUSTED** Cuomo abuses power just like Trump

Stacked the Moreland Ethics Commission with loyalists, then shut it down when it began investigating his campaign and executive chamber—triggering a federal investigation

Propped up fake democrats (the Independent Democratic Conference) so republicans control the NY State Senate and obstructed needed legislation

Consolidated power, sidelined lawmakers, and routinely ruled by executive order

Silenced critics and punished dissent

Fought off real ethics reform while running a political machine fueled by fear and loyalty

### MYTH Cuomo fights for the people

### **BUSTED** As governor, Cuomo cozied up to billionaires & handed them public money—just like Trump

Gave \$1 billion in taxpayer money to Elon Musk for a "solar factory" that promised 3,000 jobs...and delivered next to nothing. Musk walked away richer.

Tried to hand \$3 billion in public subsidies to Jeff Bezos for Amazon's HQ2 in Queens without community input or a vote-until public outrage forced a retreat.

Prioritized flashy corporate deals over working-class needs, while underfunding housing, transit, education, and healthcare

Offered tax breaks and sweetheart real estate deals to the wealthy, while rejecting new taxes on millionaires and billionaires for years

Backed massive corporate giveaways under the guise of "economic development"—many of which failed to deliver jobs or transparency

### **MYTH** Homelessness grew to record numbers only after cuomo left office

### **BUSTED** As governor, Cuomo helped fuel New York's homelessness crisis

During COVID, cut funding for psychiatric beds in NYC, forcing New Yorkers with mental health issues onto the streets without care or services

Prioritized real estate profits over people, worsening the housing crisis and driving homelessness to record levels

### MYTH As governor, Cuomo prioritized & funded public transit

### **BUSTED** Cuomo mismanaged the MTA & left NYC transit to rot

Diverted millions in public transit funds to ski resorts upstate

Left NYC's subway and buses underfunded and deteriorating

Blamed the City for the 2017 "Summer of Hell" and refused to provide emergency funding









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# **MYTH** As governor, Cuomo was a champion for public education

### **BUSTED** Cuomo's education policies hurt students, teachers & communities

Cut from public schools and redirected funds to charter schools despite opposition from educators and parents

Pushed for high-stakes standardized testing and rolled back teacher protections, undermining public education and educator morale

Opposed increases in funding for higher education, while giving tax breaks to wealthy donors and real estate developers

Spent more time protecting charter school interests than addressing systemic issues like overcrowded classrooms and crumbling infrastructure

## MYTH If elected mayor, Cuomo will defend Medicaid

### **BUSTED** As governor, Cuomo spent years defunding Medicaid

Pushed billions in cuts — even during COVID

Created the Medicaid Redesign Team to slash services and cap growth

Opposed taxing the rich to fund care for the poor

Balanced budgets with "gimmicks," like delaying Medicaid payments

Blocked expansion efforts and prioritized austerity over access

### **MYTH** If elected mayor, Cuomo will make us safer

### **BUSTED** As governor, Cuomo put political gain over protecting New Yorkers

Failed to fund local police and first responders adequately, despite rising crime and calls for stronger public safety measures

Cut funding to critical community programs aimed at reducing crime and providing mental health support

Ignored calls for police reform while protecting the status quo and refusing to hold law enforcement accountable for misconduct

Spent more time defending law enforcement unions than addressing systemic issues that harmed vulnerable communities

## **MYTH** Cuomo will be a great mayor

**BUSTED** New Yorkers have better choices who will lead our city with integrity & be accountable to the people they are elected to serve—that's us!

Learn more about the Democratic candidates

# New Yorkers have better options to rank

Adrienne Adams adrienneforthepeople.com

blakefornyc.com

adrienneforthepeople.com landerfornyc.com

Michael Blake Zohran Mam

Zohran Mamdani zohranfornyc.com

Brad Lander

Zellnor Myrie zellnor.nyc

Jessica Ramos Wh

scottstringernyc.com
Whitney Tilson
whitneyformayor.com

Scott Stringer

### GET READY FOR RANKED CHOICE VOTING

- ✓ Mark your first choice on your ballot
- ✓ Pick up to 4 more candidates in order of your preference
- ✓ You can rank up to 5 candidates, but ranking fewer is fine
- ✓ If your 1st choice is eliminated, your vote moves to your next choice
- ✓ This continues until a candidate wins with over 50% of the vote
- **DON'T** Rank the same candidate more than once—it won't count!
- **DON'T** Skip numbers–keep your rankings in order
- DON'T Rank candidate you don't want-if ranked they could win!

### Make a plan to vote

MON JUNE 9 Address update deadline

**SAT JUNE 14** First day of early voting

Voter registration deadline

Absentee ballot request deadline

#### **EARLY VOTING** JUNE 14-22

**SUN JUNE 22** Last day of early voting

TUE JUNE 24 ELECTION DAY Polls open 6am-9pm



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