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# Mayor-elect Mamdani unveils all-woman team as he prepares to ‘Trump-proof’ New York

The US president had repeatedly threatened to cut federal funding to the city – and even take it over – if the Democratic candidate won

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Fresh off winning New York’s mayoral election, Zohran Mamdani announced on Wednesday that a team including former city and federal officials – all women – would support his administration. Mamdani said the team would “honour the trust of the people of New York City” and “continue to deliver on the promises of the 2021 campaign.”

“I and my team will continue to deliver on the promises of the 2021 campaign,” Mamdani said. “We will continue to deliver on the promises of the 2021 campaign.”

He named political strategist Linda Leopold as executive director of the transition team. She will work with United Way of New York City President Grace Bonilla; former deputy mayor Melanie Hartzog, who was also a city budget official; former Federal Trade Commission chair Lina Khan; and former first deputy mayor Maria Torres-Springer.

With his win over former governor Andrew Cuomo and Republican Curtis Sliwa, the 34-year-old democratic socialist will soon become the city’s first Muslim mayor, the first of South Asian heritage, the first born in Africa and the youngest mayor in more than a century.

He now faces the task of following through on his ambitious affordability agenda while navigating the bureaucratic challenges of City Hall and a hostile Trump administration.



New York Mayor-Elect Zohran Mamdani’s transition co-chair Lina Khan speaks during a press conference at the Unisphere in Flushing Meadows Corona Park on Wednesday. Photo: AFP

“I’m confident in delivering these same policies that we ran on for the last year,” he said in an interview earlier on Wednesday on cable news channel NY1.

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