

First County Executive Candidates Debate

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White Plains, NY - The first debate between the candidates for Westchester County Executive— Democratic incumbent Andrew Spano and Republican challenger Rob Astorino will be presented by The Westchester County Association before a group of business and community leaders at 8 AM, Thursday, September 17 at 800 Westchester Avenue, 5th Floor Auditorium.

Mr. Spano, who is seeking re-election for a fourth term as County Executive, was endorsed by the Westchester Conservative Party and Mr. Astorino, a former county legislator, was endorsed by the Westchester Independence Party. The election will be held November 3.

Among the topics to be discussed are:

- Affordable housing lawsuit
- Property taxes
- Government restructuring
- Economic development
- Unemployment
- Healthcare

Two prominent Westchester journalists who have an in-depth working knowledge of the county and its issues will be the moderators: Richard French III, General Manager/Host, Richard French Live, RNN-TV and Caryn McBride, Editor, Fairfield County Business Journal, Westchester County Business Journal and HV Biz (Hudson Valley Business).

WCA President Bill Mooney said: “We are pleased that our organization has been selected to host the first County Executive candidates debate. There are many substantive issues confronting our county that will be of interest to our members. I want to thank the candidates for their willingness to be on hand to participate in what we all expect will be a lively and simulating debate and one that will continue throughout the fall.”

There is no charge to attend the debate but online registration is required at www.westchester.org. Seating is very limited and will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Westchester County Association is the preeminent business membership organization in Westchester County. The Association is committed to business advocacy, economic vitality and to providing a strong and clear voice for the interests of businesses on the regional, national and international levels. Its key objectives are: promoting positive economic development in the region; fostering business development; and providing its members with access and interaction with key public and private sector individuals, agencies and organizations.