

WCA aligns with Nick Spano's firm

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The Westchester County Association has formed an alliance with Empire Strategic Planning, a lobbying firm owned by former state Sen. Nick Spano.



In announcing the partnership, WCA President William Mooney said it was to create an "early warning system" about pending legislation that would affect its members in the business community. He cited the MTA Payroll Tax and the proposed Commercial Assessment Ratio bill as examples where members needed to be better informed earlier in the process.

He said the partnership will "improve the chances of preventing potentially damaging bills from being passed or, conversely, actively supporting legislation that could be beneficial to our members."

"Given the dysfunction in Albany, the precarious economy and the continued erosion of New York as a business friendly state, the WCA needs an experienced presence on the ground in Albany to serve as its ears and eyes on issues that matter," Mooney said.

The WCA advocates for businesses and promotes economic development in the region