

Duffy: Mandate relief would save county \$36 million

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Gov. Andrew Cuomo's mandate relief proposals would save Monroe County taxpayers \$36 million over five years, and pension reforms would save the county \$2.5 billion over 30 years, Lt. Gov. Robert Duffy said Thursday.

Duffy, the former Rochester mayor, met with local leaders, including Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks, Rochester Mayor Thomas Richards, and Rochester Business Alliance Inc. president and CEO Sandra Parker at RBA offices on State Street.

Cuomo's executive budget calls for phasing out county growth costs of Medicaid for over five years, and reforming the state pension system, Duffy said.

"We are pleased to see mandate relief being given some serious consideration," Parker said. "We support Gov. Cuomo's proposal for mandate relief, and urge the state's legislators to do the same, particularly in the area of pension reform and the switch to a defined contribution plan."