

Cuomo's top economic development official in Rochester today



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As part of Gov. Andrew Cuomo's statewide campaign to push his agenda, Empire State Development Corporation CEO Ken Adams spoke at the Rochester Business Alliance today.

Cuomo's "Putting People First" tour is meant to use his popularity to push state lawmakers into action on his top agenda items, including a property tax cap, ethics reform and same sex marriage. Cuomo has an approval rating 72 percent, a YNN/Marist College poll showed Tuesday.

Adams spoke to a group of local business people and elected officials, telling them the economic reason to support a property tax cap, ethics reform and same-sex marriage.

Adams also briefed the group on the

priorities of his office and economic development enhancements, included in the 2011-12 budget.

He also stressed the importance of leveraging higher education institutions for job growth.

Details of regional economic development councils, a key piece of Cuomo's job-growth strategy, will be announced in a few weeks, Adams said.

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