

Joel Seligman, Danny Wegman will lead regional economic council, Cuomo says



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University of Rochester President Joel Seligman and Wegmans Food Markets CEO Danny Wegman will be co-leaders of the Finger Lakes regional economic development council, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced today in Brighton.

The council is a key element in Cuomo's restructuring of the state's economic development efforts. It will be will charged with coordinating economic growth in the nine-county Rochester/Finger Lakes region.

"For too long, Albany has imposed one-size-fits-all economic development plans across the state, ignoring the unique assets and challenges of each region," Cuomo said in announcing the council's membership at Monroe Community College.

"Today, we are taking a new approach. With the regional councils, we will empower individual areas like the Finger Lakes to chart their own course for job creation and growth and we will send a clear message that NewYork is open for business."

Cuomo also is naming regional councils for Western New York and Central New York today. Overall, the state will have 10 such councils.

In addition to Seligman and Wegman, here are the other Finger Lakes council members:

Rob Sands, CEO of Constellation Brands Inc.

Christine Whitman, CEO of Complemar Inc. Augustin Melendez, chief diversity officer at Eastman Kodak Co.

Bradley Macdonald, vice president of Brunner International Corp.

Tom Macinski, president of Standing Stone Winery.

Charles Cook, CEO of Liberty Pumps Inc. Kirsten Werner, president of Diamond Packaging Co.

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Tyrone Reaves, president of TruForm Manufacturing Corp.

Anne Kress, president of Monroe Community College.

Robert Brown, **business** manager of Laborers Local 435.

William Destler, president of Rochester Institute of **Technology**. Hilda Rosario

Escher, CEO of the Ibero American Action League.

Theresa Mazzullo, CEO of Excell Partners Inc.

Pamela Heald, CEO of Reliant Community Federal Credit Union.

John Noble, president of Synergy LLC.

Mark Peterson, CEO of Greater Rochester Enterprise.

Sandy Parker, CEO of the Rochester Business Alliance.

Cynthia Oswald, president of the Livingston County Chamber of Commerce.

Steve Griffin, CEO of the Finger Lakes Economic Development Center.

In addition, the following elected positions will be represented on the council as ex-officio members.

Monroe County Executive.

Chairman of Genesee County Legislature.

Chairman of Wayne County Board of Supervisors.

Chairman of Ontario County Board of Supervisors.

Chairman of Livingston County Board of Supervisors.

Chairman of Orleans County Legislature.

Chairman of Wyoming County Board of Supervisors.

Chairman of Yates County Legislature.

Chairman of Seneca County Board of Supervisors.

Mayor of Rochester.

President of Batavia City Council.

Supervisor of town of Arcadia, Wayne County.

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