Good News/Bad News for Addabbo

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Sen. Joseph Addabbo has had a good start to his week. Yesterday, one of the most popular governors in the country (Andrew Cuomo) endorsed him.

Cuomo's endorsement has been a rare commodity for Senate Democrats, but Addabbo likely earned the endorsement by changing his 'no' vote on same-sex marriage to a 'yes' to help the governor score a major political victory .

â€śPolitical courage, which is what Sen. Joe Addabbo exhibited, should be encouraged and should not be discouraged,â€ť Cuomo said before marching in the Columbus Day parade.

"This is not a man who makes endorsements on a whim," Addabbo told the Gazette today. "I appreciate his endorsement."

However, a recent Siena College Poll shows that Addabbo's challenger, Councilman Eric Ulrich, is only two points behind him. It also appears that Ulrich has set the agenda for the race, or at least seized on what is most important to voters in his district by focusing his campaign on small business and jobs. Thirty-one percent of those polled by Siena said that jobs is the most important issue facing the district. Voters, however, rated Addabbo higher on job creation than Ulrich.

"I could be two points up or two points down," Addabbo said. "We know what we need to do and it does not change because of a poll."

To read more about the policy differences between the two men, check out our story on the race .

Gov. Andrew Cuomo endorses Sen. Joseph Addabbo. Photo provided by Addabbo campaign.

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