Gianaris: Makes Sense For IDC And Dems 'To be Together'

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Gov. Andrew Cuomo seemed to question the relationshiop between the Independent Democratic Conference and Senate Republicans in an interview with Fred Dicker this morning:

If Amedore actually wins then the problem for the Senate Democrats is a mathematics issue. They just lose on the numbers. So the whole IDC thing would become irrelevant. I donâ€™t know what that would do to that arrangement. But, if Amadore wins, none of the consternation and that chatter would amount to anything because the Republicans would have won. Of course they have Simcha Felder, which whatever that situation is. But I donâ€™t know that itâ€™s over. I know the Democrats say they are going to appeal Amedore, so I donâ€™t know.â€ť

I asked Deputy Minority Leader Sen. Mike Gianaris at a press conference today what he made of the governor's comments and his tone was conciliatory:

The agenda they set forth is the agenda we have been talking about for years. Ideologically we are more of a match for them than the Tepublicans who stand in the way, literally, of everyone of those objectives. So it has always made more sense that we would be together at the end of the day, so hopefully we will get there.

Although Gianaris does not have a wonderful relationship with Sen. Jeff Klein, who leads the IDC, Democrats did recently replace Sen. John Sampson with Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins. Stewart-Cousins is said to have a good relationship with Klein. Gianaris, however, was named minority leader.

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