

Cuomo Finds Recent Corruption Allegations "Appalling"

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"Appaling," that is how Gov. Andrew Cuomo describes the allegations of corruption against two state legislators, a city councilman and various other political players this week.

Cuomo has tried to present an image of a new, functioning Albany during his time in office but this week has done a lot to tarnish that image.

Here is Cuomo's statement:

The allegations of public corruption by City and State officials revealed this week are appalling. New Yorkers deserve a government that is as good as the people it serves and the events of the last few days fail this and every standard of public service. As Attorney General I prosecuted numerous public corruption cases, including putting former Senator Espada and Comptroller Hevesi behind bars, and believe firmly that anytime the public's trust is violated, we must act quickly and aggressively to hold the guilty parties accountable. I commend US Attorney Preet Bharara, District Attorney Robert Johnson and their partners in law enforcement on their dedication to prosecuting corruption at every level. Those of us committed to the public and honored to hold its trust have zero tolerance for the actions brought to light this week, and will continue to use our power to fight to ensure integrity and trust to government in New York.

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