

WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NY TO LAY OFF 226



Westchester County Executive Robert Astorino yesterday released a proposed county budget that included \$33 million in spending cuts compared to the previous year's budget. The vast majority of the savings come from a reduced workforce, including 465 early retirements and 226 layoffs. "Behind each of these layoffs," said Astorino, "are individuals and families, so I fully understand the hardship created by this kind of action." Astorino was elected last year on a platform of cost-cutting. Westchester County, north of New York City, includes the city of White Plains. The total proposed county budget for 2011 is \$1.78 billion.

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