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Astorino Names Edwin J. McCormack Communications Director



White Plains, NY -- Westchester County Executive-elect Rob Astorino (R-I) today announced that he has appointed corporate communications specialist and former Gannett and *New York Times* journalist Edwin J. (Ned) McCormack of Greenburgh to serve as his Communications Director.

Mr. McCormack is currently a communications executive at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, where he is responsible for communications involving Global Banking, Markets and Wealth Management Technology & Operations. Prior to joining Merrill Lynch in 2006, Mr. McCormack held a series of communications positions at JPMorgan Chase starting in 1993. He began his career as a reporter with Gannett Westchester newspapers, now known as the *Journal News*, and moved from there to the *Bergen Record* in New Jersey and then to The New York Times.

As the Westchester County Communications Director, Mr. McCormack will oversee multichannel communications for the Office of the County Executive and all the agencies under its direction.

"Ned McCormack has been a trusted friend and advisor for many years, and I am thrilled that he has agreed to serve as the county's top communications professional," County Executive-elect Astorino said. "There is a great deal of work to be done in turning Westchester County government around and I am confident that Ned will be able to communicate both our overall vision and our day-to-day progress to the myriad Westchester constituencies. The job of a communications director is a critical one, and I am fortunate to have Ned McCormack aboard."

"I am honored and excited to be part of the team," Mr. McCormack said. "Our goal will be to connect Westchester residents to their government, communities and each other by providing them with information that is accurate, clear, timely, accessible and useful."

Mr. McCormack lives in Greenburgh, where he and his wife, Evelyn, raised their two children. He is a graduate of Georgetown University, where he majored in Government, and he has a Master's degree in Business Administration from New York University.