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Freddy is still beeped off at party bigwigs

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FERNANDO Ferrer made his peace with Mark Green yesterday — but there's lingering resentment that state officials, especially Democratic boss Judith Hope, didn't step in when Ferrer aides warned that their candidate was going to get pummeled at the end of the race.

"The [private] polls showed it was really close. We knew [negative attacks] were coming," said one Ferrer insider.

Ferrer's advisers had pleaded with state Democratic leaders to intervene in the runoff long before it turned nasty, sources said.

"We were concerned this was going to get ugly. We told them about it. And they didn't do anything," fumed one source in the Ferrer camp.

Another Ferrer insider said Democratic National

Committee chairman Terry McAuliffe had to be called in to act as a peacemaker because of the animosity toward Hope.

"On a scale of 10, the level of anger is 7.5 against Green and 9.5 against the leadership of the state Democratic party," said one loyalist.

In Hope's defense, a supporter said, there was little she could do without proof that the attacks, including anti-Ferrer phone calls and fliers, were linked to Green.

Green has consistently denied any involvement.

Meanwhile, officials close to both men insisted there was no political horse-trading at their meeting yesterday — a reference to requests or offers of jobs in the next administration.

But that doesn't mean such deals won't be made in the future.

Unions affiliated with the Working Families Party are trying to block City Councilman Angel Rodríguez (D-Brooklyn)

from becoming speaker, the second-most powerful post in city government.

Sources said some union leaders feel Rodríguez isn't sympathetic enough to their causes.

"I doubt this is true," countered Luna Jannitza, the councilman's chief of staff.

She pointed to Rodríguez's strong relationship with Brian McLaughlin, president of the Central Labor Council.

Union opposition would hurt Rodríguez. But as an Hispanic who comes from

Brooklyn, which has 16 of the council's 51 seats, he remains a real contender.

Ed Koch says he — and every other recent mayor — made a huge mistake by not asking advice from the guy they replaced.

"David Dinkins didn't invite me [to briefings] and Giuliani didn't invite David Dinkins. They've got to stop that," Koch said at a New School Forum this week.

Koch said he passed on that morsel of wisdom to Green at a funeral they both attended.

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