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# Rudy: Don't pick on Mike

## Mayor defends Bloomy after 5 Dems named to cabinet

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**Mayor Giuliani has a message for his fellow Republicans: Lay off Michael Bloomberg.**

Giuliani said yesterday that Republican criticism of the mayor-elect's first cabinet appointments — all five appointees are Democrats — was unfair.

"You have to give a person a chance to fill out their entire administration and get it to function for a while before anyone can get a sense to be in a position to criticize it," Giuliani said. "Although the majority of people who served in my administration were Democrats, I think by and large the ideology of my administration was Republican."

Other Republicans are not as patient. His four deputy mayors and his corporation counsel are all Democrats, as is Raymond Kelly, who served Mayor David Dinkins as his police commissioner. The only Republican chosen by Bloomberg so far is his press secretary, Ed Skyler.

Bloomberg is expected to appoint a deputy mayor for economic development as early as this week, and party insiders expect a Republican to be chosen.

"There's a big difference between one out of five and zero," said Staten Island Borough President Guy Molinari, a Republican who campaigned for Bloomberg.

Molinari said Bloomberg had better appoint at least one Republican deputy mayor to ensure a good relationship with state legislators.

Giuliani urged Bloomberg "not to pay attention to partisan politics," noting he himself had been attacked for "not selecting enough Republicans" when he took over City Hall in 1994.


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"That doesn't mean he shouldn't end up with some Republicans. He probably should," Giuliani said. "But the major objective that he should have is, 'Who are the very best people to do the job?' "

Although Bloomberg may be leaning Democratic in his top appointments, he continues to play the good soldier when addressing state Republicans.

At a holiday fund-raiser for Gov. Pataki on Wednesday, Bloomberg shared a stage with the governor, Giuliani and Assembly Minority Leader John Faso (R-Albany), who is running for state controller.

"Let me just give credit where credit is due," he told the roomful of GOP heavyweights. "I became mayor because of two people standing behind me — one, Mayor Giuliani, the best mayor this city has ever had, and two, Gov. Pataki."

He added that he is "going to be working night and day" to help Pataki and Faso get elected next year.

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