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Could Yankees' win have swung elections?

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The Yankees won their 27th World Series title after Tuesday's election, but would it have given New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg a boost if it had happened sooner?

Bloomberg beat Democratic challenger William Thompson Jr., 51-46 percent, in a closer race than expected.

Assemblyman Marc Molinaro, R-Red Hook, said, "I think there's some psychology there. When people feel good about their home team, they feel good about their leadership."

He said jokingly, "Had they won sooner, I think Bloomberg would have won by more points."

Dutchess County Democratic Committee Chairwoman Elisa Sumner said she's not involved with political races in New York City.

As far as whether championship teams help incumbents, Sumner said, "I don't think it did any good for us here. But I'm still thrilled the Yankees won."

In Dutchess, the GOP will have the majority on 16 Town Boards and the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council.
