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Big City, Small World. Here's how small the world of politicians and government is.

City Councilman David Weprin (D-Hollis) was asking Finance Commissioner Martha Stark on Wednesday about a proposal to raise revenue by increasing real estate taxes for absentee landlords of private homes.

Stark said that idea had been kicking around for years and was known as the "Corey Bearak proposal" in her department.

Weprin, chairman of the Finance Committee, said he found out the idea had been floated years ago by Bearak while he was chief of staff to Weprin's predecessor, Sheldon Leffler.

Bearak is now legislative counsel to Bronx Borough President Adolfo Carrion.

Staff writer Dan Janison contributed to this column.

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