

Islander picked for panel

Marjorie Williams of 145 Cassidy Pl., New Brighton, has been appointed by Gov. Carey as a member of the board of visitors of the Staten Island Developmental Center, Willowbrook, it was announced today.

Mrs. Williams, a retired occupational therapy instructor for the state Mental Hygiene Department, has been a volunteer worker for the Democratic County Committee for the past several years,

showing up at party headquarters in Tompkinsville daily to help with record keeping, answering telephones and similar duties.

Before her six-year stint with the state agency, she had been for 20 years administrative assistant in a military intelligence unit of the Army at Fort Jay on Governors Island.

Mrs. Williams was graduated from the former Maxwell School for teacher training.

Messo to challenge Connelly in primary

By MICHAEL AZZARA

Louis J. Messo, whose unsuccessful attempt to get into a Democratic primary last year cost him his city job, announced today that he will try it again. Messo said he will seek the Democratic nomination for Assembly in the 61st District.

The seat is now occupied by Assemblywoman Elizabeth Connelly, who is certain to seek re-election although she has made no formal declaration.

There have been reports that Joseph Pancila, a member of the Community School Board with a strong following in the mid-Island area, may also enter the Democratic primary in the 61st A. D.

Messo, a Mariners Harbor resident, sought last year to oppose Councilman Nicholas LaPorte in the primary. However, LaPorte challenged signatures on petitions gathered by Messo and, in court, Messo fell a reported 50 to 100 signatures short of the 1,500 needed to get on the Democratic primary ballot.

He remained in the race as the Liberal Party candidate in the general elec-

cal appointment. Messo reported that he is still unemployed.

Messo, a past president of the Staten Island Banner Democratic Association, had been with the city agency about two years. The 51-year-old native Staten Islander previously had been a service manager and salesman for various industrial and auto agencies.

He is a former community board member, a director of the Heart Foundation and vice president of the Youth Association for St. Peter's High School, New Brighton.

Messo said his decision to run is based on opposition to the Democratic leadership as well as his belief that Mrs. Connelly's "overall record" since assuming a seat in the Legislature Jan. 1, 1974, is a poor one.

He stressed what he called "her total neglect of employees" at the Staten Island (formerly Willowbrook) Developmental Center as an issue. He added that the underlying theme of the campaign will be "anti-boss, anti-machine." Messo said he plans to go before the



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tion and in October he was fired from his provisional job with the Highway Department. He had been superintendent of maintenance and repair, a politi-

Democratic executive committee and the floor of the County Committee convention. Asked whether he will again seek the Liberal nod, he said he is "leaving all doors open," that is, that he is planning to speak to the Conservative Party also. "But," he added, "the most important thing is the primary. I want to run under the Democratic banner."