

Connelly action urged against big layoff

The governor has proposed a 50 percent layoff at the Staten Island Development Center, Willowbrook and no one is asking why. I would think that Assemblywoman Elizabeth Connelly would have been the first to ask, and the first to try and stop it, as chairperson of Mental Health, but knowing how she has acted in the past I shouldn't be surprised.

Mrs. Connelly, they are talking about 50 percent of a labor force, most of them from Staten Island, to be put on unemployment lines. These are men and women from your community. You took an oath, Mrs. Connelly, to serve your community and your friends; did you forget? What would it take for you to start acting like you might know what's going on. You can't keep playing follow the leader.

The time has come, Mrs. Connelly, for you to use elected power for the defense of those who will soon be unemployed. You can't fool all the people all the time, as you have in the past. In the past, you very clearly sidestepped every important issue you were confronted with, and at that I take my hat off to you.

The Transit Authority is also aware of your sidestepping and it is counting on you and other local elected officials not seriously opposing the so-called master plan for transportation on Staten Island. If you should wake up to the fact that the people need you now, it would make me and your fellow Staten Islanders have a little more faith in our elected officials. However, if you continue to follow the same old path, then we must look to make a change this coming election. Help those who need your help now!

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