

Group against expansion of CSI-Sunnyside campus

The Borough President's Committee of 100 for Public Higher Education on Staten Island has told Gov. Mario M. Cuomo that it is opposed to expanding the College of Staten Island (CSI) at its current Sunnyside location.

The committee, in a letter to the governor, endorsed the proposed move of CSI to an expanded site in Willowbrook, the current home of the Staten Island Developmental Center (SIDC).

The SIDC grounds, however, are the second choice of committee members. The first

choice remains the 110 acres at Ocean Breeze that had been purchased by the State Dormitory Authority for a campus for the former Richmond College.

The SIDC grounds have been suggested as a possible location for the college. Cuomo has announced plans to disperse the land now used by SIDC to various groups and relocate many of its current residents into group homes.

Joseph J. Holzka, committee chairman, said that "first-hand reports and information from the consulting architects concerning the availability of an existing infrastructure, and the adaptability of existing buildings to the needs of the college," have prompted the panel to endorse SIDC as a preferred site for the city-owned college.

Holzka's letter to Cuomo urged the governor "to make at least some of the land and buildings at SIDC available to the college."