

Council opposes Capital Move

The Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indians of Alaska, during its 12th annual convention in Juneau earlier this month, has declared unanimous opposition to the proposed Capital Move.

As the major reason for opposition to the move, the Central Council stated that the proposal would create a new community in Alaska which would be a competitor with other communities for available funds for vital community services.

Communities needs such as adequate communications, transportation, health care, housing,

economic development, schools, public safety, and other such services are still largely unmet in smaller communities, the Central Council said.

In part of the resolution opposing the Capital Move read, "This new city will have the same needs as the rest of the communities of Alaska and will therefore become a competitor for the already limited federal and state funds that usually support the various public needs."

The Central Council resolution was the latest announced opposition in a growing swell of opposition to the Capital Move from representatives of the Alaska Native community.