

Subject: Meyers Chuck: Wrangell Borough
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Dear Sir:

I am a property owner in Meyers Chuck and want to comment concerning Meyers Chuck being incorporated into Wrangell Borough. The residents of Meyers Chuck have voiced their opinions about not belonging to any borough. It seems evident that this would be the choice for all of us. If Meyers Chuck must belong to a borough, Wrangell Borough would be much preferable to Ketchikan. Throughout this whole process Ketchikan has not responded in any way to the opinions of the Meyers Chuck residents. Anything we have to say is simply brushed aside.

The residents of Meyers Chuck have much more in common with Wrangell than Ketchikan. Personally, I travel to Wrangell to shop at the grocery and hardware stores regularly. The small town atmosphere of Wrangell suits Meyers Chuck to a greater degree than the cruise ship culture of Ketchikan. I am looking for work to be done on my boat and I am looking to Wrangell, not Ketchikan. Several former Meyers Chuck residents have chosen Wrangell as their home when they were no longer able to live in Meyers Chuck.

It seems as though time and again, residents of Meyers Chuck make known their opinions, but rarely do we feel as though we are listened to. It seems that Ketchikan views our community as a way to bring money into their borough. I certainly have not heard of any way that they will enhance our lives here. At least Wrangell seems much more open to listening to us and, as I have repeated in other correspondence, we feel we have much more in common with Wrangell than Ketchikan.

Sincerely,
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