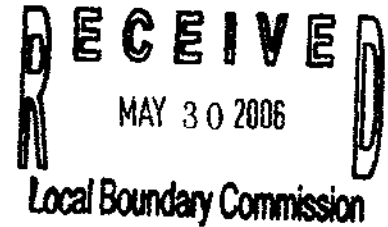

Appendix E

Public Comments Regarding Petition

The LBC received 33 written comments regarding the Wrangell borough petition.

1. Robert Meyer
2. Catherine and Steve Peavey
3. Catherine and Steve Peavey (second, longer letter)
4. John Church
5. Debbie Johnson
6. Cliff Hall
7. Dave and Maggie Grantham
8. Bruce Jones, City Manager, City of Petersburg
9. Valery McCandless, Serving as Mayor of the City of Wrangell
10. Vince and Cherri Langley
11. Dan Higgins and Carol Brown
12. Robert Hunley
13. Lynn Koland, District Ranger, U.S. Forest Service
14. Laurene Rogers
15. Ernie Christian
16. Marcy Garrison
17. Terri Henson
18. Jillian Privett
19. Janell Privett
20. Ketchikan Gateway Borough
21. Marni Privett
22. Cheryl Meyer
23. Olga Norris
24. William and Janell Privett
25. Peter Rice
26. Samuel Privett
27. Augie Schultz
28. C.L. Snoddy
29. Wilma Stokes-Leslie
30. John Taylor
31. Shane Legg-Privett
32. Cathryn Vanderzicht
33. Rebecca Welte and Greg Rice

Robert M. Meyer
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May 20, 2006

Local Boundary Commission Staff
550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1770
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3510

Re: Petition by the City of Wrangell to incorporate the city and borough and establish new corporate boundaries.

Dear Sirs:

You have on file several letters from me concerning the incorporation of Meyers Chuck into a regional borough.

Rather than restating all my comments to date, let me simply summarize:

1. Meyers Chuck, like many remote small villages does not easily fit the criteria for establishing borough boundaries, see previous correspondence.
2. Socially, the residents of Meyers Chuck have more in common with residents of Wrangell rather than residents of Ketchikan. Therefore, if Meyers Chuck is to be included in a borough, most residents would rather be associated with Wrangell than Ketchikan. At least, Wrangell representatives have been willing to talk with and negotiate with residents of Meyers Chuck.
3. Clarence Strait is a natural impediment to easy transportation to and from Ketchikan.

Not mentioned in the Wrangell petition for obvious reasons, how will does this petition sit with the invisioned Wrangell/Petersburg Borough?

I have attached copies of my recent letters concerning incorporation of Meyers Chuck into the Ketchikan Borough for your perusal.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Wrangell Petition.

Sincerely,


Robert M. Meyer

Attachment 1

Robert & Marjorie Meyer
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January 17, 2005

Dan Bockhorst
Local Boundary Commission
550 West 7th Ave., Suite 1770
Anchorage, AK 99501-3510

Re: Annexation of Meyers Chuck

Dear Mr. Bockhorst:

Its mid winter, the Legislature is in session and rumors of annexation are circulating once again. This year, there is a new twist, community members have been contacted by representatives of the Wrangell Borough concerning the possible annexation of our village into their borough. This letter is in response to their initial contact.

In the early 1980's, I was asked by a staff member of the Department of Community and Regional Affairs (we shared the same office building at the time) to draft an unofficial white paper on the incorporation of Meyers Chuck into one of the local boroughs (Wrangell, Prince of Whales, when formed, or Ketchikan).

Based on my analysis, I concluded that in terms of economics and demographics, the Village of Meyers Chuck had more in common with Wrangell and Prince of Whales Island communities than it did with the city of Ketchikan. In terms of services, transportation, etc, the village relied more on Ketchikan than on Prince of Whales Island communities or Wrangell. However, Clarence Strait presented a major impediment to simple and efficient transportation and communications.

Today, the economic and demographic differences between the Village of Meyers Chuck and the City of Ketchikan are greater than they were 20 years ago. Our community has evolved from a fishing community to a summer community. Also, during the past 20 years, improvements in the transportation and communication infrastructure, Prince of Whales Island communities and Wrangell have become the primary support centers for our village. Clarence Strait remains a major transportation impediment for those traveling to Ketchikan or across the Straits to Thome Bay on Prince of Whales Island.

Therefore, if our village is to be annexed by a borough it should either be included into a Prince of Whales Island Borough, when formed, or into the Wrangell Borough.

However, annexation of Meyers Chuck into any of the existing or planned boroughs does not appear to meet standards laid out in "Article 4 Standards for Annexation to Boroughs". For example, under 3 AAC 110.160 Community of interests: Meyers Chuck lies some 35 miles up Clarence Strait from Ketchikan, 9 miles across Clarence Strait and over 50 miles from Wrangell

preventing simple transportation options. 3 AAC 110.170 Population: Currently, the winter population of Meyers Chuck is less than 10 and in the summer ranges from 35 to 50, this does not seem enough to support annexation into a borough. 3 AAC 110.180 Resources: Meyers Chuck has evolved from a fishing community to a summer community, therefore, economic activities are very limited as is the tax base. Regionally¹, potential economic activities include logging and mining on the Cleveland Peninsula, primarily US Forest Service lands. 3 AAC 110.190 Boundaries: The Village of Meyers Chuck is located on the north eastern tip of the Cleveland Peninsula and is therefore geographically isolated from Ketchikan (35 miles away) and Wrangell (50 miles away) and Prince of Whales Island (9 miles away, Thorne Bay is the closest community on the Island). Therefore, establishing rational boundaries will tax the cartographer's imagination.

As a private citizen, I am concerned about tax "Quid pro quo" i.e. what benefits if any, will accrue to local property owners for taxes paid. Because the population of Ketchikan is so much larger and so dissimilar from that of Meyers Chuck, I doubt that our voices will be heard and consequently, they will not be able to meet our needs. Therefore, taxes will greatly exceed any benefits accruing to the village. Since Meyers Chuck is more similar to the villages on Prince of Whales Island and to Wrangell, I feel that they will be more responsive to our needs and tax rates will be more closely related to services provided.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Meyer

Robert Meyer

cc: Casey Peavy, Meyers Chuck

1. In my opinion, this is the crux of annexation discussions and has nothing to do with the village of Meyers Chuck. The drive is to secure any revenues coming from potential logging and mining activities on the Cleveland Peninsula and not to provide governance for the residence of Meyers Chuck. Resources are at the core of any annexation discussions. Proponents of annexation appear to believe that potential logging and mining activities on the Cleveland Peninsula have the promise of producing revenues. However, the reality of these wishes must await actual proposed projects and future project specific economic analyses. Now, its all wishful thinking. Also, if these activities do occur, they will probably occur on US Forest Service lands any revenues will accrue to the State regardless to where the boundaries are drawn.

Further, I doubt that either of the two existing Boroughs wants the liability of providing governance for the residence of Meyers Chuck.

Attachment 2

Robert M. Meyer
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January 10, 2006

Honorable Mayor
Ketchikan Gateway Borough
334 Front Street, Ketchikan, AK 99901

Dear Mayor:

As a small business owner, fisherman, a resident of Meyers Chuck and a signatory of the partition objecting to the proposed annexation of Meyers Chuck by the Ketchikan Borough, I am forwarding you my comments on the boroughs proposal to annex the Village of Meyers Chuck.

In my opinion, the force driving the proposal to expand a borough boundaries has nothing to do with the village of Meyers Chuck. It is driven exclusively by the Borough's wish to collect taxes from future economic development on nearby forest service lands. The Borough wants the funds without having to provide any services to support future development or for Meyers Chuck residents. The proposal is a rationalization for the annexation of noncontiguous lands and as such, does not provide an analysis of the costs and benefits to local residents or the state.

Your proposal to extend the Borough's its boundaries to include the communities of Hyder (delayed) and Meyers Chuck violates one of the basic tenets of our form of government, that ours is a government of and for the people. Your proposal violates this basic tenet, the people of Meyers Chuck have not been included in the planning process. Therefore, by definition, what the Borough is offering is not government by the people. Further, by failing to consult with the residents of Meyers Chuck during your planning process, you are violating the second part of above mentioned tenet, that government is for the people. Your proposal offers nothing positive for our community. Your proposal offers only land and sales taxes and the loss of our polling station with out any off setting services. The notion of tax "quid pro quo" is missing.

In addition to violating our tenets of governance, your proposal makes little economic sense. The expressed reason for expanding the borough's boundaries is to capture rents from possible future timber and mining activities. These rents are currently collected by the US Forest Service and returned to the state and local governments impacted by said activities. For the most part, rents are based on net profits and royalties, therefore, borough taxes would be deducted from net profits and therefore available for distribution would decrease. As a result, the net amount of revenues accruing to the borough would be little changed.

The proposal's model boundary was based on information almost half a century old and inspite of your claim otherwise, the boundary is no longer valid. For one thing, Ketchikan is no longer the service center for all of Southern Southeast Alaska. Changes in the region's transportation,

communication and economic infrastructure has changed over the past 40 years. Currently, freight, dry goods and perishables, are for the most part, obtained from businesses located on Prince of Wales Island. Sales taxes from the purchase of goods and services in Ketchikan offset the borough's cost of providing these goods and services.

While operating our fish buying station in Meyers Chuck, our fish were delivered into Petersburg and not Ketchikan. Clarence Strait is clearly a major impediment to the movement of freight and services between Meyers Chuck and Ketchikan.

The assertion that the borough would provide education services for our community is laughable. We have been there before. Years ago, the residents of Meyers Chuck tried to persuade the Southeast Island School District (SISD) not to build a school in Meyers Chuck. We tried to explain to the District that there were not enough children and young families residing in Meyers Chuck to keep the school open. And, sure enough, except for the first two years, District employees had to import students to keep the school open. The imported students left the community as soon as the official student count was taken.

Meyers Chuck still does not have the number of year round young families or families with children to justify opening a school. Given the current economic trends, the communities demographics are not expected to change.

I also question the socioeconomic data contained in your proposal. Meyers Chuck, it is primarily a retirement and a summer Community. In spite of what your consultant alleges, residents of Meyers Chuck are not wealthy and for the most part are living on retirement incomes. Based on personal knowledge, your consultants average income for the community and therefore projected tax receipts is greatly overstated.

The proposed boundary changes will serve as a disincentive to future development. The proposal will add an additional layer of government that developers will have to cope with and there by increase the cost of their project with out providing any benefits.

In sort, your proposal will provide no benefits to the people of the State, the Borough, Meyers Chuck or potential developers.

Further, I doubt that the Borough has examined the potential costs of providing an additional layer of governance for the residence of Meyers Chuck. It seems only reasonable that if we are to begin paying borough taxes then we will begin demanding services beyond the non-existent library and educational services identified in the proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your proposal to irrationally extend the borough's boundaries.

Sincerely

Robert M. Meyer

To Whom it may concern;

My husband & I have lived in Meyers Chuck, for 45 years on Lot 39 - We raised 2 wonderful boys there.

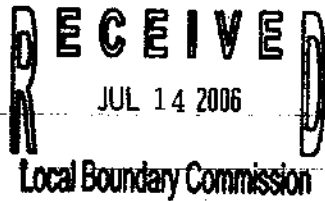
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Wrangell is our choice of Boroughs they don't act like Bullies like the K.B. Isn't that what life is all about - choices - If you listen to the people of Meyer, Chuck, you will know how we feel, because it is a 100% choice!!

Catherine Peasey
Steve Peasey



July 8th 2006

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Catherine Peavey
Steve Peavey

We have also had repair work done on our outboard motor at Business Bros. in Wrangell.

We also have monthly visits from the M.V. 'Christian', for our devotion in the community.

Subject: proposed Wrangell Borough

From: jlc3@pocketmail.com

Date: Sat, 08 Jul 2006 10:38:06 -0700

To: lbc@commerce.state.ak.us

Dear LBC staff,

My name is John Church and I am a resident of the Thoms Place subdivision on Wrangell Island. I would like to go on record as opposing the proposed Wrangell Borough. After 30 years of observing Wrangell city government, it is clear to me that this small town does not have the human resources and money to competently and successfully administer an area of the size they want to annex. I don't believe a city and borough should be contiguous, especially not when the city involved is so small and financially stressed. I don't think they will be able to provide any significant services at all to Thoms Place. If this region must be boroughized, it would be better to combine several towns into 1 borough, so each town would share the costs and only have to come up with a couple capable assembly persons.

Sincerely, John Church

Box 801

Wrangell, AK 99929

Sent via PocketMail
Email Anywhere
www.pocketmail.com

July 8th, 2006

To the Local Boundary Commission
regarding the proposed annexation
of the communities of Union Bay and
Meyers Chuck into the Wrangell Borough.

Having previously submitted written
comments to the Local Boundary Commission
of the Ketchikan Borough annexation proposal
of Union Bay and Meyers Chuck, I would
stress again that our first choice is to
remain in an unorganized borough as
stated in the Alaska Constitution. However,
if we are forced to choose between the
Ketchikan Borough and a Wrangell Borough,
the Wrangell Borough makes more sense
on a social, economic, geographic and
cultural note.

We have historically shared the same
geographic areas as the Wrangell
Community for hunting and fishing.

My husband and I have lived in the
remote area of Union Bay for 19 years.
We fish in Union Bay and Ernest Sound
for halibut, shrimp and salmon.

The very logistics of using our small
boats and skiffs to go to Wrangell from
Union Bay and Meyers Chuck for fuel + supplies
is geographically safer because of protected
waters the entire way, rather than the
unprotected open waters of Clarence Strait

to get to Ketchikan.

My husband and I have used the Wrangell boat shop for our boat maintenance in the past. We use the facilities in Wrangell for fuel and propane.

The lifestyle of the community of Wrangell has more in common with the residents of Union Bay and Meyers Chuck than Ketchikan.

We live with a remote lifestyle and we feel that the Wrangell Borough would respect that we would want to remain as close as possible to how we live today.

The Wrangell Borough would better reflect our decision making at a local level.

To me, this is the most important factor that our communities of Union Bay and Meyers Chuck are given as much latitude as possible at our local level to decide our future. The Wrangell petition would accomplish this.

We are a united voice in the communities of Union Bay and Meyers Chuck.
Please listen.

Most sincerely,
Debbie Johnson

Subject: Incorporation of the City and Borough of Wrangell
From: Cliff Hall <clifford_hall@hotmail.com>
Date: Thu, 18 May 2006 12:35:16 -0700
To: lbc@commerce.state.ak.us

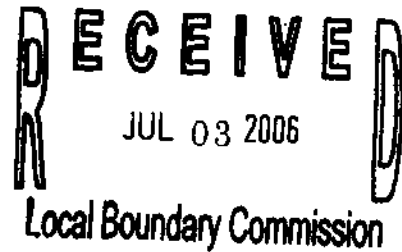
I live in Meyers Chuck, Alaska and am totally supportive of our inclusion into the Wrangell Borough.

Thanks,

Cliff Hall
P.O. Box 35
Meyers Chuck, Ak 99903

27 June 2006

Local Boundary Commission Staff
550 West Seventh Ave., Ste. 1770
Anchorage, AK 99501-3510



As residents of Meyers Chuck, we protest the annexation of our community by the Ketchikan Gateway Borough.

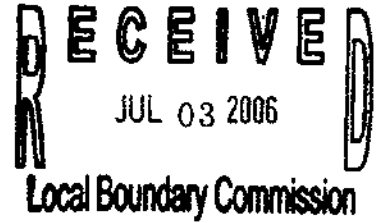
The nature of our very rural community is far more compatible with that of Wrangell, and we have many ties there. The needs of Meyers Chuck are more readily met by Wrangell, and our association with that borough will certainly benefit both communities.

It's very important to the citizens here to protect the unique character of Meyers Chuck, and we need to have a voice in decisions that affect us.

Sincerely,
Dave and Maggie Grantham
Island "F"
PO Box 87
Meyers Chuck, AK 99903



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June 26, 2006

Local Boundary Commission Staff
550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1770
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3510

RE: Petition for Incorporation of the City and Borough of Wrangell;
Letter of Support

Dear Commission Staff,

The City of Petersburg has reviewed Wrangell's petition for incorporation of the City and Borough of Wrangell. The City supports Wrangell's efforts to form a unified home rule borough which includes Meyers Chuck, Union Bay and other portions of the western Cleveland Peninsula.

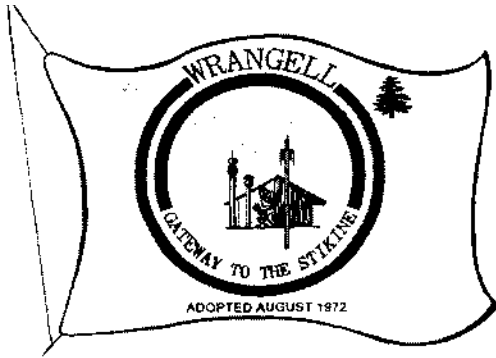
The City of Petersburg understands that this petition deviates from the Commissions' planned boundaries by dividing the proposed Wrangell-Petersburg Borough and by including areas the Commission had included in the Ketchikan Borough boundary. The Councils of both Wrangell and Petersburg have met and agreed that they should move forward with separate boroughs and have agreed on the common boundary between the two as described in Wrangell's petition. The City of Petersburg also supports the inclusion of Meyers Chuck and Union Bay into the Wrangell Borough. Petersburg feels that the citizens of these two communities should be listened to and supported with regard to whose borough they should be associated with.

Again, we would like you to act favorably toward Wrangell's petition for borough formation. If you have any questions concerning this letter of support please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Bruce R. Jones, CPM
City Manager

CC: City of Wrangell
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June 28, 2006

Local Boundary Commission Staff
550 W. Seventh Ave., Suite 1770
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Dear LBC Staff:

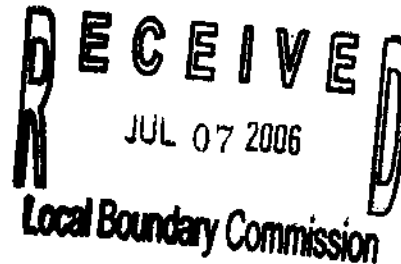
The City of Wrangell supports the pending petition to form a home rule, unified municipality of the City and Borough of Wrangell. The City Council, at their meeting of June 27, 2006, unanimously voted to support the petition and submits the following points in support.

- ✓ The City believes that the proposed borough will fully and efficiently provide services to the region. The City has already been doing so in a number of instances, such as: electricity, fire, ambulance, and police response, school and library usage to residents of Wrangell West outside City limits; for outlying areas such as Thoms Place, Farm Island and Meyers Chuck/Union Bay, the Wrangell Volunteer Fire Department provides search and rescue, and the Police Department responds to public safety issues. Harbor infrastructure support is provided to residents living in the entire region.
- ✓ The area proposed for incorporation has strong historical and current social and economical interconnections, from the Stikine River to the north and south to Meyers Chuck/Union Bay, including Ernest Sound and the western drainages of the Cleveland Peninsula. Folks living in the region use the entire area for subsistence hunting and fishing and commercial fishing and recreation.
- ✓ Formation of the borough has strong support from area residents. Area residents want to define the boundaries of their own borough, not have it defined for them.
- ✓ The residents of the Wrangell area, while acknowledging the Petersburg area and their specific interests and preferences, are not hostile to Petersburg, but have agreed that they do not want to be in a borough with Petersburg. There seem to be significant differences in attitudes and culture. There would be no governmental efficiencies gained by combining the two regions, and in fact the cost of local government, if Petersburg and Wrangell were combined in a borough, would actually increase, as the Cities of Wrangell and Petersburg would remain in place. After discussion with Petersburg's Mayor and Council, it is the City of Wrangell's understanding that Petersburg intends to file its own borough formation petition sometime later this year.
- ✓ While residents of Petersburg and Wrangell don't always see eye-to-eye, the leaders of the two communities have agreed on a natural demarcation between the two regions. Rather than using the Wrangell Ranger District Boundary on the north, Wrangell and Petersburg agreed to the watershed line between the Stikine River drainage and LeConte Bay as the northern boundary. Historically and currently, access and travel on the Stikine River has been dominated by Wrangell businesses, residents or visitors. LeConte Bay and Glacier, while accessed by operators from both communities, is dominated by Petersburg business and residents.

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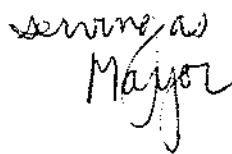
- ✓ The residents of the proposed borough will benefit from borough formation by having a greater influence on land decisions in the region by state and federal authorities; ability to have direct control over certain development and activities in the area; municipal land selections; increased national forest receipts and PILT. Many of the prime selectable lands that would likely be selected by the new borough are potentially going to be turned over to the University of Alaska in 2009. Area residents are outraged and firmly believe that their ability to influence and control land use decisions on these lands that directly impact area residents is being stifled.
- ✓ We have stronger ties with Meyers Chuck/Union Bay area than does Ketchikan, not only because of the commerce transacted between the communities, but social and political views and needs are more closely aligned and understood. The Annexation Petition of Ketchikan Gateway Borough and the petition for the City and Borough of Wrangell both seek some of the same land area, therefore the City of Wrangell requests that DCCED and the LBC consider the petitions simultaneously.
- ✓ Wrangell Community leaders are committed to incurring the expense necessary to establish communication facilities to allow the residents of outlying areas such as Thoms Place and Meyers Chuck/Union Bay to participate in public hearings and other important public proceedings of the proposed new borough. Community leaders are also committed to working with residents of Meyers Chuck/Union Bay to explore opportunities for working together and assistance for residents compatible with their desired lifestyle.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

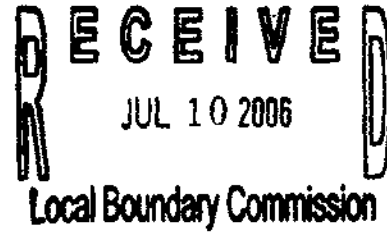
Sincerely,



Mayor Valery McCandless
Serving as Mayor



July 1, 2006



Local Boundary Commission,

This letter is written to urge the commission to be responsive to the unique needs of Meyers Chuck property owners.

We do not want to be part of any borough. We want to be independent.

If, however, the state cannot see to our autonomy, we would request to be part of the Wrangell borough. There are many ties to the Wrangell area some of which are listed below.

Protected waters going to Wrangell as opposed to traveling by boat to Ketchikan

Many of the Meyers Chuck residents have skiff engine repair, buy groceries and hardware in Wrangell

In the last three years, long time Meyers Chuck residents, our former postmaster, have retired to Wrangell

Many of us buy our skiffs from Svensen Boats in Wrangell

We are often visited by the MV Christian, Lutheran Ministry boat, home ported in Wrangell

FM radio reception from Wrangell

Again, we want to be independent. We do not want any services. We do not want to be tied to any borough government. Meyers Chuck has always been a unique Alaska community and we wish to remain so.

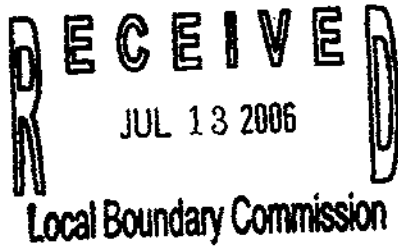
Thanks you.

Vince and Cherri Langley

PO Box 1

Meyers Chuck, Alaska 99903

A large, cursive handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vince & Cherri Langley". The signature is fluid and extends across the width of the page.



July 1, 2006

Dan Higgins & Carol Brown
Harbor Point
Meyers Chuck, AK 99903

Local Boundary Commission
550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1770
Anchorage, AK 99501-3510

Re: Wrangell Borough Incorporation Proposal

Dear Commissioners,

With interest, we have read the Wrangell Borough Incorporation Proposal and considered it with regards to both the Ketchikan annexation proposal and the recent passage of HB 133. While Wrangell's proposal appears to have some merits, it, like that of Ketchikan, fails to identify any reason other than revenue for incorporating Meyers Chuck.

Clearly evident is the fact that both of these communities need Meyers Chuck far more than Meyers Chuck needs or wants them. In neither case does their struggle for a justification describe any existing problem they will correct or any benefit they will provide. In Wrangell's case, it seems Meyers Chuck is included in order to meet a perceived "two community" standard for borough formation. Ketchikan appears to have included Meyers Chuck in response to an earlier application denial when the LBC incorrectly assumed we wanted the services of an organized borough. Creating another level of government for Meyers Chuck is not needed or warranted given the demographics, geographical isolation, and minimal economic activities in Meyers Chuck.

Additionally, there is a procedural issue. The recent approval of HB 133 requires that prior to approving any boundary proposal, the Local Boundary Commission is obligated to propose, adopt, and apply new standards for proposals submitted under both "local action" and "legislative review" methods. As stated by Governor Murkowski, the intent of this recently signed legislation, is "putting appropriate sideboards on the Local Boundary Commission to make sure their processes do not usurp or conflict with the direction the communities want to go." Meyers Chuck residents clearly wish to maintain their current status as independent of any organized borough. Furthermore, as stated by the Governor's press secretary, HB 133 "requires a majority vote of the voters residing in an area that is to be annexed to an existing municipality or borough". Current LBC procedures deny us a voting voice in regards to annexation under the Ketchikan proposal and this appears contrary to the expressed intent of the legislation.

The remote location of Meyers Chuck imposes considerable difficulty and expense in order to participate in a borough centered either in Ketchikan or Wrangell. Our local telephone provider has denied us Internet service so electronic communications is limited, and very slow. Mail service is once a week. There are no scheduled transportation services or roads between Wrangell and Meyers Chuck. Chartered seaplane services are not based in either community. Ketchikan is difficult to access given the open stretch of water separating us. The list goes on.

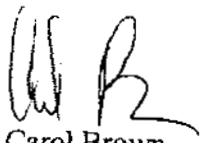
Both the Ketchikan Borough and the proposed Wrangell borough have substantial, pre-existing financial indebtedness. The infrastructure and services related to this debt are of no value to Meyers Chuck, yet by association, we would share this burden. Meyers Chuck residents would be taxed for services not rendered, as both proposals clearly state their intentions to tax but not provide any services or infrastructure.

Similar to Ketchikan, the Wrangell proposal attempts to justify taxing Meyers Chuck by stating the "residents....use and rely upon the public and private infrastructure provided by the current City of Wrangell and therefore should bear some of the public cost..." This is an overstatement as it relates to Meyers Chuck. Usage of infrastructure such as docks, transportation, healthcare, retail and cargo facilities is occasional and residents in no way rely upon such facilities from any single community or any single borough. (In fact, neither of us has even been to Wrangell in over 10 years). We applaud Wrangell's proposal to apply a lower rate of taxation in Meyers Chuck in recognition of this fact. However, even this lower rate appears egregious given the benefits. Like any other visitor, Meyers Chuck residents pay all appropriate taxes when they transact business in other communities.

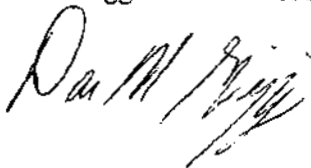
The Wrangell proposal is more consistent with the Constitutional requirement that a borough embrace an area and population with common interests. At some future date, it may be appropriate for Meyers Chuck to be included in an organized borough, and Wrangell might indeed be the appropriate one. However, there is no immediate call for this action. Placing Meyers Chuck in an organized borough at this time would create strife and bureaucracy where none currently exists. This clearly is inconsistent with the spirit of the regulations and directives guiding the Boundary Commission.

The Commission has authority to alter proposals as a condition for approval. We recommend you exercise this power and exclude Meyers Chuck from incorporation into an organized borough at this time. We welcome the formation of the Wrangell Borough and suggest that including Meyers Chuck in it would occur at some future date when our needs for local government services become apparent.

Sincerely,

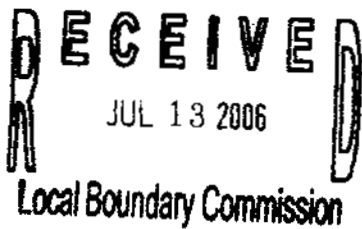


Dan Higgins and Carol Brown



Dear folks @ Boundary Comm,
I have been a full time
Resident of Meyers
Chuck for the last third
of a century without being
in any borough which is
the way I believe it should
remain, no taxation without
representation sounds fair
to me, there are no services
provided from anywhere,
there is not even any roads
any where near Meyers Chuck.
Nevertheless here I am
requested to choose between
Ketchikan & Wrangell. I
believe Wrangell to be the
lesser of the two evils
with Prince of Wales
making more sense than
either of those options.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Hunley
Robert L. Hunley





United States
Department of
Agriculture

Forest
Service

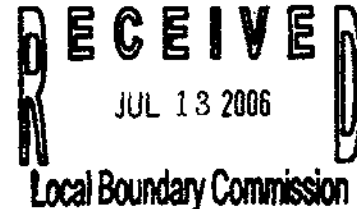
Alaska Region
Tongass National Forest
Ketchikan-Misty Fiords
Ranger District

3031 Tongass Avenue
Ketchikan, AK 99901-5743
Phone: (907) 225-2148
Fax: (907) 225-8738

File Code: 1560

Date: July 7, 2006

Local Boundary Commission
550 West Seventh Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501-3510



Re: Notice of Filing of Petition for Incorporation
Of the City and Borough of Wrangell

I am writing in response to your Public Notice regarding the filing of a petition for the incorporation of the City and Borough of Wrangell (CBW). I have reviewed the notice and offer the following comments.

The boundary for the proposed CBW includes portions of the Cleveland Peninsula. As shown by the map included with your Public Notice, the proposed CBW boundary would run south down the middle of the peninsula and effectively divide it in half lengthwise. Splitting the Cleveland Peninsula in this fashion will result in a portion of the Ketchikan - Misty Fiords Ranger District (KMRD) being included within the CBW.

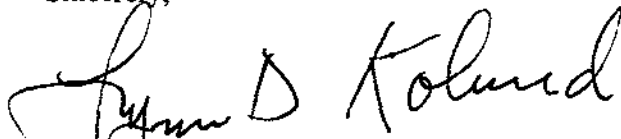
The Ketchikan Gateway Borough (KGB) recently filed a petition to expand its boundary. The proposed KGB expansion would create a larger borough whose boundaries mirror the boundaries of the KMRD, with the exception of the temporarily excluded area near Hyder, Alaska. Exhibit C of the KGB's Annexation Petition visually depicts the KMRD boundary. I am enclosing a copy for your reference. If the KGB's proposed boundary on the Cleveland Peninsula is used, the result will be that all of the within the KMRD in that are will be in the expanded KGB and all of the land with in the Wrangell Ranger District will be within the new CBW.

From the Forest Service perspective, I believe it would facilitate administrative responsibilities if proposed borough boundaries on the Cleveland Peninsula matched those of the Tongass National Forest ranger districts. Similar management boundaries will help avoid confusion between the ranger districts of the Tongass National Forest and the proposed boroughs. Furthermore, the offices and staff of both the KMRD and the KGB are located in Ketchikan. The same is true of the Wrangell Ranger District and the proposed CBW. The proximity of these organizations to one another will result in a savings of time and travel on matters that mutually affect them.



In conclusion, we recommend that the boundary for the proposed CBW be modified to remove the portions of the Cleveland Peninsula that are within the KMRD. If you have any questions about these comments, please feel free to contact Vernon Keller, Realty Specialist, at (907) 228-4129 or vkeller@fs.fed.us.

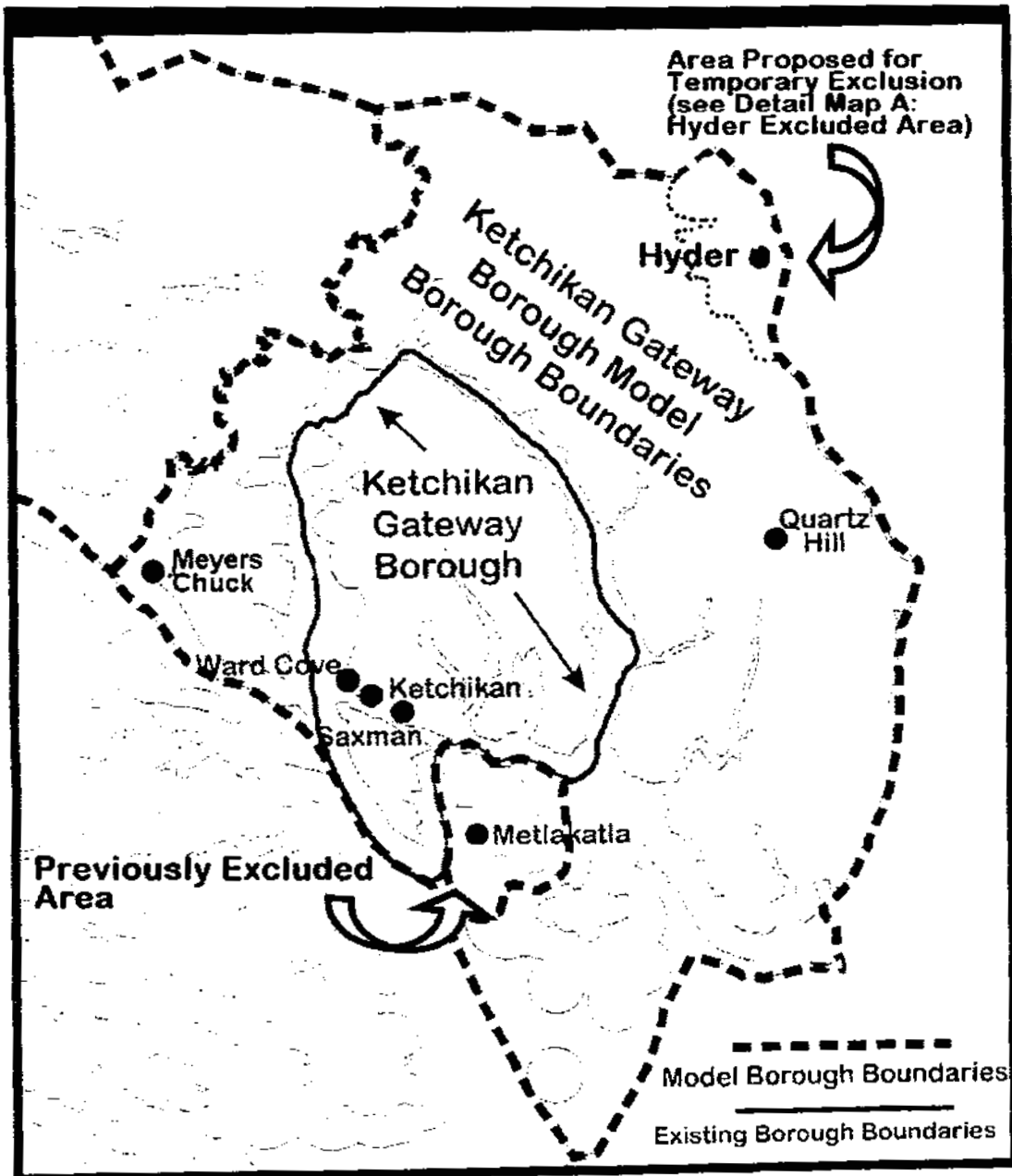
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn D. Kolund". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "L".

LYNN D. KOLUND
District Ranger

EXHIBIT C MAPS AND PLATS

A map showing the existing boundaries of the Borough and the boundaries of the area proposed for annexation are presented in this Exhibit.



JUNE 5TH 2006

DEAR STATE OF ALASKA

MY NAME IS LAUREN E ROGERS AND I'M WRITING TO YOU ABOUT THE NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR INCORPORATION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL.

MY HOME IS LOCATED ON LOT 2 BLOCK 4 OF THE THOMS PLACE COVE HOMESITE AREA. I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS PETITION IN ANY WAY. ALTHOUGH I RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS TO WANT TO BE IN A WRANGELL BOROUGH I DO NOT WISH TO BE SO.

I WON THIS LAND YEARS AGO IN A STATE LAND DRAWING. MY WIFE AND I MOVE HERE AND BUILT A SMALL HOME. WE FISH SALMON ON OUR 30 FT HAND TROLLER.

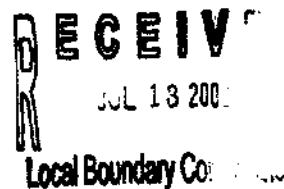
WE BOTH FEEL SO BLESSED TO HAVE THIS WONDERFUL PLACE. I KNOW THEY WILL START TO TAKE OUR LAND AND THIS WILL BE A HARDSHIP THAT WILL ONLY GROW.

I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN REJECTING THIS. I KNOW THERE IS ALWAYS THIS TALK ABOUT BOROUGHS COMING, PLEASE JUST NOT NOW.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME



LAURENE ROGERS
PO BOX 842
WRANGELL AK
99929



Ernie Christian
P.O. Box 428
Wrangell, Alaska
99929
7/14/06

LBC
550 W. 7th Ave. Suite 1770
Anchorage, Alaska
99501

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Ernie Christian and I'm a life-long resident of the State of Alaska and have live in Wrangell since 1981. I support the formation of the City and Borough of Wrangell.

I believe by forming a Borough the City of Wrangell will benefit in many ways. First, it will equalize the tax base and allow our schools to receive more money to support education. Second, if Wrangell doesn't form a borough, we might be annexed by another Borough. Third, Wrangell will receive more revenue for resource development beyond current City limits.

Overall, I see the formation of the Borough as a positive step for Wrangell and the surround areas. It will strengthen our economy in many ways. It will add more residents to the local economy and give us more "clot" in the legislature. I look forward to the Borough and the potential it brings to the Wrangell area. Thank you for your time reading my thoughts concerning the formation of the Borough for Wrangell.

Sincerely yours,

Ernie Christian

Subject: Wrangell Alaska
From: Nolan Center <nolancenter@wrangellalaska.org>
Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 09:13:39 -0800
To: lbc@commerce.state.ak.us

Dear Sirs,

I am writing this email to support the petition for boro from the City of Wrangell. I believe that this would be a great advantage for this community and would encourage you to authorize this request.

Marcy Garrison
PO Box 2223
Wrangell AK 99929

Subject: Wrangell
From: Terri - WMLP <wmlp@gci.net>
Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 14:19:42 -0800
To: lbc@commerce.state.ak.us

To whom it may concern,

My Name is Terri Henson and I live in Wrangell and I'm also on the Planning and Zoning commission. This is a quick note to let you know that I support the Borough formation.

Terri Henson
PO Box 317
Wrangell, AK 99929

Subject: Boro Formation-Wrangell
From: Janell Privett <jprivett@aptalaska.net>
Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 18:37:45 -0800
To: lbc@commerce.state.ak.us

I am sixteen years old and would like to support all of the Privett emails as far as supporting the Boro formation...I understand this as the best formation for Wrangell and believe it is time for Wrangell to get started on this formation. Thank you for considering my opinion...

Jillian Victoria Privett

Janell R. Privett
jprivett@aptalaska.net

Subject: Wrangell Boro Formation
From: Janell Privett <jprivett@aptalaska.net>
Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 18:28:14 -0800
To: lbc@commerce.state.ak.us

I would like to go on record as being in full support of the Wrangell Boro Petition, as presented by the City of Wrangell this is the most viable proposal for all involved in this Boro proposal. Thank you for receiving my support,
Janell R. Privett
jprivett@aptalaska.net



KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH

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Office of the Borough Manager, Manager Roy Eckert • roy.eckert@borough.ketchikan.ak.us

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July 14, 2006

Mr. Dan Bockhorst
Division of Community Advocacy
Department of Commerce, Community, and
Economic Development
550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1770
Anchorage, AK 99501-3510

RE: Written comments regarding Petition to the Local Boundary Commission for
Incorporation of the City and Borough of Wrangell as a Unified Home Rule Municipality

Please accept the enclosed comments submitted on behalf of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough regarding Wrangell's pending petition before the Local Boundary Commission (LBC) for Incorporation of the City and Borough of Wrangell as a Unified Home Rule Municipality. These comments are submitted pursuant to 3 AAC 110.480.(d).

The purpose of this correspondence is to clarify various items of record in Wrangell's petition and to express support for an LBC decision that is consistent with state law and constitutional provisions. The present work of the LBC will establish a spirit of precedence and it is the KGB's wish that this precedence will support a sound basis for future local government expansion in Southeast Alaska and the state as a whole.

Generally speaking, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough (KGB) supports and encourages Wrangell's efforts to expand local government in the region. This effort complements other efforts, including Ketchikan's, to build a stronger system of local government in Southeast Alaska. With respect to Wrangell's petition to annex a portion of Ketchikan model territory including the settlements of Meyers Chuck and Union Bay, it should be noted that the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly, at its meeting of February 6, 2006, approved an annexation petition application that proposes annexation of this same territory into an expanded Ketchikan Borough. The petition includes ample evidence regarding the consistency of this petition with all state regulations. In a separate action, the Borough Assembly also indicated "that the Borough would register no objection if Wrangell chose to include the enclave (of Meyer's Chuck) in their borough."¹

The KGB offers the following notes regarding Wrangell's petition:

Page 8 of the petition lists 13 area-wide services which will be provided to all residents of the proposed municipality including residents in outlying areas. The ability of the proposed municipality to pay for all of these services based upon a 4 mil minimum area-wide property tax is unconvincing.

¹ Borough Assembly minutes of February 6, 2006

<http://www.borough.ketchikan.ak.us>

Page 11 of the petition states that all communities within the proposed borough (including Meyers Chuck and Union Bay) are connected to Wrangell by a public roadway, regularly scheduled airline flights on at least a weekly basis, a charter flight service based in the proposed borough, or sufficient electronic media communications as required by 3 AAC 110.045(d). The KGB would note for the record that charter air service between Wrangell and Meyers Chuck/Union Bay is infrequent according to the one air operator based in Wrangell that provides non-scheduled, charter only air-service and that carries limited freight.² This is compared to air service from Ketchikan which has weekly scheduled service to Meyers Chuck. Combined air carrier statistics to Meyers Chuck for 2004 (approximately 40 air miles distant) indicate 210 regularly scheduled passenger trips, 3,648 pounds of freight, and 13,609 pounds of mail out-bound and 88 trips, 335 pounds of freight, and 221 pounds of mail in-bound to Ketchikan³. In addition, Wrangell's public radio station KSTK, sends to Meyers Chuck only a "weak signal that would be difficult to receive with standard radio equipment".⁴ This contrasts to the fact that Meyers Chuck and Union Bay residents receive broadcasts, or are within the service areas of four Ketchikan radio stations: KRBD FM (public radio)⁵, KTKN AM/KGTW FM,⁶ and KFMJ FM⁷

Exhibit C, page 2 does not list Ketchikan-based KRBD FM (public radio) as a communication service provider in the area proposed for annexation. The other radio stations listed in the petition apparently do not reach Meyers Chuck or Union Bay with sufficient strength or predictability to constitute reliable service.

Exhibit D-1, Note 9: should be clarified to accurately state that emergency 911 calls from Meyers Chuck and Union Bay are routed to, and dispatched by Ketchikan-based service providers (State Troopers or City Police).⁸ In addition, it is not clear in the event of annexation who would dispatch 911 calls to the Meyers Chuck/Union Bay area.

Exhibit H, page 6. The petitioner notes that the proposed City and Borough of Wrangell (CBW) boundary will depart from the existing Wrangell Ranger District Boundaries and include part of the Ketchikan Ranger District on the Cleveland Peninsula in order to follow natural geography. In fact, the boundaries of the two ranger districts (which also follow model boundaries) are already based upon natural geography (watersheds) and other long established features and no departure from these boundaries is necessary for the petition to comply with 3 AAC 110.060 (Boundaries).

Exhibit H, page 10. The petitioner states that at least 25 people live in the Meyers Chuck Union Bay area. State estimates for Meyers Chuck are 15⁹ and there are no estimates for Union Bay although the CBW petition contains one (1) signature from a Union Bay resident. Resident testimony suggests that the year-round population of Meyers Chuck is smaller than the 15 estimated by the state. At the special Assembly meeting of June 27, 2005, it was noted that perhaps six or so people were commuters (i.e. Ketchikan) and another 20 or so were summer only residents and a few people were residents at least nine months of the year.¹⁰

² Source: Sun Rise Aviation, 6/1/06.

³ Source: ProMech Air and Pacific Airways, March 8, 2005 and Federal Dept. of Transportation Bureau of Transportation Statistics website www.bts.gov, March 7, 2005.

⁴ KSTK Radio Staff, July 6, 2006.

⁵ Signal received according to KRBD staff.

⁶ Weak signal according to KTKN staff.

⁷ Meyers Chuck is within their service area although the strength of the signal is unknown according to KFMJ staff.

⁸ According to AP&T staff, July 3, 2006 and State Troopers, July 7, 2006.

⁹ DCEED 2005 Certified Population. Union Bay is not included in the list of Alaska communities.

¹⁰ Special Assembly Meeting Minutes, June 27, 2005, page 3.

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One resident noted that she was there by herself for a while during the winter of 2004/2005.¹¹ As such, the KGB questions whether or not Meyers Chuck constitutes a community under 3 AAC 110.920.

Exhibit H, page 27. The CBW petition places a great deal of relevance and importance upon the historic boundaries of aboriginal uses and ownership within the Wrangell Territory as presented in Haa Aani, Our Land, Tlingit and Haida Land Rights and Use prepared by Goldschmidt and Haas. This is presented to satisfy the requirement under 3 AAC 110.045, Community of Interest standard. The KGB agrees that these historic boundaries should be considered during contemporary decisions. However, it also believes that the particular relevance of these boundaries in these decisions should be the result of deliberations by the tribal organizations affected and not simply by previous studies presented by local government. The petition contains no record that such consultations occurred with the affected tribal groups or that these groups share the boundary claims and their relevance as presented in the petition.

Exhibit H, pages 34-36. In support of consistency with 3 AAC 110.045, Community of Interest standard, the CBW petition presents the fact that the City of Wrangell, including the area proposed for incorporation, lies outside any of the "Nonsubsistence" areas designated by the State, including the Ketchikan Nonsubsistence Area. The relevance of this, according to the petition, is to distinguish Wrangell as a rural area more compatible with the needs and sentiments of rural settlements such as Meyers Chuck as opposed to urban areas such as Ketchikan. Ketchikan responds that aside from the fact that all Alaskans, including Ketchikan and Wrangell residents, have access to the state's fish and game resources under Article 8 of the Alaska's constitution, that the conclusions drawn here are far from obvious. Specifically, 5 AAC 99.016, which governs activities in a non-subsistence area, allows all of the same fish and game harvest activities allowed in subsistence areas under personal use regulations. The principal difference is not cultural (Ketchikan residents also hunt and fish a great deal) as it is regulatory. The non-subsistence designation makes it easier to manage the sustainable yield of the resource since, under the code, subsistence hunting and fishing regulations do not apply in this area and the subsistence priority does not apply. Finally, the Borough finds Wrangell's claim somewhat specious that, as an urban area similar, but smaller than Ketchikan, it is somehow more dependent upon fish and game for household survival than Ketchikan.

Exhibit H, page 37. The CBW states that "Wrangell serves as a hub for nearly all economic activity in the area..." No evidence is offered to support the claim that residents in the Meyers Chuck area secure any services from Wrangell. To the contrary, all evidence, based upon air freight and passenger manifests, Postal Service data, and newspaper ads, suggests that Meyers Chuck residents secure most of their services from Ketchikan. In addition, the petition presents no real evidence that Clarence Strait somehow impedes the existing social and economic activity between Ketchikan and Meyers Chuck/Union Bay.

Exhibit H, page 38. According to KSTK Wrangell public radio staff, their radio signal is too weak to provide adequate service to Meyers Chuck/Union Bay using typical consumer radio equipment there. This contradicts the petition's claim that KSTK provides broadcasts to the Meyers Chuck area.

Exhibit H, page 42. The petition documents four search and rescue service calls by the Wrangell Volunteer Fire Department in the Meyers Chuck/Deer Island area between 1998 and 2005. In contrast, the Ketchikan-based State Troopers had 29 service calls in the Meyers Chuck/Union Bay area during the same time period.¹²

¹¹ Ibid.

¹² Source: Alaska State Troopers, Ketchikan Office

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Exhibit H, page 52. The petition states that due to the abandonment of some joint venture mineral claims in the Union Bay area, that the potential for mineral development is not a sound basis for annexation of this area by the Ketchikan Gateway Borough. While it's true that a number of mineral claims have been abandoned in the Union Bay area, it is also true that there are still 78 claims covering 1,560 acres in the area as of May 2006.¹³ The potential for commercially viable mineral deposits in the Ketchikan region, and for that matter throughout Southeast Alaska, is well known. Commercial mineral recovery is inevitable depending upon world market forces. In addition, the existence of oil and gas deposits in British Columbia's Queen Charlotte Basin (adjacent to the southern model boundary) is also well documented¹⁴ and underscores the importance of developing a local government perspective and response to any future recovery activities.

In summary, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough supports the expansion of local Borough government as proposed by the City of Wrangell petition. Such a proposal, if successful, will shift the management of local government services to local citizens and their elected officials where they are best suited. The KGB also does not formally object to Wrangell's proposal to include a portion of Ketchikan's model territory (the Meyers Chuck/Union Bay area) within Wrangell's proposed boundaries. However, it is our conviction that the merits of such a decision should be evaluated on a complete and factual record in order to assure that the decision complies with state constitutional policies and laws to the greatest extent possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,



Roy Eckert
Borough Manager

C: Borough Assembly
Borough Attorney
Principal Planner

¹³ Source: USFS, Realty Department, May 19, 2006.

¹⁴ Source: <http://www.cwilson.com/pubs/energy/legalshoals.pdf> and <http://temagami.carleton.ca/jmc/cnews/01042005/n4.shtml>

<http://www.borough.ketchikan.ak.us>

Subject: Boro Formation-Wrangell
From: Janell Privett <jprivett@aptalaska.net>
Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 18:35:38 -0800
To: lbc@commerce.state.ak.us

Marni Privett resident of Wrangell for 18 years, just about to be 19 years, I am in full support of the Boro Formation as presented by the City of Wrangell, it seems to be the best formation for all those involved and we all have about the same rural community needs...having something in common with your neighbors is important when forming a Boro that will try to keep things as equal as possible.

Marni E. Privett

Janell R. Privett
jprivett@aptalaska.net

Subject: Meyers Chuck
From: "C. Meyer" <myc@whidbey.state.ak.us>
Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 14:09:30 -0700
To: lbc@commerce.state.ak.us

Dear Sir,

I am writing this e-mail in response to the once again discussion of Meyers Chuck joining a borough. I'm not sure what can be said that hasn't been said before except once again I state that if the State is going to require Meyers Chuck to belong to a borough then that borough needs to be Wrangell. Ketchikan in no way cares about the community as has been proven time and time again by the lack of listening on the people of Meyers Chuck by the Ketchikan Borough.

My family have been property owners in Meyers Chuck since 1969. It is a wonderful small Alaskan community the kind of community like others throughout the State that made this State what it is today. I think it is wrong for the State to require small independent communities to join boroughs if that is not their wish. In my way of thinking it is a crime for the State to further dictate the borough that a community must join.

Wrangell is my choice for supplies and general maintenance. It is where I go now and where I will continue to shop. Wrangell is a small Alaskan town much like Ketchikan use to be in the late 40's and 50's. Wrangell is concerned about the community of Meyer's Chuck as a whole and are willing to listen to the peoples' opinion.

I reinstate my first vote is to keep the community of Meyer's Chuck independent and my second vote is to join the Wrangell borough.

Thank you for taking the time to read this e-mail and I trust you will not only read it but take it to heart as you make your decisions concerning a community and the individuals who live in that community.

Sincerely,

Cheryl A. Meyer
Lot 9 Meyer's Chuck

Subject: boro
From: Olga Norris <olganor@aptalaska.net>
Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 21:55:56 -0800
To: lbc@commerce.state.ak.us

I support the borough formation.
Olga Norris
Norris Gift Shop
Box 675
Wrangell, ak. 99929
phone 907 874 3810
907 874 3809 home

Subject: Wrangell Boro Formation
From: Janell Privett <jprivett@aptalaska.net>
Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 18:43:05 -0800
To: lbc@commerce.state.ak.us

I am in support of the Wrangell Borough since it will help expand our tax base as well as putting the community in a better position to have a say in the lands around Wrangell. Which have an impact on our well being. A unified borough will give us a more stream lined government at eh local level without small local entities having a greater say then the majority of the people within our boundaries. Since Wrangell already covers the Wrangell Ranger District on search and rescue matters it seems logical that we would then be able to assess those individuals who rely on our communities resources already. Classic example is the Bear attack at Berg Bay when Wrangell Search and Rescue were the first to responders.

Sincerely,

William B. Privett
Janell R. Privett
jprivett@aptalaska.net

Subject: Wrangell Borough petition
From: "Rice, Peter (MD)" <PRice@peacehealth.org>
Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 19:22:30 -0800
To: lbc@commerce.state.ak.us
CC: "Carol Rushmore (E-mail)" <ecodev@wrangell.com>

I am writing in support of the Wrangell Borough petition, and , specifically, in support of inclusion of Meyers Chuck and nearby areas in Ernest Sound in this petition.

As has been pointed out by previous communication from me to the Boundary Commission, I believe that this proposed Borough represents the best fit for these two communities, and I also feel there is a sound geographical and social justification for redrawing the model boundaries to include all Ernest Sound communities with Wrangell.

Please move ahead with approval of this proposed Borough. Please also take note of the unanimous support of the people of Meyers Chuck in previously submitted letters, and petitions.

Sincerely,

Peter Rice

land owner and part time resident of Meyers Chuck since 1972

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Subject: Boro Formation-Wrangell
From: Janell Privett <jprivett@aptalaska.net>
Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 18:32:36 -0800
To: lbc@commerce.state.ak.us

I am Samuel Raymond Privett and would like to go on record as supporting the City of Wrangell's proposed Boro Formation as presented to the Boro Commission.

Samuel Raymond Privett III

Janell R. Privett
jprivett@aptalaska.net

Subject: letter of support
From: Wrangell Chamber of Commerce <wchamber@gci.net>
Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 14:28:46 -0800
To: lbc@commerce.state.ak.us

July 14, 2006

Local Boundary Commission Staff
550 W. Seventh Ave., Suite 1170
Anchorage, AK 99501-3510

Dear LBC Staff:

As a local resident I am writing this letter in support of the pending petition to form a home rule, unified municipality of the City and Borough of Wrangell.

I am a life long Wrangell resident, and can see the advantages of forming a borough, such as much needed services as electricity, fire, ambulance and police response. I also work with the local tribal government as such worker I have been told of the importance of the areas mentioned by the tribal elders, such as fishing, hunting, and berry collecting.

If you have any questions regarding this letter please feel free to contact me at: (907) 874-3486.

Sincerely,

Augie Schultz

P.O. Box 49
Wrangell, Alaska 99929
Phone: 907-874-3901
Fax: 907-874-3905
Website: www.wrangellchamber.org
E-mail: wchamber@gci.net

Leading our community to a brighter future

Subject: boro
From: Wrangell Chamber of Commerce <wchamber@gci.net>
Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 15:03:50 -0800
To: lbc@commerce.state.ak.us

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN - PLEASE PUT ME ON RECORD AS A SUPPORTER FOR THE CITY OF WRANGELL BORO FORMATION. I BELIEVE THAT OUR COMMUNITY WOULD GREATLY BENEFIT FROM DOING SAME. C.L. SNOODY

P.O. Box 49
Wrangell, Alaska 99929
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Fax: 907-874-3905
Website: www.wrangellchamber.org
E-mail: wchamber@gci.net

Leading our community to a brighter future

Subject: Letter of Support

From: Wilma Leslie <wilma@alaskawaters.com>

Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 09:02:59 -0900

To: lbc@commerce.state.ak.us

To Whom It May Concern:

I was born and raised in Wrangell. My husband and I were previously owned a timber felling company. We now own a small "ma and pa" charter company and rv park.

It is imperative for Wrangell to organize into a borough in order to be a viable city in the future and to help the outlying villages and our community with economic diversity and recovery.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Wilma E. Stokes-Leslie
P.O. Box 2133
Wrangell, AK 99929

Subject: Wrangell borough
From: John Taylor <taylorandsons@gci.net>
Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 07:57:31 -0800
To: lbc@commerce.state.ak.us

I am in full support of the formation of the Wrangell Borough.

John Taylor
318 McKinnion Street
PO Box 2076
Wrangell, AK 99929

Subject: Boro Support-Wrangell
From: Janell Privett <jprivett@aptalaska.net>
Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 18:31:06 -0800
To: lbc@commerce.state.ak.us

My name is Shane Privett and I would like to be recorded as being in support of the Wrangell Boro proposal, I believe this will give all parties and meet the required mandate for Boro formation, I support the City of Wrangell's proposed Boro Formation.

Shane Legg-Privett

Janell R. Privett
jprivett@aptalaska.net

Subject: Meyers Chuck: Wrangell Borough
From: Cathryn Vanderzicht <cvan@whidbey.net>
Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 16:14:38 -0700
To: lbc@commerce.state.ak.us

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 fo 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,
Cathryn Vanderzicht
lot 8
Meyers Chuck, AK 99903

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REBECCA WELTI
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 MEYERS CHUCK
 AK. 99903

JULY 11, 2006

TO MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL BOUNDARY
 COMMISSION:

WE WOULD LIKE TO AGAIN VOICE OUR SUPPORT OF WRANGELL'S
 PETITION TO INCLUDE MEYERS CHUCK AND UNION BAY IN
 THEIR PROPOSED BOROUGH. SINCE WE ARE LOCATED ON THE
 BOUNDARY OF THREE PROSPECTIVE BOROUGHs, WE BELIEVE THAT
 WE SHOULD HAVE THE CHOICE OF WHICH ONE WOULD BEST SUIT
 OUR NEEDS AS A COMMUNITY. THANK-YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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REBECCA WELTI Rebecca Welti
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