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Local Boundary Commission
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To whom it may concern:

We have become aware of an effort by Mr. Kris Lethin to convince your commission to greatly expand the boundaries of the City of Seldovia. He seems to imply that this is a necessary and appropriate action from which all would benefit. Nothing could be further from the truth. The property owners who would be impacted by this have been left out of Mr. Lethin's one-man campaign. We dispute his misrepresentations with the following:

- We reside full time in an unincorporated area within the Borough that lists the area from the city limits of Seldovia to Jakolof Bay as Seldovia Village.
- The City of Seldovia does not pay for police response to our area. The State does via a contract with the Troopers.
- The Seldovia Village Tribe maintains the Barabara Heights Fire Department for servicing the area of Seldovia Village. Responders are volunteers.
- The City does indeed fund the EMS equipment and housing. It is manned by volunteers, many of who live in the Village versus the City.
- The City maintains a building that houses the library, a multi-purpose room, EMS/Fire, a Doctor's office and a Dentist's office. As a couple, we spend \$30 per week to participate in a state funded "senior meal program" that uses the multi-purpose room. Karen is a scheduled volunteer at the library, which operates via grants and private donations. We are financially donating patrons as well.
- We pay an annual fee to the City of Seldovia for a slip in the harbor and another fee to store our boat for the winter, as well as personal property tax for the boat and trailer.

- We pay sales tax every time we buy gas, fuel oil, groceries, a dinner out, etc.
- We are unable to determine why Mr. Lethin signs off of his missive with “Frustrated Seldovia Tax Payer”. We have found no evidence he holds any property in the City of Seldovia.
- No city infrastructure serves the proposed area to be included and none is either feasible or economically possible.

Where do we go from here? We, as well as many neighbors, are strongly opposed to this proposition. Is it time to launch a petition campaign?

We appreciate any direction you can offer. Thank you for your kind consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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