



SELDOVIA NATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

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State of Alaska - Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
Division of Community and Regional Affairs
Alaska Local Boundary Commission
Lynn Chrystal, Chair and Members of the Commission
550 W. 7th Ave. Suite 1640
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3510

Honorable Chairman and Commission Members;

On behalf of the Seldovia Native Association, Inc., the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Village Corporation for the Seldovia area, we write to object to efforts initiated by Mr. Kris Lethin, a resident of the City of Seldovia, urging the Local Boundary Commission to use its constitutional authority to proactively initiate the process of annexing surrounding property to the City of Seldovia.

As the largest private property owner in the area Seldovia Native Association, Inc. finds no benefit to this singlehanded proposal for either the Corporation or to the residents of the area who reside both within and without the current City of Seldovia boundary. Many in the area including City residents and residents outside of the City have voiced their opposition to any annexation effort, as has the City of Seldovia.

Currently both the residents of the City of Seldovia and Seldovia Village work collaboratively together to address issues of mutual concern such as fire and public safety matters, economic development opportunities, educational and cultural development, and area wide transportation and infrastructure development. The effort of Mr. Lethin, acting as an individual, challenges the spirit of collaboration for the common good that currently exists.

Seldovia Native Association, Inc. allows many venues of public access to its lands adjacent to the City of Seldovia on a permit basis, including hiking, woodcutting, hunting, and recreational access. Our land holdings in and around the area contain many right-of-way access points as well as utility corridors for electrical transmission lines and communications infrastructure. Our company has always strived to work collaboratively with the City of Seldovia whenever possible, and in addition we are property owners within the City of Seldovia.

We urge the Commission to deny consideration of the annexation proposal as it serves neither the interests of the City residents or those living on adjacent lands.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our comments to the Commission and thank you for considering our objection to this action.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

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