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CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Good morning, everybody. We've got 10:00 o'clock on the wall here in the conference room in Anchorage. We're ready to get started. Could we have a roll call, please, Mr. Williams?

MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, Chair. Commissioner Wilson?

COMMISSIONER WILSON: Here.

MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Harrington?

COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Here.

MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Hargraves?

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Here.

MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Harcharek? Chair Chrystal?

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Here. And so we do have a quorum. I'd like to acknowledge guests and staff. We'll start here in Anchorage. So let's start with right next to me. Brice?

MR. ENINGUWOUK: This is Brice Eninguwouk, staff to the Local Boundary Commission.

MR. WILLIAMS: This is Brent Williams, staff to the Local Boundary Commission.

MS. CAMPBELL: Kelly Campbell, property owner in Seldovia.

MS. GELLERT: Janet Gellert, property owner 8 1/2 miles out of Seldovia.

COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: We're having trouble hearing
you. What's going on there?

CHAIRMAN CHRystal: Okay. We got some visitors in the back row in here. It's probably kind of hard to hear them over -- they're just telling us who they are.

MR. WILLIAMS: You can maybe say that again louder, please?

MS. GELLERT: Janet Gellert, 8 1/2 miles out of Seldovia, closer to Jakolof Bay.

CHAIRMAN CHRystal: Did you hear that okay? Hello?

Did you hear that okay?

MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Harrington?

CHAIRMAN CHRystal: Can anybody here us out there?

MR. MURRAY: This is Seldovia. We can barely hear you. We can hear the commissioners when they're speaking but anybody that's not sitting around the table it's very difficult to understand.

MS. CAMPBELL: Kelly Campbell. I'm a property owner on MacDonald Spit.

CHAIRMAN CHRystal: Did you hear that okay?

COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Yes.

CHAIRMAN CHRystal: Okay. Thank you. Next?

MR. GELLERT: Hugh Gellert. I'm a property owner with my wife of 5251 Jakolof Bay Road, about 8 1/2 miles outside of Seldovia.

MR. LETHIN: Chris Lethin, resident of Seldovia since
1979.

MR. BARLOW: Leo Barlow, representing Seldovia Native Association.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSAL: Okay. That consists of everybody present here in Anchorage.

MR. WILLIAMS: Oh, Wanda Ventres, the court reporter is also here.

MR. ENINGUOUK: Is there some feedback?

CHAIRMAN CHRYSAL: Okay. Could we please have introductions from the guests that are on the line? There's no way to really pinpoint who is there so just speak up and we'll try not to get too much cross talk. And spell your name, please.

MS. CRAWFORD: This is Darlene Crawford and John Crawford. We live at Mile 3, Jakolof Bay Road.

MR. DILLON: This is Tim Dillon, the city manager, City of Seldovia.

MR. MURRAY: Jerry Murray, resident of 2 1/2 Miles Jakolof Bay Road for 35 years.

MR. WYLAND: Dick Wyland, resident of City of Seldovia, property owner.

MR. LATIMER: Jeff Latimer, resident for roughly 20 years, 3 1/2 Miles out Jakolof Bay Road.

MR. ROWLAND: Mark Rowland, resident. I live at 6 1/2 Miles out on Jakolof Bay Road.
MS. OYNE (ph): Jeanette Oyne, lives at Dalsted, Mile 7, Jakolof.

MS. STEVEDOL (ph): Pat Stevedol, resident of City of Seldovia.

MARY: Mary (indiscernible), city clerk, Seldovia.

MR. ROLAND: Hans Roland, resident of Seldovia.

MS. SCOTT: (Indiscernible) Scott, resident of Seldovia.

MR. McGinnis: Walter McGinnis, councilman, 60 year resident.

MS. BOND: Sharon Bond, resident, Jakolof Bay Road, 3 Miles.

MS. NILES: Sharon Niles, resident of Seldovia.

MR. DILLON: That's everybody that's at the CR Community Center in Seldovia.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Thank you very much. Is there anybody else on the line from other than Seldovia or the conference room in Anchorage? Okay. Hearing none, thank you very much. At this time we need to approve the agenda that's been proposed to everybody. If I could entertain a motion to approve the agenda?

COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Harrington. I move to approve.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Do we have a second?

CHAIRMAN CHRystal: Okay. We have a motion by Commissioner Harrington, second by Commissioner Wilson. Any comments on the agenda? Okay. Could we have a vote, please, Mr. Williams?

MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, Chair. Commissioner Wilson?

COMMISSIONER WILSON: Here.

MR. WILLIAMS: We need a yes or no, please, sir.

COMMISSIONER WILSON: Oh. Yes.

MR. WILLIAMS: All right. Thank you. Commissioner Hargraves?

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yes.

MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Harrington?

COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Yes.

MR. WILLIAMS: Chair Chrystal?

CHAIRMAN CHRystal: Yes. Okay. The motion has been approved to approved the agenda. The next item is public comments regarding Local Boundary Commission matters. And we'll move that down to where we can mix that in with the Seldovia report so people can make their comments at that time. Under New Business we have comments by members of the public concerning matters that are not on the agenda nor pending. You know, something that we are not planning on talking about today. If anybody's got something they want to bring up this is the time. Okay. Hearing none we'll move on to the discussion item. This is a discuss request that the LBC use
its constitutional authority to proactively initiate the
process of annexing territory to the City of Seldovia. When
this came up I put it on the agenda as a discussion item
because I think that this type of an issue pertains not just to
Seldovia but it really pertains to probably dozens and dozens
of communities around the state. So I didn't want to narrow
that discussion just to Seldovia. And so we are not going to
make any decision today as far as the request to proactively
annex. However, we will have a sense of the commission's
feelings one way or the other when we're all done here, because
I'll ask if anybody wants to actually put it on the agenda as
an action item. And if not, then it will, at least for now,
just go away. Is everybody clear on that? Okay. Let's
initiate the discussion then. I think that we certainly
probably have the authority to do what's been requested,
however this is a huge issue and I don't know how many members
want to even get involved in this. This is going to be --
would be a very controversial issue, and I don't mean Seldovia
but around the state probably, and is it more appropriate for
the legislature to do things like this. So I'll open up the
discussion for commissioner members that wish to make a comment
at this time.

COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Commissioner Harrington here.
First of all I am less reticent to do this than probably most
of the rest of the commission members. I see us as being one
of the few bodies that is not subject to a dramatic political backlash. We have a big target on our backs every time we go any place anyway. But before I would ever consider any action along this line a few things would have to be existing. First of all, I asked the question if Seldovia had a general obligation bond debt. And the answer was no. And that was one of the things that I would have stipulated, that any time a group is asked to acquire a debt they would have to have voter permission to do that. The second item has to do with if there is a clear case where people are getting services for which they do not need. They are not providing (a) taxes, what have you, so that is an unequal situation, that's another situation where I think I would be interested in seeing an action coming to the commission for an expansion of the city boundaries. To date I've not seen any of the issues that I would consider pertinent to this specific case. But I just wanted to lay out my own areas of where I would consider actively participating in starting or initiating an action to annex parts to a city.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSAL: Thank you, Commissioner Harrington. Any other commissioners want to make a comment at this time? Okay. Hearing none we'll open it up to discussion from -- probably just start right here. Mr. Lethin, you're the one that kind of got this thing started. Did you wish to make a comment? And I would ask everybody to keep your comments relatively short because I can see where we could drag this on
for hours probably.

MR. LETHIN: Right. Number 1, I would appreciate it if people don't make this personal because I'm trying not to make this personal. I'm trying -- I started this whole effort with going to the council in Seldovia and trying to get a public meeting and a discussion about this. An open dialogue for everybody to talk about it rather than the anti(s) and the pros and all this sort of emotional stuff that gets involved in these kind of things. And, you know, I want to bring up the point that the community did go together and create a recreational service area which is basically the boundaries that I suggested the city ought to have. So I personally, out of this meeting, I would like to see a meeting of the Boundary Commission in June or July of this year when all the people that own property in the City of Seldovia have an opportunity to be there, to be able to express their opinion one way or the other, as well as those people that live out of the city and have property and ownership, so that this can be a dialogue. I said from the git-go this is going to take three to four years to sort out. And I think that my one request is Boundary Commission come to Seldovia, have your meeting in June or July when everybody is there so that all this can be talked about. Otherwise we're just going to have a lot of throwing rocks at one another and I don't think that's appropriate for this group. And the Boundary Commission was created specifically
under the constitution to deal with these kind of problems. And I realize that they're difficult. They're not easy. And that's why you're appointed from different jurisdictions around the state so that you don't get caught up in this as being a target like I am right now. I mean I'm a big target. Okay? I created my own target but I am a big target. I don't appreciate being a target but nonetheless I did it because I think it's important for Seldovia to have this discussion. So that's my statement.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Lethin. Anybody have any questions for Mr. Lethin? Any commissioners, I mean? Okay. Hearing none, anybody here at the table want to make a comment? And please state your name before commenting again.

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Does Mr. Lethin own any property in Seldovia?

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Oh, hang on a second. What was that?

MR. LETHIN: I heard that question about me owning property in Seldovia. I owned property in Seldovia in 1979 and my wife and I did an estate planning to give our property to our kids. I pay the taxes every year. There's almost a quarter of a million -- three quarters of a million dollars in value of property tax that we pay in excess of $5000 a year. Just for everybody's clarification I write the check for it and
it's my money that pays the taxes.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSSTAL: Okay. Okay. Comments from people around the table here, please? And state your name again.

MS. CAMPBELL: Kelly Campbell, owner of property in the middle of Jakolof -- I mean MacDonald Spit. We have owned that property and have an original Bureau of Land Management, federal government patent. So longevity makes the difference. Anyway, in trying to research some of this situation, in looking at the proposed boundaries, there's a very narrow strip of property that has been subdivided by the Native Association and their ownership, which is wonderful. But the extent of this proposal is just mind boggling. The City of Seldovia occupies .6 square miles. And I don't know how many square miles this proposal but it looks like it's 70 or 100, or more. The area proposed to be annexed is occupied solely by residents. There's not a single business. Jakolof Bay Dock is included and I don't know whether the city owns that now -- somebody said they do. But they can't monitor and police the dock. The two boats that went down there and practically eliminated the opportunity for oyster farming in Jakolof Bay was sunk because there's nobody monitoring the dock. And the City of Seldovia I don't think is going to be able to do -- I mean that's just one situation that -- I feel the City of Seldovia operates extremely well the way it is. We are delighted with the facilities that the city offers, however
myself and those other persons that I know on the Spit.....

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Yes, sir? Yes, sir, Mr. Hargraves?

Are you having trouble.....

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: There isn't anything coming through on this telephone.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. We probably need to get the microphone closer.

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: I don't know what's happening right now but I'm not hearing anything except you come through pretty good.

MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner, this is Brent. I just moved the phone closer to Ms. Campbell so why doesn't she speak again about what you missed and then after a few words you can interject whether you hear her or not. Does that work for you, sir?

MS. CAMPBELL: Can you hear me now?

MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Hargraves, can you hear me? This is Brent?

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yes, I can hear you now.

MR. WILLIAMS: Okay. Can you hear Ms. Campbell now?

MS. CAMPBELL: Can you hear me, Commissioner? I'm Kelly Campbell. I have property on MacDonald Spit.

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yes, I can hear.

MS. CAMPBELL: All right.
COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Go ahead.

MS. CAMPBELL: Just try to shorten this up. In researching this it appeared to me that the City of Seldovia would need to provide services to this proposed annexed area, which the City of Seldovia occupies .6 square miles of land and the proposed annexation area is, I don't know, maybe 100 square miles. It certainly is huge. The population occupation of the proposed area is totally residential. There is no commercial usage in that area. There never has been. I mean not for generations. Since the fox farming and herring fisheries, saltries, etcetera. The poverty area in the proposed annexation area I think should be investigated because I do not believe that the population can withstand additional taxation for services that most of us feel the City of Seldovia cannot and should not try to provide. The police, the EMS, the fire, the road service is done by the state. The other services are just not going to be able to be provided. They certainly cannot come down on MacDonald Spit with a fire truck or an ambulance. So there's just -- this annexation area just does not fit into a city and the requirements as stated in the standards for annexation.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Thank you, Ms. Campbell. Next? Anybody want to talk here? Okay. We'll move this radio/microphone gizmo thing around and see if it works.

MR. WILLIAMS: And this is Brent Williams.
Commissioner Hargraves, please let us know if you can't hear Mr. Gellert.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Go ahead.

MR. GELLERT: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, my name is Hugh Gellert. My wife and I own property at Mile 8 1/2 on the Jakolof Bay Road. Can you hear me?

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yes.

MR. GELLERT: Okay. I submitted previously a letter to the Commission. I won't repeat the material in that letter. I think the guts of my presentation is that Number 1, the city -- there's no possibility -- I reiterate the fact that there is really no possibility of those of us outside the City of Seldovia getting any additional services from the City of Seldovia. Additional services means we presently do not get services from the city and the annexation is pretty clearly stated by Mr. Lethin that we will not get any services. In the submission there are six criteria under 3 AAC 110.140 titled legislative review. I think it was Mr. Lethin who has highlighted items 5 and 6 as being the only ones that might have some applicability.

Number 5 is that annexation of the territory will enable the city to plan and control reasonably anticipated growth and development in the territory that otherwise may adversely impact the city. I don't think anybody would allege that we are adversely impacting the city. Ironically last year...
the city received a grant of about -- somewhere north of $50,000 to create a new development plan in which my wife and I participated in the public process. So it doesn't seem to be a problem to plan.

Number 6 is territory is so sparsely inhabited or so extensively inhabited by persons who are not landowners that a local election would not adequately represent the interests of the majority of the landowners. That is not applicable because there is -- it is a rural area but there are definitely a substantial number of inhabitants outside the City of Seldovia. Out as far and beyond the Jakolof Bay Dock.

Now I guess to follow the tradition, my first contact - - meaningful contact with Seldovia came when I was working as State Director of Tourism. I guess Mr. Lethin and I can lament our misspent youth working for the state, but I won't bore anybody with that. But Seldovia, I've learned through those years, Seldovia had and has terrific opportunities for development. They have made significant strides and wonderful efforts to encourage tourism. One of the main ones is this rapid -- this fast ferry system that the Seldovia Native Association operates. It readily brings people over and in more and more numbers in the summer. They have created a number of cultural events that focus attention on Seldovia, and there's a tremendous potential to do more of that and make the whole pie for all of us grow. One thing I took away from my
experience with Economic Development is that you don't create it by picking each other's pockets, you create it by enlarging the whole pie for an area. And that is what Seldovia, the city, the Native Association, others, have been very aggressive in attempting to do and what I think all pulling together will pay off in the future. Thank you and I'll be happy to try to answer any questions.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Does anybody have any questions?

Go ahead.

MRS. GELLERT: My name is Janet Gellert and I'm a Seldovia resident 8 1/2 miles away from Seldovia on Jakolof Bay Road. I urge the Commission to deny the request for a boundary change. I submit that the people of Seldovia and Mr. Lethin need to consider an attitude change and be more positive and friendly to the tourists and outside residents of Seldovia when they come to Seldovia. It seems to me Mr. Lethin is speaking in his own self interest rather than the community. I'm opposed and against the proposal of Mr. Lethin. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Thank you. Any questions for Ms. Gellert? Okay. Did you wish to speak, Mr. Barlow?

MR. BARLOW: Certainly.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay.

MR. BARLOW: Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the Boundary Commission. My name is Leo Barlow. I'm here today representing the Seldovia Native Association. We are here to
voice our objection to the efforts that have been initiated by Mr. Lethin, a resident of the City of Seldovia, urging the Local Boundary Commission to use its constitutional authority for actively initiate the process of annexing surrounding property to the city. As the largest private property owner in the area Seldovia Native Association finds no benefit to this single handed proposal for either the corporation or to the residents of the area who reside both within and without the city limits of Seldovia. Many, including city residents and residents outside the city, have voiced their opposition to any annexation effort as has the City of Seldovia who provided correspondence, I believe, in your packet. Currently both the residents of the City of Seldovia and Seldovia Village work cooperatively together to address issues of mutual concern such as fire and public safety, 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 has many venues of public assets through its lands adjacent to the city on a permanent basis, including hiking, wood cutting, hunting and recreational accesses. 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, although we don't always agree, but whenever possible. And in addition we are property owners within the city itself. We urge the Commission to deny consideration of the annexation proposal, that it serves neither the interest of the city residents or those living on adjacent lands. Mr. Chairman, we appreciate the opportunity of providing comment today. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Thank you, Mr. Barlow. Anybody have any questions from the Commission for Mr. Barlow? Okay. Thank you, sir. Okay. At this time we've exhausted everybody here in the Anchorage conference office. Do we have comments from folks in Seldovia that are on the line?

MR. DILLON: Yes. This is Tim Dillon, the city manager of Seldovia.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Yes, sir?

MR. DILLON: First of all I wanted to touch base with something that Mr. Lethin had mentioned about the proposed annexed area mirroring the service area that we approved. That's not even being close to being accurate. And I just wanted to make sure that the Boundary Commission knew that there's a big difference between what's being proposed and what had been approved as a service area.

Second of all, Mr. Lethin had come to the city and asked about the process, if he could come and speak to the
council. He did come twice and spoke to the council. The
council had no interest in moving forward with it. We are
currently doing a comprehensive plan. We're working with USKH
to get a road map of where we want to go, whether it be five,
10 or 20 years now. And I think from what I've heard from
folks is there might be a little piece here or a piece there
that we might look at annexing, but at this point, number 1,
it's not the appropriate time, and 2, it's not the appropriate
way to go about it, the bull in the china shop approach. We've
been working very closely -- Leo Barlow and SNA and SBT of the
city have been working very hard the last five or six years
trying to come to common ground and trying to work together
with each other. And to basically throw this out there right
now really doesn't make a lot of sense.

I appreciate the opportunity to talk to the Boundary
Commission and I can tell you that your staff, Brice and Brent,
have been excellent assisting us. Because when I first stopped
in to visit with them they actually thought that the city was
who was instigating this whole thing to the point that I think
they believed that some of the documents were coming out of my
office. And I had to show them that the city didn't have
anything to do with it and we were just, because of the way Mr.
Lethin had written certain things and produced certain things,
it made it look like the City of Seldovia was in the middle of
it. And I can tell you when it comes to the people taking
things personally, I was yelled at, cursed at, threatened, you
name it, until I could prove to everybody, the folks out the
road and the people in town, that my office had nothing to do
with it. So at some point, whether it be five years, 15 years,
it may make some sense to look at some things. But this is not
the appropriate time or way to do it. I thank you very much
for allowing me to speak and I'd be more than happy to answer
any questions.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Thank you, sir. Do Commission
members have any comments or questions to the speaker? Thank
you. Anybody else down there want to talk?

MR. McGINNIS: Yeah. This is Councilman Walker
McGinnis, senior citizen. I want to kind of echo what the
manager just said. And I also have been cursed at and shouted
at and whatever. Mostly by a couple of ignorant people. But
this action as presented was not through public process. It is
not by petition, by committee, or through public participation.
It is done by one individual and it has with it his idea of
annexation, and that's very debatable or questionable as to it
should be there because it's not coming through the public.
The city council unanimously, at a meeting, the city council
had a meeting and had this item on the agenda, and it was
attended by a large number of people. The consensus was not --
do not move forward with this annexation as proposed. And I'll
say again. Do not move forward. The city council unanimously
approved that that action and request be sent to you to not
move forward with annexation as proposed. Again, one person
put this forward. So please, let's not go into a long series
of arguments and disputes. This is not the way to do it. If
it comes up in the future then it should come through the
public process, not by an individual. Please, do not move
forward with this annexation request as proposed. Anybody
else?

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Thank you, Councilman. Anybody
else down there?

MR. THORN: Yes. My name is Walt Thorn. I'm a 30 odd
year resident of the area. And some two weeks ago I launched a
letter to Mr. Lynn Chrystal, chairman there, and I assume that
that is part of the public record.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Yes, it is.

MR. THORN: Basically to reiterate, I see no advantage.
The folks out the road get their roads scraped and police
coverage and I don't think that the city could provide that at
a cost that would make any sense because the borough pretty
much covers those areas as it is. And that's provided for, you
know, existing -- like existing taxes, etcetera. And I guess
one of the other things that we need to realize here is that we
have somewhat taken the situation as it is among the residents
here, and to make a divisive action such as annexation I don't
think would serve the community as a whole. Thanks very much.

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I enjoyed the conversations we had today.....

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Sir, would you state your name, please, for the record?

MR. WYLAND: Dick Wyland, W-y-l-a-n-d.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay.

MR. WYLAND: I'm a former mayor and a former council member. This does not really fit within the city perimeters right now. As I understand it, or at least I'm bringing some stuff up from the past, that the city does not have money to do the roads out there, to add any improvements whatsoever that the county is doing right now. And we do not have the funds to build a warehouse to store heavy equipment that we would have to buy to maintain this at a reasonable level. Right now I feel that the city has a real regard with all the people out the road, with the Seldovia Native Association and everybody, and we're all trying to get together now and work as a team. This destroys that teamwork. I also want to note that Mr. Lethin did not show up at the council meeting with the rest of the crowd and did not participate in it even by telephone. And that is kind of a put down to me and to other citizens in the community.
MR. LETHIN: I'm sorry, Dan, but I have to say something here. No, I got to say something.....

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: No, no, you don't.

MR. LETHIN: No, I do.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. You'll have to chance to say something.

MR. LETHIN: All right.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: We can't have a bunch of shouting and fighting here. Okay?

MR. LETHIN: All right.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Yes, sir, go ahead, Mr. Wyland.

MR. WYLAND: Thank you. I got to regroup and try to be as polite as I can. It's very tough in a situation like this. But I think that -- I question one other thing, too, is that he said he is a property owner in the City of Seldovia. And I have not been able to find any property that is in his name or his wife's name, but I haven't gone through Soldotna and checked the borough. And I probably won't because I'm a very senior citizen and I don't need this as a battle. And I really appreciate your people having this summary conference. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Thank you, Mr. Wyland. You'll get your time. Is anybody else down who wishes to talk?

MR. MURRAY: Yes. I'm Jerry Murray. I live outside
the city. I lived inside the city for about six or nine months, 1978-79 before I moved out to the wilderness, which is still wilderness. I'd like to make a comment about this particular request and the circumstances of the community as it stands now. There's about 140 people living outside the city limits, 280 or so living inside the city limits. We cooperate quite thoroughly, it appears, with respect to people outside the city volunteering to do things inside the city and people inside also volunteering. So there's a lot of volunteerism around here. We have very significant problems that the city faces in the future, and I'm not going to mention them but I will if somebody asks, that we're trying to solve. Annexation is not one of those problems. And annexation can only disrupt the process of proceeding to solve those problems. The details of the finances and so forth, I'm not going to go into although I have a packet of paper here about three-quarters of an inch high that outlines some of those things that Mr. Lethin hasn't considered like property taxes and sales tax distribution and the cost of road maintenance. Where do the funds come from for the police protection outside the city limits, the road maintenance outside the city limits, so forth and so on. I hope you don't go forward with this request at this time simply because I think we're functioning as a community without changing the boundaries. And I think the allocation of financial assets is equitable.
But on a more general note, I can assure you that people in Alaska that I've talked to and have interacted with over annexations in the past, find it almost abhorrible (ph) that a Commission such as yours, although it's constitutionally mandated and allowed, would unilaterally take on an annexation in a community where this functioning city is functioning well, has a budget surplus in every account, is not strapped for money, there's no strike that is causing people inside the city to ask for annexation. There's no hue and cry from outside the city asking for annexation. And things are functioning well. And in connection with the other annexation procedures, when annexation comes up around here and people start talking about, everybody says well, there'll have to be a vote. And they are shocked to find out that there are several mechanisms by which annexations can take place without any vote. This being one of them. My understanding is that this process has never, or only once in 50 years been used. I don't think this is the time to use it. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Thank you, sir. Anybody else down there wish to talk?

MR. DILLON: I think everyone down here is taken care of. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Thank you very much. Okay. Mr. Lethin, I will give you a chance to speak briefly. But remember, this is.....
UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Hello, can you hear me?

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Hang on just a second. Yes, ma'am?

MS. CRAWFORD: I'm sorry. I wanted to speak too.

Could I?

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Please go ahead. State your name, please?

MS. CRAWFORD: Yes. This is Darlene Crawford. I live at Mile 3 on Jakolof Road. And I'm real glad you're giving us an opportunity to call in and speak. I appreciate Commissioner Harrington's comments. He gave that one reason to annex would be to provide services. And most of the people out here have services because we have our own water and sewer, and you already received letters and things about the other services that are provided by the state, through volunteerism and things. Chris commented that he wanted there to be a dialogue or a conversation about annexation among the people. And about 20 years ago there was a conversation because someone else wanted to the annexation. I should state that I've lived here for more than 50 years. The first 22 or 23 years were inside the city of Seldovia and I served my time in public service. Mayor for a long time and city councilman, city clerk. I've done a lot of things like that. But for the last 28 years we've been living out here on Jakolof Bay Road. And there was a person, after we were out here, that was interested in annexation and there was a dialogue in town and we talked about
it. Nothing came of it at that time. And it's really not the
time for it. And I can see the reason if someone needed it in
their area and requested it, but this is a strange way to go
about it and I would really hope that you folks would deny this
petition at this time. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSAL: Thank you, Ms. Crawford. Anybody
else out there? I'll try one more time. Okay. I just want to
make a comment too. I always feel bad when something like this
descends into this personal stuff. And I hate to see it but I
understand why it happens sometimes. But if you could make it
brief, Mr. Lethin, I'd appreciate it.

MR. LETHIN: I will.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSAL: Thank you.

MR. LETHIN: One thing I wanted to make a comment about
is the fact this is not a petition to the Boundary Commission
to make a change. This was a proposal for them to look at
Seldovia and maybe make some changes. And that could include
going the park in the city and some of the Jakolof Bay, the
city took over the boat dock out there. That wasn't -- you
know, that should be in the city as well. There's things that
need to be looked at and that's why I want a hearing in
Seldovia.

Another issue is there was a comprehensive plan process
that went on in Seldovia for everybody to have a dialogue about
the comprehensive plan. There was a meeting of all the people
that lived outside of the city and the young people said we can't participate. We are not able to vote, we're not able to be part of the city. Right now we have a bunch of us old people in the city and we need young blood and we need involvement by everybody in the community. I think that the recreational service area boundaries make a lot of sense. The boundaries of the City of Seldovia. But all this boils down to is money. Money. The whole thing is money. Nothing else. And we're talking about 1/1000th of a dollar in a mil rate, that somebody is going to have to pay a little extra to help the city out. That's what we're really talking about here, about the objection to this. Because otherwise we're all together. So that's my thoughts. And I don't appreciate the fact that I'm -- the representation is that I misrepresented myself as being a city. I didn't. Everything I did I represented myself, I put my name on everything that I sent out to everybody and I don't like that. And I don't like the fact that somebody says I have not owned any property in the City of Seldovia, and I just got done telling you that we have three-quarters of a million dollars property that I pay and -- write the bill for and pay the taxes on. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHRystal: Thank you, Mr. Lethin. Okay. We're at the point where Commissioners, do you wish to ask any questions of anybody at this point? Okay. As I mentioned earlier, this is a discussion item. And at this point, even
though I do set the agendas, I would like to know if there are
any commissioner members that wish to put this on a future
agenda as an action item, or do we just let it drop and let it
go? So I'm open to comments from the three commissioners we
have out there right now.

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Mr. Chairman.....

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Yes, sir, I hear you.

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: This is Commissioner
Hargraves. I'm sorry, I missed your queue there about wanting
to speak. But I did want to say a few things. Number 1, I
would like to find out if there has been any attempt to
circulate a petition down there to see how many people would
actually sign up interest in an annexation.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: I don't believe there's any at this
point. Mr. Williams, do you know of any?

MR. WILLIAMS: I don't know of any, sir.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Yeah. And perhaps Mr. Dillon would
be able to answer that. Do you know of anybody that's
circulating a petition to annex anything?

MR. DILLON: My understanding is there's absolutely no
one from the city's standpoint. I do believe though that Mr.
Lethin has told me that he has a petition but I haven't seen it
nor do I know if anybody has signed it or anything about it.
CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Mr. Lethin?

MR. LETHIN: I have enough people to sign a petition for the Boundary Commission. I was hoping that there would be a meeting by the Boundary Commission in Seldovia before we went and did that. But, you know, I do have enough people to sign a petition.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: So at this point there is no petition, Mr. Hargraves. Does that answer your question?

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yes. Okay. It just seems to me that I understand the constitutional situation. I know there are ways that we could proceed as a commission. But think of the precedent that that would set if we proceeded with this. We would probably need to do it under some kind of a policy or regulation provision which would open up situations all over the state. It's my observation that you could find an equivalent to Seldovia in every city or borough -- organized borough or city in this state. There are little donut holes sitting outside of most communities that you could use the same arguments that they should be annexed. And for that reason I'm just very reluctant to see the commission to take an initiative just based on the fact that that exists there. It's just not going to be possible for me to reconcile doing it there when the same set of conditions exist in so many different places of this state. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Yeah. Commissioner Hargraves,
that's exactly what I reiterated at the beginning when I talked about a discussion item rather than an action, because you're exactly correct. We probably got, you know, more than a hundred, or maybe 200 situations like that out there. So any other commissioners want to comment on this right now?

COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Sure. This is Commissioner Harrington.

CHAIRMAN CHRYS-TAL: Okay.

COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: I guess I'm less reluctant to get involved in situations than with the two other commissioners who spoke. But there has to be a wrong that needs to be righted. And it only takes one person, to me, to point out a clear wrong that exists for me to be pushing for us to get involved. As I said earlier, I've not seen that, I don't see it. It's not been clearly articulated to me. And if we are not taking a position -- we have enough other ways for annexation to move forward that unless -- that we don't need to use our constitutional powers to go beyond the normal processes. In this case, again I could be -- if someone could provide information at some future time that would show that there was a wrong happening that would need to be righted by a boundary change, but until I see that I would never support any kind of annexation process by this method.

CHAIRMAN CHRYS-TAL: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner.

Commissioner Wilson, did you want to comment on this?
COMMISSIONER WILSON: Yeah. I agree completely with Commissioner Harrington, so my comment would be I'm very opposed to the commission taking any action in this matter at this time.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Thank you, sir. And I agree. I don't think this is the time or the place to do what has been suggested. I think if the folks of Seldovia or any other place around the state that has a similar situation, I think the petition method to start up is the best way to go. So at this as far as we're concerned this issue is dropped and it's not on the agenda in the future. So the next item -- I want to thank everybody for their participation.

MR. LETHIN: I want to thank you too.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Mr. Lethin, thank you, sir, for coming in. I hope that things settle down a little bit maybe. I'm going to go ahead and -- it's going to be kind of chaotic here I'm sure in a minute, because everybody else is going to leave and is not concerned with the next part of our agenda. So I'm going to go ahead and call a five minute recess and let things quiet down here a little bit so everybody can go about their day and we'll get back to our mundane business. Thank you very much. We'll be back in five minutes. Thank you for participating.

UNIDENTIFIED VOICES: Thank you, thank you.

(Off record - 10:55 a.m.)
(On record - 11:00 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Our five minute break is up. Is everybody still there? Commissioners still there?

COMMISSIONER WILSON: Wilson is here.

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Hargraves here.

COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Harrington here.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: All right. Sounds good. We'll get back to business. And for the record Director Scott Ruby has joined us from DCRA. Joined us part way through the last discussion. Our next item is approving or amending the 2013 LBC Annual Report. I presume everybody has the report and you've had a chance to look over it. Does anybody have any changes or amendments to the annual report that goes on to the legislature? Okay. Hearing none I'd just like to make a comment. I like the new report. It's not as wordy and cumbersome. I think the other ones mostly weighed two or three pounds, I think, at times. This is more concise. I live the colored map in the middle that shows the various places that are unincorporated. It really gives you a good idea of how much of this state is really unincorporated at this time. There's a big huge chunk of it. I supposed there must be hundreds of villages or small towns that are involved in the unincorporated areas?

MR. ENINGUWOUK: Yes.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Everybody is shaking their head.
yes. So -- anyway. Okay. I don't hear any comments then.

Could I have a motion to approve the annual report?

COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Move to approve the annual report.

COMMISSIONER WILSON: I'll second it. Wilson.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. We have a motion by Commissioner Harrington, second by Commissioner Wilson. Any further discussion on the annual report?

COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: I might comment here. This is Harrington again. That at the last meeting Mr. Hargraves and I were supposed to be working on the possible chapter for the item regarding school funding. Mr. Hargraves decided that he would rather not be doing that. I took a look at annual reports in the past, the particularly 2005. I got 2007-8, or one of those. Anyway, historically the LBC has done an incredible job of producing documents that articulate the whole range of difficulties and problems facing the LBC facing rural boundary -- city boundary issues. And both of those reports that I read were very articulate, very clear, very detailed. And there was no way I was going to try and summarize, or do anything further. But I just wanted to comment that in the past we've done some great stuff. Chairman Hargraves in 2005 and then the one from Chairman Chrystal to -- well, later than that one. Being the guy that's been on the commission the shortest amount of time I was surprised to see just the
detailed nature in the past. I hope that in the coming year we might be able to do another one of those summaries of issues facing the LBC. But this year there was no way I was going to try to add another chapter since that would be a poor reflection of what we'd already done in the past.

CHAIRMAN CHRYS'TAL: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Harrington. Anybody else?

MR. WILLIAMS: Chair, may I.....

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN CHRYS'TAL: Oh, wait a minute. Go ahead, Commissioner Hargraves.

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: I may have not heard everything that Commissioner Harrington said but bringing up that issue about looking into a school funding issue, I'm not certain -- I did say to the staff, whether they passed it on to the other commissioners or not, but essentially when I started investigating and researching that topic I found out there was some nuances involved there that caused me a little trepidation about proceeding at this point. Specifically I was concerned about establishing some kind of position that we might have to vote on in the future. In other words, there are activities going on, people out of the grass roots are looking at those issues and it's just possible that we'll be seeing some kind of activity in the legislature, if not this session then perhaps the next session or so. So I did decide to pull out of any
further research on that. And if I heard Commissioner Harrington correctly he chose to back out of that also.

COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Yes. Basically I agreed to go it alone for a while there and as I took a look at the report that was in your 2005 annual report, and in a later one, you guys -- the staff under both of you two chairmen did a marvelous job. And while.....

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yeah. I think that until something comes through the staff, something that's brought to their attention that needs our attention I would prefer to just stay disinvolved. I prefer not to be involved in that as a commissioner. And as to this report I commend the staff for doing a good concise report. Well done. Facially very attractive and I think most legislators might spend their three minutes going through it. So I think it will serve a clean purpose and a good record for the future. One question. How does that get presented to the legislature at this point?

MR. WILLIAMS: This is Brent Williams, Commissioner. This is -- I appreciate the three minutes. That might be optimistic but it's good. Per departmental and I think statewide policy they are -- we send the report after you all are done with it to our departmental legislative affairs coordinator and she will send it on to the governor's office. They like to look at all of this reports, not this one in particular. And then it's distributed by our department to the
legislature. So I'm pleased to say I appreciate the Chair's
good words. We try to make every report shorter than the one
before every year, and I don't think we can do it. And every
year we somehow manage to make it shorter. I also want to give
Brice the credit for the pull out map. It's easier to see in
the hard copy than electronically. And the reports are
electronically distributed, no longer hard copies. But he
deserves kudos for that. And the third thing is that this is
the earliest we have produced the report since I've been here.
We try very hard to make it go out to the session which starts
Tuesday to legislators on or about to start a session. Or at
least by the end of January which really increases the odds of
the legislatures members looking at it. So that's all I have
to say. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSAL: Okay. Anything else on the report?

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Mr. Chairman, I didn't hear
much of that. You actually present this to the legislature?
Will you be going down to present this?

CHAIRMAN CHRYSAL: No, sir.

MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Hargraves, this is Brent.
Can you hear me?

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: That's better.

MR. WILLIAMS: Okay. We no longer distribute hard
copies. That's a statewide thing. Nor do the commissioners
present it themselves. Instead we send it through our
department legislative affairs coordinator and she
electronically distributes it to the legislature.

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yeah. Is there a presentation
to a community of regional affairs committees of the two
bodies?

MR. WILLIAMS: If we are asked to go before a committee
we will happily do so. We don't go unless we are -- at least
the staff does not go, nor has the commission gone, unless it's
been asked to go.

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Okay.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Now I have testified before several
committees in the past few years but it's only at their
request, mostly dealing with issues we've already passed and
it's before the legislative review for the -- what, 60 days
after the session before something becomes official?

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: But not to present the annual
report.

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: I appreciate the
clarification.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Anybody else? I understand
that a Representative Wilson from North Pole has introduced
some kind of legislature dealing with school funding and what
we were just talking about. I'm not sure exactly what it
means. I just heard something about it. Mr. Ruby?
MR. RUBY: This is Scott Ruby. I'm the director for DCRA. I was trying to look up to see what that Bill number was that was prefilled. I haven't looked at that. I think it will become a discussion point for what, you know, the commission has talked about. That Bill, when we look at it, it would remove the requirement for any civil site school district or borough to pay a local matching requirement by any municipality or borough. And so I think that will again bring up the discussion that has been talked about in the fairness equity. And I think it will also involve the discussion of incentives for, you know, municipalities to -- or disincentives for municipalities to form. So it's hard to say how much play that Bill will get in this upcoming legislation with all the other priorities, but that was the intent for the Bill.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. I thought there was something like that.

MR. RUBY: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. If there's no further comments then we'll go ahead and take a vote on the motion before us to approve the annual report.

MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Hargraves?

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yes.

MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Wilson?
COMMISSIONER WILSON: Yes.

MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Harrington?

COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Yes.

MR. WILLIAMS: Chair Chrystal?

CHAIRMAN CHRYSATL: Yes. Okay. The annual report has been passed and approved and will move on to the governor's office and the legislature. Okay. The next item is approving or amending the October 3rd, 2013 LBC meeting minutes. Are there any corrections or amendments to that meeting? Otherwise I'd accept a motion.

COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Move to approve. Harrington.

CHAIRMAN CHRISTAL: Okay. Harrington moves.


CHAIRMAN CHRISTAL: Second by Commissioner Wilson.

Could we have a vote, please?

MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Hargraves? Commissioner Hargraves?

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yes.

MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Wilson?

COMMISSIONER WILSON: Yes.

MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Harrington?

COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Yes.

MR. WILLIAMS: Chair Chrystal?

CHAIRMAN CHRISTAL: Yes. So the meeting minutes of October 3rd, 2013 are approved. The next item is the
suspension of 3 AAC 110.690(b) for the next meeting and
hearing, which is the one we've passed every time so far.
Requires that telephonic attendees bear the cost. So this way
they won't have to bear the cost if they call in. So I would
entertain a motion for that.

COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Move to approve.
COMMISSIONER WILSON: I'll second it.
CHAIRMAN CHRYSAL: Okay. We have once again
Commissioner Harrington made the motion, Commissioner Wilson
seconded. Could we have a vote, please?

MR. WILLIAMS: Could we have discussion, Chair?
CHAIRMAN CHRYSAL: Oh, yeah, I'm sorry. Is there any
discussion on that issue?
COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Is it possible to sometime in
the future to amend the regulation to suspend it for the year?
CHAIRMAN CHRYSAL: Yeah, that would be a good idea
somehow or other.
MR. WILLIAMS: Commission, this is Brent Williams. You
can suspend for the year, however you just can't amend the
regulation. It's a much longer process.
COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Okay. Can I move to amend
this to suspend this regulation for the 2014 year.
CHAIRMAN CHRYSAL: Certainly. Are you so doing?
COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: I am doing that, yes.
CHAIRMAN CHRYSAL: Okay. A motion amendment to
suspend for the -- add it to the original motion, to suspend
for the entire year of 2014. Do we have a second?

    COMMISSIONER WILSON: I'll second it.

    CHAIRMAN CHRYSAL: Okay. Commissioner Wilson
seconded. Okay. Could we have a vote on the amendment,
please?

    MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Hargraves?

    COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yes.

    MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Harrington?

    COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Yes.

    MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Wilson?

    COMMISSIONER WILSON: Yes.

    MR. WILLIAMS: Chair Chrystal?

    CHAIRMAN CHRYSAL: Yes. Okay. The amendment has
passed. Now could we have a vote on the original motion,
please?

    MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Hargraves?

    COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yes.

    MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Wilson?

    COMMISSIONER WILSON: Yes.

    MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Harrington?

    COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Yes.

    MR. WILLIAMS: Chair Chrystal?

    CHAIRMAN CHRYSAL: Yes. Okay. The motion passes. So
this will be suspended for the entire 2014. The next item
coming up is comments from commissioners and staff. We have several items under that. We have the next meeting and topic. Mr. Williams, did you have something on that?

MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, Chair. Under (a) it kind of dove tails into (c). There's an Edna Bay hearing scheduled for May. My question for the commissioners is before the Petersburg hearing there was an item in a meeting to briefly go over the standards for incorporation, which of course differ for city incorporation into borough incorporation or for city annexation. My question to the commissioners, this getting some sort of consensus. Did you all want such a meeting before Edna Bay? We can put one on for that, if not, that's fine too.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: I was telling Mr. Williams earlier I doubt if we actually need a meeting for this. It's a preliminary meeting but that would be up to the commissioners. No comments? I guess you can assume that we don't really need that meeting.

MR. WILLIAMS: That's fine, sir.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Then the next thing would be the Edna Bay Incorporation Petition rehearing dates.

MR. WILLIAMS: The hearing is scheduled for May 14th and 15th. That's a Wednesday and Thursday. We're probably going to need to charter a plane so we can all get there. And that makes it easier because we can come in and leave at our -- weather permitting, our leisure as opposed to a set schedule.
Be prepared. We could be weathered in there so just take a look at your schedule. Let us know if you have any conflicts or anything tight in that part of May, around there, if you need to get back to something, if you need us to change the schedule. Otherwise we'll go ahead with May 14th and 15th and bear in mind that we could get weathered in there. It happened to me. And also there's no restaurants there. A small store. And you might want to bring food with you. I would encourage it. And the other thing is that there may not be any telephonic access for that hearing. It may be entirely live because the one place that can probably hold it -- well, if we have it in the church it does not have telephone access. So just for everyone's notice.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Commissioner Harrington, you're in charge of weather for southeast. So I expect you to take care of that before then.

COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: I will arrange for rain, yeah.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: And get that crop duster warmed up so we can get in there. Okay. Anything else on the petition hearing? Is that about it?

MR. WILLIAMS: Not for Edna Bay.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Review of the current or expected petitions.

MR. WILLIAMS: Briefly, the petitions we have, Edna
Bay, we're working on the preliminary report and it will come out February 12th, I believe it is. Big Lake has -- again they haven't got any signatures and we'll see that petition if and when they get the signatures for that. Allakaket, we're working on acceptance materials for that, for their annexation and concurrent detachment. Kotzebue says we should get a petition from them soon to annex. There'll be a legislature review. Goes to the legislature in 2015. Fairbanks detachment, they've had a death of the chief of staff, so things are not as active as they were but they're working on it again and we might hear from them soon. And we've been told we can expect -- last month, we can expect an annexation petition from Houston. We haven't gotten one year nor have we heard from them. So that's the low-down.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSSTAL: That it?

MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSSTAL: Okay. We'll move on to other comments. This is the place where commissioners can sum it up and they're just dying to do so. So I'll open it up to commissioners that want to make any comments at this point. Pretty quiet out there. Okay. I don't hear anything. I have nothing to bring up other than hope everybody's New Year is going well so far. Mr. Eninguwook, you have something to bring up? I'm sorry, I didn't ask you.

MR. ENINGUWOUK: Yes. This is Brice. In the past
we've been sending out to the commissioners material for the meetings. I received a telephone or email from almost everyone that they're not getting the material as efficient as it should be. My big concern is we've upgraded our computer systems to use Microsoft Office 2010. I'm wondering if everybody has been able to open all the documents -- the Word documents that we've been sending other than the size of the document? Has there been any issues?

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: I'll start out, I guess. I've had an issue. Of course I've got -- my computer runs by squirrel. But we got 2007 on ours. And I've been able to open everything. The only problem I've had is printing it. I can't seem to -- when I get the screen to come up there's no way I can print it. My wife has been able to finagle through two different computers and we eventually get it. But it's a little cumbersome. But I don't know about anybody else. I thought I heard there was somebody else that had a problem.

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Just so the staff will know, if you must -- I bought a new computers with some new programs on it and I do have a lot of difficulty. I don't know what the deal is, but if I don't respond to something that they send they might need to contact me some other way.

MR. ENINGUWOUK: All right. I will do that. When I
send something up do you want me to make a courtesy call to you to be sure that you received the material or correspondence?

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yeah. Sometimes I can get the email. I can't open anything and I can't bring up any of what they just send or put addresses on. So -- anyway, it is causing me a problem. And I don't know what the solution is. I guess I don't know that much about computers.

MR. ENINGUWOUK: All right. Well, I'll try to make this as issue free for everybody. So I might try, the next time we have a lot of documents, to send it to the ftp site where you can download the material from. Another thing is we do have a new web site that has LBC meetings. It's up and live now. We didn't have it before this week so I was very -- I'll try to get everything on there as soon as we can. So I do admit to putting the annual report to that one, but hopefully for our next meetings that aren't tied to a petition we'll have everything uploaded to that site. So it might be a little bit easier in the future.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSRSTAL: Okay. Do you have anything else, Brice?

MR. ENINGUWOUK: No.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSRSTAL: That was it? Mr. Williams? Okay. Mr. Ruby, anything you want to day? Okay. Thank you. Okay. We'll entertain a motion to adjourn then.

COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: I move to adjourn.
CHAIRMAN CHRystal: Okay. Mr. Hargraves moved and Mr. Wilson seconded the adjourning. Okay. Can we have a vote, please?

MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Hargraves?

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yes.

MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Wilson?

COMMISSIONER WILSON: Yes.

MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Harrington?

COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: If I vote no, what happens?

MR. WILLIAMS: You'd be outvoted probably, sir.

Commissioner Harrington?

COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Yes.

MR. WILLIAMS: Chair Chrystal?

CHAIRMAN CHRYSAL: All right. Thank you, guys. And I vote yes, so we are approved to adjourn. And everybody enjoy your day and the rest of the month.

(Adjourned - 11:20 a.m.)

(END OF PROCEEDINGS)
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