

From: [Anja Phenix](#)
To: [Commission, Boundary \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Kris Lethin"s request to initiate an annexation process for the City of Seldovia
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Dear Sirs,

We are writing to you as landowners of Lot4 Krevetka Point ("Brady Spit") in Seldovia Bay and are voicing our opposition of annexation to the City of Seldovia.

Mr. Kris W. Lethin, who himself does not hold a title to any property in or around Seldovia, is running a misleading one-man campaign, advocating for annexation of Seldovia's surrounding areas. He denotes that the owners and residents of such properties are - simply put - moochers, benefitting from local services without paying the proper taxes and fees.

An appropriate way for Mr. Lethin to introduce his proposal would have been at a meeting with land owners and residents to discuss pros and cons. Instead he mailed out propaganda, falsely implying that it had officially come directly from the City of Seldovia. His arguments are just as deceptive.

The City of Seldovia does not pay for police response outside city limits; state troopers are contracted to cover those calls. The city does fund EMS; however the responders are volunteers, many of whom live outside city limits. The library's operating budget is financed through donations and grants and library volunteers include residents from outside city boundaries. We pay taxes on gas, food and other purchases in town. Those of us who own boats pay harbor and storage fees to the city. We pay a road maintenance fee alongside our property taxes, even though our land on Brady Spit is accessible by boat only.

Bringing forth such a proposal and trying to get it passed without local support is imprudent. A thorough examination of the consequences is in order. There are many unanswered questions regarding infrastructure, water- and sewer services, property sizes, zoning and a host of other legal ramifications that would come with annexation. We yet have to see a math formula that would explain a benefit to the Seldovia city coffers.

The annexation proposal did not garner approval at the Seldovia City Council meeting on December 11, 2013. Mr Lethin's latest action is now a call for an all-out dissolution of the city. In regard of such comments, it is obvious that he does not have the community's best interest at heart and we kindly ask you to deny his request.

Sincerely,
Roger & Anja Phenix