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PROCEEDINGS

(On record - 3:00 p.m.)

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Good afternoon. We'll call the meeting to order. This is a meeting of the Local Boundary Commission. We're here to discuss the Allakaket -- both the annexation and the detachment. We will call the meeting to order and we will have a roll call. Would you do that, Mr. Williams, please?

MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, Chair. Commissioner Harrington?

COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Present.

MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Wilson?

COMMISSIONER WILSON: Here.

MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Hargraves?

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Here.

MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Harcharak? Chair Chrystal?

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Here. Is there someone on the line

there?

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COMMISSIONER HARCHARAK: Good afternoon, everybody,

19 this is Commissioner Harcharak.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Good afternoon, Commissioner.

We're just getting started. Welcome aboard.

COMMISSIONER HARCHARAK: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: For those.....

COMMISSIONER HARCHARAK: How is your weather?

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: It's beautiful. So with

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1	Commissioner Harcharak coming on board this is the entire
2	commission. There's a total of five of us around the state.
3	So we'd like to acknowledge the guests and staff. I'll start
4	maybe everybody could introduce themselves here.
5	MR. WILLIAMS: Brent Williams, staff with the Local
6	Boundary Commission.
7	MR. ENINGUWOK. Brice Eninguwok, staff, Local Boundary
8	Commission.
9	COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: John Harrington, Local
10	Boundary Commission, commissioner from Judicial District 1.
11	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Ketchikan.
12	COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Ketchikan.
13	COMMISSIONER WILSON: Lavell Wilson. I'm from Tok.
14	COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Darroll Hargraves from
15	Wasilla.
16	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: And my name is Lynn Chrystal. I'm
17	presently in process of moving from 40 years in Valdez to
18	Wasilla.
19	MR. WILLIAMS: Chair, Commissioner Harcharak.
20	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Sorry. And Commissioner Harcharak.
21	I'm sorry.
22	COMMISSIONER HARCHARAK: Yes, I'm on board. Thank you.
23	I'm glad you have good weather because it's like freezing rain
24	up here and about 22 degrees.
25	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Well, for Barrow that's a nice day.

1	COMMISSIONER HARCHARAK: Actually it is.
2	COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Don't take your shirt off.
3	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Are there any other
4	teleconference sites on line this afternoon? Anybody out
5	there? Okay. Hearing none, we'll approve the agenda. Could I
6	have a motion to approve the agenda, please?
7	COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: I move.
8	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Commissioner Harrington moved to
9	approve the agenda. Do we have a second?
10	COMMISSIONER WILSON: I'll second it.
11	COMMISSIONER HARCHARAK: Second, Harcharak.
12	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. We already have it. Thank
13	you, Bob. Okay. Want to call the roll call?
14	MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, Chair. Commissioner Harrington?
15	COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Yes.
16	MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Wilson?
17	COMMISSIONER WILSON: Yes.
18	MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Hargraves?
19	COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yes.
20	MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Harcharak?
21	COMMISSIONER HARCHARAK: Yes.
22	MR. WILLIAMS: Okay. Chair Chrystal?
23	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Yes. The agenda is approved.
24	Under new business, this is the point at which comments by
25	members of the public concerning items that are not on the

agenda nor pending. In other words, something different than what we're here for today. So hearing none then we'll move on. This is a public hearing on the city of Allakaket's detachment and concurrent annexation. And we have a list of folks here that have signed up to testify and when we call your name, if you could stand up, please, and our staff will swear you in as a sworn witness. The first one I have on the list is Steven Bergman.

MR. WILLIAMS: Chair, before -- the petitioner can make a brief statement if the petitioner wants to on behalf of everybody, and then they can have sworn testimony. It's entirely up to the petitioner. If you don't want to have a brief overall opening statement we'll go right to the sworn testimony. Your choice, sir.

MAYOR BERGMAN: I'd just as soon as make my testimony right now.

MR. WILLIAMS: That's fine.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: That would be fine.

MAYOR BERGMAN: Yeah. Okay.

MR. WILLIAMS: Stand and raise your right hand.

(Oath administered)

MAYOR BERGMAN: Yes.

MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

MR. ENINGUWOK: And do you mind sitting maybe up here so we'll pick it up on the recorder, please?

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CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Or stand, if you feel better standing. Either one. It's your choice. I know some people are more comfortable standing.

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MAYOR BERGMAN: Yeah. I'd like to welcome Board of Commissioners to Allakaket. Thank you for coming out and meeting us here. We've been working on this annexation for a long time, having meetings, and I thank you guys for coming out here today.

I'm the mayor here and I'm glad you're here. And before the big flood of August, 1994, we had a town of 190 to 200 people down there along the river bank. There was a village down there. Then there Haley's Comet. We had houses floating away down stream. So we started relocating back to higher ground off of the first bank, approximately the whole population moved back to the hill and also our clinic, (indiscernible) title office and our city office and church and we also got a landfill at the new site. All of these public buildings and facilities have moved back off the front bank. Anyway, during this moving process we went beyond the old city limits, which the boundaries (indiscernible) by Charlie Williams place on the other side of the airport ground. old city (indiscernible) when the flood came. So now we have a chance to annex this area back there and to be sure all of our residents are counted. The City of Allakaket has held many meetings the last few years to select lands for annexation so

we can extend our city boundaries and have everybody counted like before. We can't leave anything down there in the old town because of the flood plain. It's hard to get grants and funding because the city's got only 90 people. We tried to get a new clinic this year. I think we'll get it next year. And counting all of our people has really helped up in getting a new grant, plus we still have to move our store and post office back here off the flood plain.

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There are other organizations like DCC counts all of our title members. We have at least two to 300 people in the Allakaket tribe. And our school down there counts all the students, even from the hill. Our very own counts all of our members here. But where we stand short is with the city. We're getting only half our funding because we're not annexed back here. So we really need to annex the new site and start counting all of our people like we did before the 1994 flood. That's 20 years now we got only one half of our state revenue sharing monies and it really hurts us when we try to get grants for projects because we're -- they're not counting all of us. And we're trying to get heavy equipment like roller, dump truck, excavator. All of our heavy equipment is old. a lot of mechanical work to keep them running. That's all I have for my opening. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Does anybody have any questions for the mayor? Okay. Thank you. The next

person on the list is Mary Ann Acker.

MR. WILLIAMS: Please raise your right hand.

(Oath administered)

MS. ACKER: Yes.

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MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Could you come up here, please? Either sit or stand. We've got our recorder right here. Whatever you prefer.

MS. ACKER: Okay.

MS. AKER: Okay.

After the big flood in 1994 we moved half MS. ACKER: of the town back on top of the hill so we could start moving -eventually move the whole town back. And then about 10 years ago we found out that because of the boundaries, everybody up the hill were not within the city boundaries. So anyway, then we had a meeting about maybe six years ago where everybody up there signed saying they would like to be within the city boundaries. And everybody signed. We had a town meeting. And we send it in and it was refused. And we kept having the boundary extension sent back to us saying it wasn't correct. So anyway, we're hoping to get this done as soon as possible. And I was listening to Steven talking about how we're not getting all of the monies that we should get per capita, and agree with that. And -- what information do you have on the boundaries for Allakaket?

Τ	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: What information do we have?
2	MS. ACKER: Yeah.
3	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: We have all of the original
4	boundaries of the city plus the new portion that's been applied
5	for. So we basically have everything that you've sent us.
6	MS. ACKER: Okay. And why has it been refused all
7	these years?
8	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Well, we're not sure why because we
9	weren't involved in that.
10	MS. ACKER: Oh, I see.
11	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: This was way back when. It's
12	probably a technical thing of some kind. But all we can do now
13	is work with what we've got in front of us. And I think what
14	we've got in front of us is exactly what you guys want. So I
15	think we'll be able to solve the problem.
16	MS. ACKER: Okay. So every year since then we've been
17	saying okay, here you go, this is what we have that you asked
18	for. And it's always been okay, no. They send it back again
19	telling us, you know
20	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Well, we're on the track now.
21	MS. ACKER: Okay.
22	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: We're on the right track, I think,
23	so we should be able to solve it.
24	MS. ACKER: Okay.

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CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: And you'll know within a couple

1 hours. MS. ACKER: Okay. 2 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: It should go rather quickly. 3 MS. ACKER: All right. So.... 4 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Did someone have a question down 5 here? 6 COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Actually a suggestion, as 7 soon as the witness is through here. It might be appropriate 8 for -- could we have one of the staff members describe what the 9 process we're going to be doing today so people can understand 10 the context of what we're doing. 11 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: That's probably an excellent idea. 12 We'll do that. Okay. Anything else you want to add or.... 13 14 MS. ACKER: No, that's all. CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Any questions? Thank you. 15 16 you could, Brent or Brice, whichever one -- Brice.... 17 MR. ENINGUWOK: Okay. CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL:explain what we're going to do 18 here today. 19 MR. ENINGUWOK: All right. This is Brice Eninguwok. 20 I've been working with your Fairbanks DCRA staff with this 21 petition, and with the petition's representative on that with 22 the city. What we'll be doing here, we have a detachment of 23 the north side of the river -- the allotment side of the river, 24

it's a small portion of land. Not even an acre.

detaching that. Well, we'll be addressing that detachment.
Then there's the annexation of territory to the north, south
and east and west of your current city boundaries. Now what
happened in 1994 and now, that's with different agencies
recommendation to go originally FEMA and Emergency
Management published a report that said to either contact the
Local Boundary Commission to move forward with the annexation.
Annexation meaning adding boundaries to your current city
limits. And that, for whatever reason, wasn't addressed. I
don't know. That's neither what we're here to address that
annexation or any after, but what we are addressing now is the
one that's put forth in the petition now. There was another
petition submitted in '04, I believe, that was submitted to our
office in 2004 but it was sent back to the community and we
haven't heard back from the community. We have recommendations
on that 2004 petition. Since it never got back to us we've
been we couldn't address we couldn't move forward basically.
So now we've got this petition in and it's gone through our
regulations, our processes to move forward and it's been almost
a year now. It was submitted July 5, 2013. And it was
accepted for filing in January this year. And two reports were
released, commentary on the filing, commentary on the first
report. This is your opportunity on the final report to
provide comments or concerns regarding this process. What our
commission here is about to do is hear your comments, concerns,

address those alongside with the petition. Am I missing anything here, Mr. Williams?

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I think you got it pretty much covered. MR. WILLIAMS: But if I can add one or two things. What's going to happen is that we've already had a couple people give public testimony, and there's about 12 or so more people on the list. We'll go through all those people and then when they're done the public -- people who aren't on that list, get to stand up, or sit, if they want, and tell the commission what they think. They don't have to say anything but they have that opportunity. And then after that the petitioner is going to have a final closing statement to wrap it all up. If they want. They don't have And then the hearing ends and the decisional meeting, which is where the commission meets to decide whether to grant the petition or not, can be within 90 days but we don't want to keep you all waiting, so the decisional meeting is going to start right after the hearing. Maybe a brief break but it will start right in this room today. And then there are all these standards that need to be met for both attachment and for annexation. So the commission will go through each one, one by one by one, and decide whether the standard is met or not. Once we've gone through all the standards they will vote as to whether to approve the petition, amend it or deny it. that's basically the way the process works. But if I may, this might be a good time, if anyone has a question, to ask us a

question.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Sure. Anybody have any questions about the process of what we're going to do here today? Okay. It's kind of cumbersome at times, especially when we start going through all the different standards. There was a ques-- she had her hand up first. Excuse me, just a second. Go ahead.

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I was going to ask. Are you guys all from the state of Alaska or....

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Yes. Yeah, We're all from -- the way it works, the Boundary Commission is made up of one member from each judicial district of which there's four, ranging from Barrow to Ketchikan. And then there's an at-large person who is picked as a chairman, and that's me. But we're all -- I've lived in Alaska 50 some years. I think everybody else has lived up here for a long time. So yes, we are all from Alaska.

MR. WILLIAMS: And the commissioners are volunteers. Brice and I work for the State, but the other four -- five -- excuse me, the other five are volunteers....

COMMISSIONER HARCHARAK: Thank you.

MR. WILLIAMS:they're not employees.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: And there was a question over here? Yes, sir?

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Could you have made the detachment?

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CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: The detachment is when you take a piece of land that is presently in the City of Allakaket and remove it from the city boundaries by changing the line. It's just a small -- under this proposal it's just a small little pie shaped piece that would be detached, which nobody lives there. Yes, sir?

MR. ENINGUWOK: This is Brice. The detachment -- your boundaries are where your city government can provide services. Anything happens within those boundaries, whatever the city services are, the city is responsible to provide those services. Now it was decided by the city that they didn't want to provide services, or they wanted the Village of Alatna to be able to get those services if they incorporated as a city or managed that how they feel more appropriate for them.

Detachment doesn't mean that their land ownership is changing, it's just the city boundaries. The city's responsibility is going to change here if this petition is approved.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Another question back there?

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: If this new part of Allakaket gets annexed to the parts since 1994, the monies received -- will there be any extra monies coming to the City of Allakaket if we had 190 people living here but only half of them got counted?

Will there be a.....

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Sure. I can't tell you exactly how much but -- of course revenue sharing is based on the number of

people in the community. Brice may know a little bit more about that but yes, the answer is you will get more money.

MR. ENINGUWOK: Yeah. To answer your first question, your boundaries will be changed. Right now you have new Allakaket as a census area. That census area will in effect disappear and you'll be under the City of Allakaket boundaries. You'll be counted residents within new Allakaket, as going to be determined, will become city residents. Meaning your total population number will be used for -- in the revenue sharing population and accountability programs.

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: One more comment, Mr. Chairman.

I'm the second chief of the tribe here in Allakaket and we work well with the city government. And sometimes we pool our money for projects to try to sweeten up the grants we submit to different agencies, state and federal. And I hope we get this annexation resolved. It will help the community out, the tribal government and the city government. That was my comments. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Thank you. Anything else?

Okay. The next person is Elisa Bergman. Is she here? Could you come up here, please? We got a recorder here. And be sworn in.

MR. WILLIAMS: Please raise your right hand.

(Oath administered)

MS. BERGMAN: Yes, I do.

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MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Please go ahead.

MS. BERGMAN: Okay. Do I stand?

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Sit or stand, whatever you're more comfortable with. You know, speak your mind. Don't worry about trying to be, you know, fancy or anything. Just speak what you think.

MS. BERGMAN: Okay. My name is Elisa Bergman. I live in the community here of Allakaket. I grew up here. And I believe that this annexation to include the new division of Allakaket included in the city boundaries would be a big benefit for the whole community in regards to school, school transportation, school access. You know, I know the community has further plans for down the road to a new development to be able to receive more funding and provide more services to the community of Allakaket. I think it's important to have a healthy community as we continue to keep our school kids living in a healthy community. I believe that it would be beneficial in all aspects to every resident of Allakaket.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Any questions for Ms. Bergman? Thank you. Next person will be Samson Henry.

MAYOR BERGMAN: He's not here.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Not here. Okay. How about Ben Bergman?

MR. WILLIAMS: Would you please raise your right hand.

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1	(Oath administered)
2	MR. BERGMAN: Yes.
3	MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you.
4	MR. BERGMAN: My name is Vincent Bergman. And do you
5	guys work for the state or
6	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Well, we're volunteers for the
7	state.
8	MR. BERGMAN: Oh, you're volunteers. Will the state
9	move everybody back? It took so long to get the annexation
10	that
11	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: We can't solve that now but we can
12	at least look forward.
13	MR. BERGMAN: All right. Would it help if we have the
14	people in the back yard to get our CIP list from the state? I
15	think it's called CIP list.
16	MR. ENINGUWOK: Community Improvement Program. You're
17	talking about the transportation CIP list?
18	MR. BERGMAN: To get us snow-goes, boats, motors.
19	MR. ENINGUWOK: Okay. That depends on the road
20	program. I'm not real familiar with that. If it's asking for
21	city residents, it can help. It depends on their program. So
22	I'm not real familiar
23	MR. BERGMAN: Yeah. I don't think we have I don't
24	know if we've ever got the CIP from the state.
25	MR. ENINGUWOK: Our division within the state has a lot

1	of programs. It might be within this division but it doesn't
2	come from our program itself. Our section is mainly local
3	boundaries incorporations, annexations, detachments.
4	MR. BERGMAN: Yeah. We was trying to get a clinic for
5	a couple years now. We couldn't get the ICTBG, or something
6	like that. I can't remember. We didn't score good on that.
7	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Yeah. A lot of this stuff is not
8	within our purview or department. All we deal with is the
9	boundary issues and I'm sure that your city government has
10	already investigated some of that stuff, that's why they're
11	asking us for annexation.
12	MR. BERGMAN: But this would be tied to our population
13	if we take our population count.
14	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: It probably would be, yeah.
15	MR. BERGMAN: Okay.
16	MR. ENINGUWOK: It all depends on the program. They
17	have different regulations they have to follow. So if their
18	regulation says that the population is, then it would be tied.
19	But I couldn't answer that for you.
20	MR. BERGMAN: Okay. I can't think of nothing right
21	now. Okay.
22	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: That's okay.
23	MR. WILLIAMS: Chair?
24	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Yes, sir?
25	MR. WILLIAMS: This is Brent Williams. We've had a

number of questions about the benefits of annexation. And we're all out here today because the state is not initiating the proposed annexation and proposed attachment, the city is asking for it. And so the commission is here to decide whether to grant that request or not.

MR. ENINGUWOK: Right.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Right. Okay. Emily Gray.

MR. WILLIAMS: Raise your right hand.

(Oath administered)

MS. GRAY: Yes.

MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

MS. GRAY: My name is Emily Gray. I have been on the city council and this has a been a hot topic for a few years. We've had various people working it and I thank all of you for coming out here. You know, we were very happy to hear that we would have the commissioners out here. And a lot of work went into trying to get this annexation. I live up on the hill but, you know, according to the city, you know, we don't count. And so, you know, this -- with revenue sharing the way it is and the numbers so low here, you know, it's imperative that we get the annexation through because, you know, every dollar counts out here in our village. And so I really appreciate your presence here. And, you know, we have a lot of concerns about this but, you know, one step in moving forward with our city is the annexation. So I thank all of you for being here. And I

2 you. Any questions? 3 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Did I hear you right, that 4 you serve on the city council but you're not in the city? 5 MS. GRAY: Yes. Don't tell anyone that. 6 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Well, first of all, it's being 7 But I'm sure nobody will be pounding on your door 8 recorded. Okay. Charlotte Mayo. 9 tomorrow. MS. MAYO: Hello. I was the one who filled out 10 11 the.... CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Wait a minute, you got to get sworn 12 in first. 13 14 MS. MAYO: Okay. 15 (Oath administered) 16 MS. MAYO: Yes. Thank you. Okay. 17 MR. WILLIAMS: Okay. I was the one who filled out the 18 MS. MAYO: application with the help of Jeremy Johnson and Lucy, and some 19 20 other people. But it took me kind of a long time. know what I was doing, I just went from step to step to step 21 22 and followed other people that annexed in the state of Alaska. So I hope it turned out good. I hope it gets passed. 23

thank the cooks for the lunch, and I hope it turns out.

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really need to combine the new Allakaket and the old Allakaket

together because of funding. We need more funds. Our roads

are getting bad and there's projects that are coming up. 1 are building a new clinic and we need that. We just need the 2 whole village together again. Alatna won't be a part of it. 3 They've got some equipment of their own and they -- they don't 4 have a city government but they have a tribe. And then they 5 will -- it will be good for the village to counted as one 6 It's been 20 years since the flood when Allakaket was 7 They're going to build -- maybe build a new whole again. 8 school and it will be back here. So hopefully everything will 9 come into place before then. 10 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: You must have done it right.... 11 MS. MAYO: Yeah. 12

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL:because we're here. If you hadn't of done it right we wouldn't be here.

MS. MAYO: Yeah.

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CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Thank you for that.

MS. MAYO: That's all I have to say.

COMMISSIONER WILSON: I was just going to say don't feel bad about having trouble filling that out because some of the bigger cities hire two or three lawyers and they still have a hell of a time figuring it out.

MS. MAYO: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER WILSON: You did good.

MS. MAYO: Yeah. So I'm glad you guys are here and I hope this all works out good.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Thank you.

MS. MAYO: When will it be finalized?

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Hopefully today.

MS. MAYO: Okay.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Of course the paperwork takes a while to go through.

MS. MAYO: Sure. Okay.

MR. ENINGUWOK: Sir, may I talk more on the process of what we're going to be doing in case there's more comments since they've indicated the change -- the different effective dates forward to processing.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Right.

MR. ENINGUWOK: So initially the petition was submitted at the local level and they gave their -- the petition requests a vote on the annexation and detachment. In order for that to move forward with the annexation and detachment -- or detachment with concurrent annexation you need a vote within the territory for detachment. Since there is nobody currently living in the area for detachment, our reports recommended to change the local action to a legislative review. Now what that does is there's not going to be a vote if that recommendation is approved by the commission here. What will happen next, it will go through the next legislative session. It's usually within the first 10 days. And it's up to the legislature to deny it if they're not approving it. If they don't act on the

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approval from this commission, if that'	s what they choose,
within 45 days the petition will stand.	So we'll go towards -
once that 45 days is up that's when the	decision will be
finalized. If you still wanted to have	a vote here we would
have to take out the detachment phase.	That's what the report
says.	

MS. MAYO: So what's the easiest way to do it?

MR. ENINGUWOK: It's up to the community and through your comments....

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Legislative review is the simplest thing right now. Just what's being proposed, I think.

MR. ENINGUWOK: Yes. That's the recommendation from staff through the reports is the legislative review. That will get you both detachment and the annexation.

MS. MAYO: And when do you have to turn that in?

MR. ENINGUWOK: First 10 days of the legislative session, which is going to be January of next year.

MS. MAYO: Okay.

MR. ENINGUWOK: And then 45 days after it's been introduced to the legislature, it's up to the legislature to deny. If they don't act on it the decision moves forward. It's automatically approved after the 45 days.

MS. MAYO: Okay. Then you'll give all of this information to Christine and the city council, and the tribal council?

MR. ENINGUWOK: Yes.

MS. MAYO: They got this stuff, aids, everything has to be turned in?

MR. ENINGUWOK: Well, everything on your end, on the community's side is pretty much complete. Today is where we take your comments....

MS. MAYO: Okay.

MR. ENINGUWOK:and it will be up to this board here to make that final decision. And once that -- whatever decision goes forward, the petition will be submitted by us. We'll submit it. So everything from the staff and community side is complete up until today.

MS. MAYO: Okay.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Things got a little more complicated because of a court case in Dillingham. So that's why it's a little more complicated than it would be. But you don't have to do anything more. You're good. Do you have any questions? Excuse me a second.

MS. MAYO: Okay.

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yes. I wanted to say to you that the work that you put into this proves itself because all of the questions that I would have had I've got answered in all of this now.

MS. MAYO: Oh, okay.

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: And it is our intent to vote

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today, yes or no, on whether you proceed with the legislative review process to make yourselves a full city, or second class city.

MS. MAYO: Yeah. We want the full city.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: This history that you've all gone through is -- I think it must be uncommon. I've not heard of any one going that long.

MS. MAYO: No.

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Yeah. We reacted to everything that MR. ENINGUWOK: was brought forth to us. Like I said earlier, a petition in 2004 was submitted to us but it was turned back for more information, much like how it was probably turned back to you and Jeremy. A couple times we needed more information. I wasn't -- we weren't 2004 I don't know what happened there. around with this program, the section, and so we don't know what happened there but it wasn't returned back to the LBC staff for further review. Whenever we turn something back we provide recommendations, can you elaborate on this? The reason we return things back, and it's very common that we do, is because we want your petition, or any petition, to be submitted to the commission with the most information possible so they can make their most informative decision out of that petition itself. And in 2004, I don't know what happened there. was three or four options and the LBC was part of one of those

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new and the old Allakaket. Like the other council members said

school, the store, and you'll see the separation between the

before, it's really imperative that we have -- annex the new site up there. And that's what we call it, new site or new Allakaket. And I'm really glad you guys are here. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Thank you. Any questions for Ms. Bergman? Okay. Thank you. The next person is Pollack Simon.

MR. WILLIAMS: Please raise your right hand, sir.

(Oath administered)

MR. SIMON: Yes.

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MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

MR. SIMON: Good afternoon. My name is Pollack Simon, Sr. I live downtown in the old side. (Indiscernible) and concern -- and I can't say too much. We had these folks testimony earlier, but living in the (indiscernible) is a problem because we're not going to be -- I mean (indiscernible) to (indiscernible). We have to move up to higher ground. So I hope that the annexation petition goes through. (Indiscernible). Guess that's all. But expressed (indiscernible). That's after my time so I don't have to worry. But yes, I just listened to the mayor's testimony and (indiscernible) be said. And I thank you for being here and I hope the petition goes through. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Thank you. Any questions? As a retired rudder man don't trust that once in a hundred years thing too. Okay. Julia Simon?

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MS. SIMON: Yes. My name is Julia Simon. I live down in the old site. And we've been split since '94. We have an old town site and a new town site. And for financial reasons and the community to work together I think we need that -- you know, the whole village to be -- or the city to be together. You know, work together. And the boundaries have to -- we just need to fix it. And it's been a long time. I think for new development and for healthy living we need to complete the boundaries. And also for financial status, especially for the revenue sharing. And I think right now in the last 20 years maybe we haven't had any new equipment into our village -heavy equipment, because the head count is not, you know, as high as it could be. And for that reason I think we need to complete the annexation. And I really thank you guys for listening to the village residents of Allakaket, coming out here, taking the time. It's very much appreciated. And I'd like to hear good news today.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Thank you. Anybody got any questions? Okay. P.J. Simon.

(Oath administered)

MR. SIMON: Yes.

MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

MR. SIMON: I didn't know I signed up.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Well, somebody signed you up.

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Yeah. I'm the second chief of the tribal MR. SIMON: government here. And we've got our first chief in the audience as well, and we got a lot of tribal members. We work well with the city government. And we want the annexation to properly reflect the residents back up on the hill. We've got millions of dollars invested on the hill in the form of houses and roads and infrastructure. And right now at this time the tribal government and the city government working well together over trying to bring more infrastructure to our city and tribe and benefit city government and also tribal government. really welcome you guys here to listen to us. And Mae and Grace came out. I thank Charlotte and the city government for doing their work. That was my comment. I'm pretty sure we want more revenue sharing coming to our -- to Allakaket because it will help us out. We have equipment from the late 1970s that we're going to order parts. We order from Louisiana. That's the only place left in the states where we can get parts for our old front-end loaders, dozers, graders. So we're slowly trying to build good infrastructure out here in Allakaket. So that's all I have to say.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Thank you. Any questions for Mr. Simon?

COMMISSIONER WILSON: Yes. Do the people in old Allakaket, do they plan on eventually moving to new Allakaket

or they just going to stay there? What is the feeling?

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MR. SIMON: Right now there's a lot of people, since the great flood, that really, really wreaked havoc on our social fabric. So if you want to visit somebody, Mr. Wilson, it takes half an hour to go back. If you want to go to church from old town, it takes half an hour to go back. It's especially hard when there's grizzly bears walking around, when there's wolves. Are kids are trying to go to school. there's a lot of the younger generation that want to move back just because it's safer on the hill. It's warmer. On average it's about 20 degrees warmer. So it saves on the heating fuel. And we have the capabilities up there in the future to install running water, sewer. Limited running water and sewer. So our grants would look better if the whole community got served versus the rest of the people living down there in old Allakaket. Yeah. So there's some of our elders that want to live down there because they grew up by the water, you know, and, you know, it was an act of God, the 1994 flood. You know, some of the house almost floated to the village of Hughes. So, you know, it was totally incredible. But yeah, there's a lot of younger people that want to move up, and a lot of younger people need new housing. They want housing, you know, whether they build their own or they work with Housing and Urban Development. We have aging equipment. We've got old end dumps, old loaders, old dozers. Yeah. But, you know, we want

to build a new subdivision. A lot of that would help out, whether we're -- I'm a plumber by trade. So, you know, this town needs plumbing. We're one of 43 villages in Alaska that do not have running water. So one of the things that, as a tribal government we want our tribal members to have access to running water. You know, in five years it will be 2020 and we're putting a Rover on Mars, we've got all kinds of technology and yet, you know, we're trying to catch up. We're doing our home work and we're trying to just make a good concerted effort for city government and tribal government.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: I have a question, Mr. Simon, just
-- is there any possibility of private wells on property here
to provide the water?

MR. SIMON: Well, we've been in contact with Alaska
Native Tribal Health Consortium and Allakaket is one of 43
villages out of 229 that we -- it's spread out. It doesn't
match the template that the ANTHC follows in implementing
running water and sewer because we're so spread out. You know,
they were thinking about satellite wells, they think about -they have new technology that have turned affluent waste into goes through UV lights, a grinder, a fan blade, and you know,
black sludge come out the other side. So we're working with
ANTHC, they've given us a lot of ideas. And right now they're
-- since all the other villages -- it used to be 44 but they
knocked one off last year. So they're trying to develop new

ways and cost saving. You know, everybody is running out of 1 money. So that's a worry to us. You know, sometimes we have 2 3 dermatitis out here, you know, things like that. And, you know, parts of Alaska we hear there's whooping cough. So we're 4 really worried about that and, you know, to have access to 5 proper sanitation is what we really want. Just to live 6 healthier. 7 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Thank you. The next person on the 8 9 list is Gordon Bergman. (Oath administered) 10 MR. BERGMAN: Yes. 11

MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

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MR. BERGMAN: My name is Gordon Bergman. I'm the first chief of Allakaket. I welcome all of your guys out here. Good to see you guys. I hope you guys can help us resolve this ongoing annexation problem we've had for the last 20 years and help the City of Allakaket to start functioning with full funding. They're operating with probably half their funding the last 20 years. That's all I got to say.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Well, hopefully we can help you.

Any questions? Thank you, sir. Lucy Stausberg.

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: She's not here.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Not here. Okay. And the last person on the list is Sandra McKaferki (ph).

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Not here.

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T	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Not here either. Okay. All right.
2	Thank you very much. At this time then we would just put it
3	out for just general comments from the public. Like I say, you
4	don't have to be sworn in just to comment that you might have.
5	Yes, sir?
6	UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (Indiscernible).
7	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Yes, sir.
8	MR. MOSES: My name is Johnson Moses, Allakaket. I'm
9	90 years old. So I'd like to find out here what's going on in
10	here, what do you want to know? I might talk a little loud. I
11	never go to school or anything but people help me while I was
12	young. So I live very little, of people who are smart, to read
13	and learn, lots of people who are well equipped
14	(indiscernible).
15	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: You can just tell us what you
16	MR. MOSES: I'm hard of hearing too.
17	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Whatever you want to say to us
18	we'll be glad to listen.
19	MR. MOSES: That's all right?
20	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Yes, sir.
21	MR. MOSES: Okay. I'm going to sit down then.
22	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Please do.
23	MR. MOSES: Okay. First, I want you guys to tell me
24	what this all about, you know. What you want to know?

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Well, basically we want to know

what you think. Your town has applied to us for an annexation and a detachment. And we're acting under the trust of your town. So basically we're here to listen and learn and we've already got a lot of information but anything that's new, or whatever, we're glad to hear from you before we vote on what's going to happen here today.

MR. MOSES: Okay. I'm hard of hearing, you know, so you want to know about Allakaket or -- what else?

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Well, whatever you want to tell us.

I don't know what artful question you have in mind, but
whatever you want to tell us about your town or what you think
we should do, we'll be glad to hear it.

MR. MOSES: You guys tell me what this is all about. You guys tell me what this is all about.

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: It's about annexation. You know, before the flood the town was down there.

MR. MOSES: Yeah.

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: After the flood they moved back.

But we got a petition there where we annexed. That means we'll get everybody, you too, benefits.

MR. MOSES: Now, see, that's where I learn. I'm 90 years old and I have to learn a little more yet. So too many floods so we have to move back. I was wondering (ph) who will care and I want to move back to higher place so I don't get flood any more downtown. That's why they (indiscernible) up

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1	there.
2	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Well, hopefully we'll get part of
3	the village back together again.
4	MR. MOSES: Yeah. So I don't get flooded any more.
5	Everything like that come up, what you want to know. Because
6	we're American and American people want to know little more,
7	you know, about what's going on in their villages. And
8	Allakaket and Alatna means my language. (Indiscernible).
9	Alatna and Koyukuk River is my language, even I forgot too.
10	So
11	UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (Speaking in Native language).
12	MR. MOSES: Okay. Now, see, I got little bit of it
13	now. I see why you're here.
14	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay.
15	MR. MOSES: You want to know about Allakaket and Alatna
16	and all that, you know, my language. (Indiscernible) I told
17	you already.
18	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Yeah.
19	MR. MOSES: I never been to school or anything but for
20	people like all of you I learn very little.
21	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Well, you've obviously learned
22	(indiscernible - simultaneous speaking).
23	MR. MOSES: (Indiscernible).
24	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Well, if you've lived this long and
25	done that well, you've obviously learned a lot.

1	MR. MOSES: I work fishing (indiscernible).
2	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Yeah.
3	MR. MOSES: They teach me how to
4	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Is there anything you can
5	tell us that you want us to think about while we're making our
6	decision on this today?
7	MR. MOSES: I can't even hear you.
8	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Is there anything that you want to
9	tell us that would help us make our decision on this annexation
10	and detachment here today, that your city has asked us to do?
11	MR. MOSES: See, what the hairy (ph)? You want to know
12	why Allakaket and Alatna and stuff
13	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Yes.
14	UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (Speaking in Native language).
15	MR. MOSES: Okay. That's all right. If you want to
16	for one, what it's going to be?
17	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: What date it's going to be?
18	UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (Speaking in Native language).
19	MR. MOSES: Okay. Now I got it now.
20	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay.
21	MR. MOSES: I see why you're here now. All right.
22	CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: I'm assuming you want us to do
23	that, I presume, like the rest of your town?
24	MR. MOSES: I'm 90. I mever even go to school so I'm
25	still learning a little bit today.

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CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay.

MR. MOSES: Okay. Thank you for all of you for doing this for us.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: You're welcome. Thank you for coming out.

MR. MOSES: Okay. (Indiscernible).

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: All right.

MR. MOSES: I lose all my dance.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Thank you, sir. I truly appreciate it. Is there anybody else? Yes, sir?

MR. ERIC, SR: I was here during the flood. Stayed here for (indiscernible) rest of Allakaket. A two man crew was out firefighting. We had all the elders, women and kids left in village so we had a pretty rough time. Thank you for coming out here and hearing us. It's been 20 years, I believe, since the flood. And as you can see we're still in progress of getting more fundings to come out here. And (indiscernible) the rest of folks there who grew up on the river bank and who left with the river, I would say, but now it done took away our homes and a lot of lives. Some of our people lost (indiscernible). So I'm glad to see the rest of the folks can be moved back around this area. We have the 15 year plan committee set at 1994, and that's sort of where we're at on that. But it's been five years since we had any progress report or anything like that. As you can see, we're still

trying to get more of our public buildings in order. We moved
our health clinic in building that's been outdated and stuff
like that. So I really want to see the school and all that
moved back here. It's been the plan that we make a huge lot
from here to the airport and back. Hopefully we can do this
with this public hearing and we can get back together again.
Seems like we've been pulled a part, you know, by staying away
from each other and it's supposed to be a township where we can
live with one another and listen to others, seems like. Now we
really want to see some of our elders live Away from the river
because I seen them face to face when their homes were being
swept away. It wasn't a very good feeling at that time.
Something I didn't know what was going on, and now we at
our meeting with the state and federal people we stated that we
need an accessment road out of the village to higher ground,
which you can see this right back here that connects us.
That's the only way we're connected. I got home up on top of
the hill and so has others, and Moses, he's 90 years old. And
he lived through a lot of flood. I've believe there might be a
flood this coming spring again, just my thinking because of all
the rain and all the lakes filled up with water. So come back
next spring and help us out.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Thank you, sir. Anybody else want to comment under public comments? Okay. This will be the last chance for anybody to speak. We'll be adjourning here in just

a minute and then we'll move on to what's called the decisional meeting. We'll take a short break and then we'll move on to that. But in the meantime, any comments from commissioners or staff? Commissioners first, before we go into the next phase?

COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Before we close this public hearing, could I ask is there anyone in this room who is opposed to this annexation? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Anybody else? Any comments from commissioners? Okay. How about staff?

MR. WILLIAMS: Sir, the city petitioners, this would be an opportunity for them to give a closing remark, if they so desire.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Yeah. Mr. Mayor, did you want to close with anything, or....

MAYOR BERGMAN, SR.: Yeah. Yeah, I'd like to thank all the people that testified for the city. Do hope the city gets this annexation/detachment done, or even closer to getting it done, because we keep trying. We had a hard time trying to annex the new site back there. So lots of meetings. Thanks to you guys for coming out. So hopefully we're going to get a decision today. Thanks for coming out. And thank you to the cooks and the people that helped in the offices to organize it. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Okay. Any other staff comments? Okay. I'd entertain a motion to

adjourn. 1 2 COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: So moved. COMMISSIONER WILSON: 3 Second. CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Motion by Commissioner Harrington, 4 second by Commissioner Wilson to adjourn. Could you give us a 5 roll call for that? 6 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, Chair. Commissioner Harrington? 7 COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Yes. 8 MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Wilson? 9 10 COMMISSIONER WILSON: Yes. MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Harcharak? 11 COMMISSIONER HARCHARAK: Yes. 12 13 MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Hargraves? COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yes. 14 MR. WILLIAMS: Chair Chrystal? 15 16 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Yes. Okay. We are adjourned. 17 We'll take, what, 15 minutes break? That okay with everybody? 18 COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Little long. 19 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: All right. How about a 10 minute 20 break? How about coming back at 10 after? And then we'll do 21 the decisional statement, or decisional meeting at which we 22 will go through the various motions we have to do and also the 23 various rules and regulations we have to meet. Some of it is a

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little boring, but bear with us. We'll get through the process

and it won't be too long. So we're adjourned until 10 after

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