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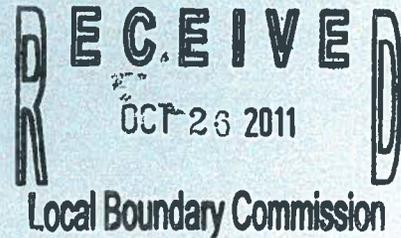
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Re: Petersburg Petition for Borough Formation

Dear Commissioners



I support the Incorporation of a Petersburg Borough as a Home Rule Borough as presented in the petition submitted by the areas residents and accepted by the Commission.

As a 50 year resident of the State and 37 year resident of Petersburg, I am eager to unify the residents of this area under one governing body. Personally, I have spent months soliciting residents living outside of the City of Petersburg to sign the Borough Formation petition. My effort was spent visiting the people outside the city and providing information on the petition and listening to them. The most frequent question asked was: How will the Borough benefit me? My response to the question was, " it will unite all area residents into a regional community with the ability to provide for governance with representation elected from the established Borough area and you will get to vote on whether or not you want the Borough".

I believe the City's petition brief, Exhibit "G" clearly articulates that the Alaska Statutes required by the Alaska State Constitution are adequately addressed in items "a" through "q" of the brief and I concur with the accompany narrative.

On page 66, Exhibit G , second paragraph omitted the area of Farragut Bay. The area was surveyed by the U.S. General Land Survey in the 1922 and land was sold for homestead sites. Currently, there are 10 dwellings in the area, with 2 full time residents that have lived there for 30 years and another 4 residents live there 6 months, with the remaining residents part time.

The Juneau Borough Assembly has recently taken a position against the northern boundary of the proposed Petersburg Borough. The JBA has proposed the Petersburg Borough boundary be moved to the south to Cape Fanshaw and east following the ridge line east to the Canadian border. In my opinion there is no justification for their position. First, they requested their present boundary when they formed their Borough. Second, the Juneau Borough is classified as a "nonsubsistence area and will prohibit residents living within this area from subsistence use. Third, the area has traditional use by fishermen residing in Petersburg and would continue to provide economic benefits to the proposed Petersburg Borough. Fourth, the proposal nearly cuts the proposed Petersburg Borough in

half and this would have significant impact on the funding for schools district within the proposed Borough.

One additional item not mention in the brief, is the fact that the City of Petersburg has extended it electrical distribution system to the south of the City limits and now serves the residence living in the Papke's Landing area.

My review of the 2010 Financial Audit for the City of Petersburg , places the community in a good position to transition from the present municipal government to a borough.

I look forward to reviewing your draft document on Petersburg Borough formation due at the end of February and opportunity to comment on the document. Moreover, I look forward to the time when the residents of the area will be given the opportunity to vote on the issue as to whether or not the Petersburg Borough should be formed.

Sincerely,



Don Koenigs  
Councilmember, City of Petersburg