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My letter is attached. Thank you, Cynthia Lagoudakis

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I am writing in support of the formation of a Petersburg Borough, and dissolving the current city configuration. My reasons have been well-stated by others, but I will briefly recap them as follows:

- As a resident living outside the current city boundaries, I am impacted by local decisions but unable to vote on those measures;
- As a larger entity, we will have the ability to see additional economic opportunities and protect or develop borough resources as desired;
- Formation of a borough allows residents who enjoy a quieter lifestyle but not necessarily an isolated one the opportunity to participate in and be represented in borough affairs;
- Borough formation will provide a measure of protection against annexation from Juneau. The arguments regarding outlying residents being outweighed vote-wise by Petersburg residents would be multiplied ten-fold if the population of Juneau were pitted against those few outlying households;
- The current situation can encourage development just outside of city boundaries while allowing non-city residents to reap many of the benefits of city services;
- The understanding that areas currently being sought for annexation by the City and Borough of Juneau are important economic engines for Petersburg in terms of fishing and recreation, as well as potential activities such as mining and hydropower;
- And recognition by most residents living outside the city boundaries that they enjoy a measure of security, educational and recreational benefits, a variety of services, the ability to acquire goods, manifold opportunities for social and economic intercourse, and the ability to acquire important information that are generated within the city boundaries, and which substantially improve their quality of life.

While I do not necessarily wish to have increased regulation and taxation over my current situation, I understand and accept the tradeoffs and advantages associated with being incorporated into a borough. For these reasons, I support the borough petition.

Cynthia Lagoudakis
Oct. 26, 2011