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I would like to say that I oppose the formation of a Hoonah Borough. In 1998 we were working on some dock work and had a week off, Bob File said to me I am off to Elfin Cove I will be back in a week. I said why Elfin Cove, he said, that it was the most magical place on the planet. At the time I did not understand what he meant. I now after being in Elfin Cove for the past 13 seasons understand what he meant. Elfin Cove is a special place. With all of our differences the members of this community seem to get along and if something needs done the money is raised and the project is completed. I will do everything that I can to make sure that Elfin Cove stays the same and remains the magical place that it is.

I am very offended that a larger community would attempt to take over a smaller community. I have been to Hoonah a handful of times and each time met with the same feeling and non-welcoming attitude. Whatever Hoonah has can remain in Hoonah I do not want any part of it. Many times in life it is not what is done but how it is done. Someone from Hoonah could have visited Elfin Cove and asked the community how we felt about the new borough before submitting the plan to form a new one.

If this new borough is such a great idea and would benefit the entire area then why are the other major communities being excluded from it? This is nothing but a money grab by Hoonah. I see no benefit for Elfin Cove to this formation of a borough. I am in strong opposition to the formation of the Hoonah Borough.

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