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We write to place in the record our strong support for the petition that would include Funter Bay as part of the proposed Xunaa Borough. We oppose the City and Borough of Juneau position to cut Funter Bay out of the Xunaa Borough.

We have owned property in Funter Bay for over 35 years and 5 years ago we moved to Funter Bay and are living in the house that we built in the year 2000. When in Funter Bay we live more of a subsistence lifestyle; off the grid and depending on ourselves or our neighbors. The weather and the ocean govern what we do on a daily basis. Our property faces northwest and we are frequently in the waters close to Hoonah. We have much more in common with the residents in Hoonah and the surrounding area than in Juneau.

In the past 25 years we have opposed three attempts by the City and Borough of Juneau to annex Funter Bay and we will continue to do so. Over the years Juneau has made it clear that the only reason they want to annex our property is to tax us. They will not provide any services.

The Xunaa Borough proposal is fair to all residents and we support it whole-heartedly.

Sincerely,

Janet and Paul Kennedy