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Hello Jedediah,

Elfin Cove is a small isolated census designated community with excellent local self government. The governmental needs of its people and businesses are very efficiently being met today.

The necessary electrical, water, fuel, moorage, post office, boardwalks, seaplane dock, public safety, local government budgeting, etc have been established though the years without any Borough help. A new Xunaa Borough would not help maintain any of the facilities or services that Elfin Cove citizens and businesses, State of Alaska or federal government have created.

It is not practical or doable for a Xunaa Borough employee to travel to Elfin Cove to help to help this community, especially in the winter, spring or fall. To travel between Hoonah and Elfin Cove is at least a two day trip and would take an airplane or large boat charter and cost over \$1500. Xunaa Borough does not have a qualified person to troubleshoot or repair Elfin Cove's electrical system, fuel tank farm and dock, water tank, manifolds and lines, or the docks. Would Xunaa Borough have an employee living in Elfin Cove helping? No !

Elfin Cove annexation would be a one way deal. We would have no benefits, only liabilities. For instance taxes which could increase greatly in the future. We could not control any types of charges, fees the Hoonah officials come up with. Also new restrictions on building, community facility additions or changes, budgeting, land use sales, charter fleet and small cruiship operations, or other limits which strike to the core of Elfin Cove are of concern. What happens to the ownership of what Elfin Cove has built up? Does Xunaa Borough aquire the gym, shop, apartment, office space, museum, land, lockers, and much more that many people worked hard for many decades to get.

The present writing of the Xunaa Borough creation/annexation is completely unacceptable to Elfin Cove. We need our independence from the weak unstable Xunaa Borough, and if the LBC forces our annexation it will be only a short time till Elfin Cove revolts and takes legal action to get out of Xunaa Borough.

Please do not approve this combining of such dissimilar communities that are so isolated from each other.

Keith Ware
Elfin Cove

PS

Two weeks ago a big tree fell on the powerline in Elfin Cove. Within two days it was removed

and electricity was flowing.

Three days ago I lost electricity. Did not know if it was a bad KWhr meter or my circuit breaker/panel. Within one day the utility meter and CB/panel were checked out and I had power. It would have taken Xunaa Borough ten times the cost and time to fix these problems, just one example of great local self government.