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To: Local Boundary Commission
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Re: Proposed Xunaa Borough

Dear Mr. Smith and Commission Staff,

There are a few different points where I see the formation of this Borough as being undesirable, especially for those living outside the immediate city of Hoonah boundaries. Of these perhaps the most glaring issue is the fact that the council seats will be filled by Hoonah residents. As this borough petition is being crafted for and by the city of Hoonah, it is only natural it would be this way. The previous draft of the charter had a provision whereby council seats would be reserved for each of the included outlying communities. This is no longer the case. Consequently, there's no means of representation for these communities.

Our needs are in many ways different from the needs of those in Hoonah and often unique to each community. An elected board member, to do his job well, will be obligated to serve the needs of those that elected him; whose needs may be very different from the outlying minority.

Regarding future concerns of codes, zoning, taxing and various other regulations a governmental body may find itself engaged in, there's no security or benefit guarantee that I can find in this proposed system.

We, then, must disapprove of this borough formation the city of Hoonah has put forth.

Respectfully,
Lucas and Brenda Clark
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