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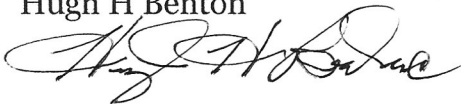
Land Boundary Commission  
550 West Seventh Avenue  
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To Whom It May Concern,

We have been residents of Elfin Cove Alaska since the 1990's, We are writing this letter to express our rejection of the formation of the Xunaa Borough that would include Elfin Cove. We came to Elfin Cove as a family in the mid 1980's and now our children and grandchildren come here every summer to work and play. The Elfin Cove community voted unanimously on July 14<sup>th</sup> 2023 to pass a resolution rejecting the inclusion of the Elfin Cove Community into the Xunaa Borough formation. We have governed ourselves as a community successfully for many years. Our status as a non-profit corporation has allowed us to prioritize and work collaboratively on community projects. If we are included in this borough formation we would lose our non-profit status and there are no plans in the proposed municipal powers and services to address our community needs. It is not clearly outlined how we would receive funding for community maintenance and upkeep of utilities, boardwalk, fuel dock and state docks. We are also concerned with the purposed budget and how they will generate revenue from the purposed fish tax. Their purposed boundary on collecting that tax is very aggressive. It is hard to understand how they will be able to enforce this. If they don't make their budgeted revenue they will need to find other sources of revenue which may include a property tax which many residents of Elfin Cove cannot afford. We are very happy with how this community comes together to support one another and get things done. We feel it is important that the governing of Elfin Cove stays in Elfin Cove. We are a unique community with an incredible history and we want this to continue for generations to come. Again, we are stating that we are firmly against having Elfin Cove included in the new Xunaa Borough.

Sincerely,

Hugh H Benton



Diane A Benton

