

Misty Fitzpatrick

From: Dani Park <danipark@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 5, 2016 10:00 AM
To: coffmancove@ccalaska.com
Cc: jess.petty96@gmail.com
Subject: POWCAC

I would like to make a comment in support of POWCAC's efforts on behalf of the residents of POW. Unfortunately the comments link (on the Borough Charter page) doesn't work for me.

Some of the opposition to the DRAFT Charter has attacked POWCAC rather than making constructive fact based input to the process of deliberation. I would simply like to say that I support both the efforts of POWCAC as well as the need to have a POWCAC like forum to discuss and decide in an advisory capacity issues which impact all residents of the island.

Thank you for your work on our behalf,

Dani Park
(Naukati Bay Resident)

danipark@msn.com

Feb 4 - 2016

To - Coffman Cove City Manager

Concerning the Prince of Wales Island
Borough.

My wife and I are totally opposed to the creation of a POW Borough. This creation would bring with it a layer of government - taxes and rules, regulations which we do not want.

Please do all you can to stop the Borough charter creation.

Sincerely,

James L. Hubbard Jacqueline Hubbard

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We, the people of Alaska, residing on Prince of Wales Island (POW) and surrounding islands, do petition the State of Alaska and the Local Boundary Commission to reaffirm our commitment to remain within and part of the Unorganized Borough of Alaska.

Whereas, Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, acknowledges all political power is inherent in the people, originates with the people, and is founded on their will only; and

Whereas, Article I, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, acknowledges the right of the people to petition the government shall never be abridged; and

Whereas, Article 10, Section 3 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, states the entire State shall be divided into boroughs, organized or unorganized; and

Whereas, POW and surrounding islands are part of the Unorganized Borough of Alaska; and

Whereas, the February 25, 2013, Ketchikan Gateway Borough (KGB) Resolution 2462, stated "A Resolution of the KGB Assembly Expressing No Desire on the Part of the Assembly to Annex Prince of Wales Island; and Providing for an Effective Date" unless - as stipulated in Section 1 of the resolution - the POW residents propose to incorporate a POW Borough that would impose taxes or other revenue measures directed...narrowly at mines (*located on the southern part of POW*), the (KG) Borough Assembly may reconsider its position; and

Whereas, the Local Boundary Commission, in the past, has allowed annexation of lands and resources by organized boroughs solely for resource revenue (i.e. City and Borough of Juneau and the Greens Creek Mine); and

Whereas, these resource acquisitions put a financial strain on the incorporated areas of the Unorganized Borough by removing state funding sources for the Unorganized Borough; and

Furthermore,

"SAMPLE"

Sample sent to Misty F. Pawcrae Chair

Whereas, Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, is dedicated to the principles that all persons have a natural right to life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, and the enjoyment of the rewards of their own industry; that all persons are equal and entitled to equal rights, opportunities, and protection under the law; and

Whereas, an unelected private organization called the Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council (POWCAC) has undertaken to create a home-rule borough charter with little public notice, much less public comment, for their charter document; and

Whereas, POWCAC does not allow voting membership to any people outside the incorporated areas, tribes, community associations, or the Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, this POWCAC created borough charter affects ALL people of POW and surrounding islands, in effect creating a "constitution" to rule the people of POW and surrounding islands; and

Whereas, Article I, Section 21 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, states the enumeration of rights in this constitution shall not impair or deny others retained by the people.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the above, we reject the following:

1. any annexation of POW by neighboring organized boroughs,
2. the organized home-rule borough charter created by POWCAC,
3. any other POW borough incorporation, and
4. any legislative initiative aimed at mandatory POW borough incorporation without the consent of the affected people.

It is resolved by the undersigned people of Prince of Wales Island and surrounding islands to reaffirm our commitment to remain as we are – within and part of the Unorganized Borough of Alaska.

Signature pages attached.

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We, the people of Alaska, residing on Prince of Wales Island (POW) and surrounding islands, do petition the State of Alaska and the Local Boundary Commission to reaffirm our commitment to remain within and part of the Unorganized Borough of Alaska.

By signing below, I affirm that I am a qualified registered voter in the State of Alaska and acknowledge that the POW Unorganized Borough Petition was attached at time I signed the signature page.

Name (Print Clearly)	Address City, State & Zip	Identifier (provide ONE) (Voter ID No., Date of Birth, AK Driver's License No., Alaska ID No., or Last 4 digits of SSN)	Signature

SAMPLE

Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council (POWCAC)
ATTN: Mr. Jon Bolling
City of Craig City Administrator and POWCAC member

October 4, 2015

Subject: POWCAC Meeting at CTA Hall on 29 Sep 15

Reference: Letters of Correspondence from the General Public submitted to POWCAC on ²⁹~~28~~ Sep 15 *DM*

Greetings, Jon.

I was concerned that the three (3) letters of correspondence that I submitted to the POWCAC chair on the ²⁹~~28~~ of September 2015 were not listed on the Agenda nor discussed at the meeting. I was told that the letters would be scanned and sent to the members prior to the meeting. I asked if the letters could be read out loud at the meeting, but was told that wouldn't be necessary – that POWCAC members can read them themselves.

I asked at the start of the 29 Sep POWCAC meeting why the letters were not listed on the correspondence section of the agenda and was told that the agenda had been sent out before I submitted the letters. However, I was assured that the POWCAC members had the letters.

My concerns are the following:

- The letters were not discussed at the meeting.
- I spoke to a POWCAC member on the morning of the 29th of September. She had no knowledge of the letters nor had received any email referencing them.

Anyway, for what it's worth, I'm enclosing the following correspondence for POWCAC's attention, again:

1. Letter dated 29 Sep 15 expressing the concerns of the general public of the POWCAC draft POW borough charter (with 4 signature pages)
2. Letter dated 10 Sep 15 expressing opposition to the proposed POW borough
3. Letter dated 27 Sep 15 protesting POWCAC's actions in drafting the POW borough charter

I realize that POWCAC is a private organization and does not require nor requests public consent of their activities, but I hope that these letters give POWCAC members pause to examine their actions.

When the question was asked during the meeting, "Why are you doing this?" It was apparent that the process had overtaken the original question of "Why?"

Please realize that the step you are taking in creating a draft POWCAC borough charter is not just another "step" in the process; but encroaches on and has serious consequences for everyone on POW and adjacent islands. Perhaps it is time for POWCAC to take a step back and consider other options.

Very sincerely,

Lisa Radke

Lisa Radke
Craig Resident

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1/27/16 Submit to Misty F. / POWCAC Chair

Misty

ATTN: POWCAC members

September 29, 2015

We would like to address the draft POW Borough Charter that is scheduled for a vote here today.

The fear of annexation by Ketchikan has been used as justification for the creation of this charter – to be used if or when we ever need it. Even persons promoting borough formation do not want to be part of the Ketchikan Borough. Most people do not realize that legislation was passed in 2006 to prevent a hostile takeover or annexation of a given group or area, this is called House Bill 133. For us to be annexed by Ketchikan, the annexing borough gets to vote on it BUT those being annexed also have to vote on AND approve it. Therefore such hyperbole is unwarranted. Ketchikan will not be able to annex a populated area without their or our consent.

Simply establishing a borough represents a huge increase in the cost of government. That cost must be paid for by all of the residents and property owners within the proposed borough boundaries. The idea of "Local" funds is actually used to promote borough formation. But "Local" means all of us here. You and your neighbors, your friends, your family will be made to pay that burden in one form or another.

Some people may claim that the proposed mines at the south end of the island will fulfill a significant part of the financial burden. This line of thinking is irresponsible at best. To bank on the mines to finance anything long term would be putting us in the same situation the State is in today because of its dependence on oil revenue. Metal mining can be much more volatile than oil.

School District consolidation is a valid concern for many people. Four school districts seems very wasteful. However, in Sheinberg Assoc. own feasibility report they show very little savings as a result of school district consolidation due to the necessity of mid-level district managers in addition to a single superintendent.

The Sheinberg Feasibility study estimated that the borough operating expenses would be **\$2.5 - \$4.7 million per year**. Proposed new and additional taxes include, but ARE NOT limited to: **Property Tax, Sales Tax, Usage Tax, Fish Box Tax, Lodging Tax, Alcohol Tax, Guide Tax, Employee Head Tax, Severance Tax on Mining, Property or Severance Tax on Timber Harvest, Raw Fish Tax, Shared Fisheries Tax, Material Sales (rock, sand, gravel) Tax.**

Services will be EXTRA taxes; Improvements will be EXTRA, these are called Special Assessment Taxes.

Residents within city limits as well as residents outside city limits will be required to pay. This is an all-encompassing new layer of government and will impact the residents of your cities and your communities.

This Borough Charter is not a benign document. Please be thoroughly aware of what you are approving and what it means for you, your neighbors, and the people in your community. If you have not read through the charter, stop this process, and please do so before approval. Furthermore, please bring it to your respective city councils, community groups, and the public BEFORE approval. Go through it Article by Article and make sure you understand the implications and agree with all of these provisions. Do not assume you can change this document to something less invasive after it has been approved.

Borough formation does not have to be inevitable. There are other options. Our independence, our ability to make our own decisions, our quality of life, and our way of life is all threatened by borough formation and therefore by this charter.

Thank You.

1/27/16 - Submit to Misty F. / POWCAC Chair

Dir. POWCAC

Cc: LBC, City of Craig (file)

29 September POWCAC correspondence re: Draft POW Borough Charter

Signature page attached

<u>Name</u>	<u>Community</u>
Katrina Grasser	Craig
Byron Cole	Craig
Alison ^{Alison} Aughey ^{Aughey}	Craig
James ^{James} Aughey ^{Aughey}	Craig
William Aughey	Craig
Carissa Wold	PSN
Mike Wold	PSN
Kim Patyka	Craig
Forest Collins	Craig
Christina Collins	PSN
John J. Solomy	Kluwook
Allen E. Hoffman	Craig
Becky Cole	Kluwook
Sinda Pendleton	PSN
Don F. Bunch	TB
Logg	TB
Jerome L. Banks Sr.	Craig
Elsie Isaacs	Craig
Dan Remy	TNB
MARY ROMET	TB
Bruce A. Dumbros	Craig



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 Cc: LBC, City of Craig, File

Community

September 29, 2015

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Helle Ebbighausen

CGA

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Lisa Schwegel

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Craig AK

Taylor Robison

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Newell Robison

Craig Alaska

Craig, AK

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Lisa M. Radke (Craig)

Heidi Murray (PSN)

Angie O'Neil (Craig)

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Brent Cole (PSN)

Ryan Cole (PSN)

Annelle Cole (PSN)

Sheryl Fabry (KWL)

Genevieve L. Faly

Leah J. Johnson (CRAIG)

Jim Dunbar (Craig)

M. Duffin (Craig)

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Cc: LBC, City of Craig file

29 September POWCAC correspondence re: Draft POW Borough Charter

Sept 24, 2015

Leslie P. Yates	3.1 mile	P.S.N.
Jaclyn Newcomb	3.1 mile	P.S.N
Robert Newcomb	3.1 mile	P.S.N
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Lyle K. Yates	3.1 mile	PSN
Josh Yates	3.1 mile	PSN
Pauline M Hennefer	3.25 MI	PSN
Loring D Hennefer	3.25 MI	PSN

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24 September POWCAC Correspondence re: Draft POW Borough Charter

To POWCAC members,

September 10, 2015

This letter is to make known my opposition to the proposed Prince of Wales Island Borough.

We are not under threat of annexation by Ketchikan, as per House Bill 133, so we do not need to forestall them by creating our own borough.

Creating a new borough would create a new layer of government in our lives, one with the power to tax, regulate, zone, permit and impose fines, fees and liens. These revenues would then help support the bureaucracy and administration of the new borough which would be constantly seeking more and more revenue. We already have enough of this in our lives with the present forms of government.

True prosperity comes from free people working, innovating and producing wealth. Prosperity cannot be created by taxing or amassing federal subsidies.

Prince of Wales Island is a great place to live as it is now. POWCAC does not represent me and I oppose their effort to create a new borough on Prince of Wales Island.

Sincerely,



Frank Murray

3.5 mile Port Saint Nicholas Road
Prince of Wales Island
Resident and property owner here since 2005.

1/27/16 - Submit to Misty F. / POWCAC chair

Orig. POWCAC
CC: LBC, City of Craig, file

September 27, 2015

To: Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council

Leslie Isaacs – Chairman

As a resident of Craig I am writing to protest POWCAC's actions in drafting the POW Borough Charter. POWCAC does not represent me, nor do I want their advice on a borough.

I have spoken at length with many of the residents of Craig and concluded that most are opposed to POWCAC's actions in drafting a charter. Furthermore, there has been little or no public input, nor consent, solicited from Craig residents or their elected city council members in the process to develop the charter.

I have also spoken with many people from nearly all communities on POW, actually going house to house in many areas. With the possible exception of Coffman Cove and Hollis, little or no effort has been made by POWCAC to solicit input from either the public or their elected officials regarding the POWCAC Borough Charter. POWCAC's actions are mostly without community consent.

Issues of self-governance should begin with grass roots movements, not from non-elected, paid servants of government such as most POWCAC members.

In my opinion POWCAC has been acting in a rogue fashion and should cease and desist all further action regarding said charter.

Sincerely,



Andy Deering

P.O. Box 1334 / Craig, Alaska

Cc: LBC

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