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Dennis,

The Hoonah Indian Association is in full support of the City of Hoonah's petition to establish the Xunaa Borough.

Creating and providing opportunities to youth, elders, and those most in need are in direct alignment with the Hoonah Indian Association's mission and vision. The formation of the Xunaa Borough would give the city the leverage needed to increase taxable revenues and in turn increase social services, scholastic opportunities, and provide other support for the K-12 student body that is so direly needs.

The need for increased and diversified taxable revenues was even more pronounced and evident during the covid pandemic which saw funding levels plummet and directly resulted in a significant decrease in services offered to the youth. The need for additional staff, guidance counselors, and dual enrollment credit opportunities are critical to ensuring Hoonah youth are prepared for their next transition into the workforce, post-secondary schooling, and beyond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nathan J Moulton".

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