

Huna Totem Corporation

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November 18, 2022

Mr. Larry Wood Chair, Local Boundary Commission State of Alaska P.O. Box 110809 Juneau, Alaska 99811-0809

Re: Support to Form the Xunaa Borough

Dear Mr. Wood:

Please consider this letter of support for the City of Hoonah's application to form the Xunaa Borough. Established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, Huna Totem Corporation ("HTC") is the village corporation for the community of Hoonah with over 1,560 shareholders whose aboriginal ties extend from Hoonah to Glacier Bay National Park. Through our subsidiary, Icy Strait Point, HTC is the single largest employer (providing over 250 jobs) and taxpayer (representing over 80% of the current tax base) in Hoonah.

HTC works closely with the City of Hoonah on a wide range of local issues and supports the community's efforts to improve governance in the region. The local government and associated infrastructure have been significant to HTC's ongoing success as we rely on the local schools, road, utilities (water, sewer, and electricity), and other services to provide the foundation for our workforce and facilities at Icy Strait Point. Expanded services and continued improvement in how these services are delivered is critical to the continued growth that we expect to see at Icy Strait Point.

Thank you for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact me at 907.789.8502 or russell.dick@hunatotem.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Russell Dick

President & Chief Executive Officer

cc: Gerald Byers, Mayor, City of Hoonah
Julie Sande, Commissioner, DCCED
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