EXHIBIT H.

Written Summary or Transcript of the Hearing that the Petitioner is Required to Hold under 3 AAC 110.425(e), and a Copy of Any Written Materials Received During the Hearing.

This exhibit includes the following items:

- 1) Attachment 1 Sign-in sheets from the pre-submission hearing;
- 2) Attachment 2 Written transcript of the pre-submission hearing 29 ;
- 3) Attachment 3 Written comments submitted before or during the pre-submission hearing;

²⁹ An audio recording of the pre-submission hearing will be included with the submission of the annexation petition.

Exhibit H

Attachment 1- Sign-in Sheets from the Pre-Submission Public Hearing



#	Do You Wish To Provide Testimony?	Print Name Legibly Print Address	Do You Have A Property Interest in the Proposed Territory?	Are You A Resident of the City of Soldotna?
11.	(Yes	Nome: MA TTHEW PLAY	کم Yes	🗅 Yes
	D No	Address: 47163 E POPPY LN AR	🗖 No	A No
12.	TYes .	Name: Tracy L Lay	⊡ r¥es	Yes
12.	🗖 No	Address: 47163 EPoppy La Solditha Ak	🗖 No	0H-D
13.	Yes	Name STEVE Wright	🖾 Yes	□ Yes
13.	🛛 No	Address: 4 8030 Hengeson E SOLDOTNA AK 99669	🗖 No	X No
14.		Name: PAT M: Ze	Tes	□ Yes
14.	No	Address: P.O., Box, 1661 SolDONA, AK	🛛 No	No
15.	🕲 Yes	Name: Mitch Michaud	🛛 Yes	□ Yes
15.	🗖 No	Address: 43923 Shirley Way Sdd Ana All	🛛 No	🖉 No
16.	🗅 Yes	Name: Tami Mierray	🗖 Yes	C Yes
10.	No	Address: 38955 Burnettway Soldong AK	≈⊒1 No	YZ NO
17.	□ Yes	Name: Sharron TyonE	🗖 Yes	C Yes
17.	NO	Address: 47910 W Poppy Soldotha AK	🗖 No	🗖 No
18.	Yes	Name: Don Boston	🔏 Yes	,⊉ KYes
10.	. 🗖 No	Address: 36210 Spor Huy Solporne	🗖 No	🛛 No
19.	Yes	Name: Patrice Patterson	⊊ (Yes	
17.	No No	Address: Property DWNer 36312 Trons the Redoway.	D No	does "I maker P No
20	🗆 Yes	Name: Money Moster	🗖 Yes	🗅 Yes
20.	∮ ¶ No	Address: Propring Juny 26642 Boneste an	NO NO	₩ No



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1.	Devres □ No √	Nome Ravin FRusty Swan	Yes	
	Tes (Address: 256 34276 BusinessPK. FrontAge Rd. Soldotava	□ No	
2.		Address: 42115 K. Beach rd Suldomath	û Ro □ No	□ Yes ÆNo
3.		Name: Glenn + Renee Heeren Address: 48360 Helgeson Ave E, Soldotna	□ Yes ♥No	I Yes
4.	l Yes	Name: JOHN TORGERSON Address: POBAX 4209 49011 Bark Beetle lane	□ Yes ⊠ No	ି Yes ଯା No
5.	XYes V	Name: Jack Foster Address: PO Box 494 Soldotna 44484 K.S. Itwy	Yes	□ Yes Ž(No
6.	. U Yes DXNo	Name: MANJORIC TORGERSON Address: 49011 Bark Beetle LANE	□ Yes ĎÍ No	□ Yes ⊠i No
7.	□ Yes 21No	Name: Ben Hopkins Address: 3201 Maddison 34120 Industrial Rd	Yes No	□ Yes
8.	j¤i Yes .□ No	Name Mary Hutduson. Address: 26362 Heavy Down Soldoth A/C	□ Yes \$¥€No	□ Yes ∕₫No
9.	Pres √ □ No	Name: George Pierce Address: BOX 88 KASILOF	□ Yes ⋈ No	☐ Yes لَاهَمِ No
10.	□ Yes	Name: Michelle Miller Address: Jumpin Junction	□ Yes _⊇ No	□ Yes ↓⊉∕No



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21.	🛛 Yes	Name: Shane Webster	🗅 Yes	🖉 Yes
	🖾 No	Address: POBOL 637 Soldotna, AK	⊠ -No	D No
22.	YesNo	Name: NOR of BLAKELEY Address: 430X -537 SERADNER	→ Ves □ No	
23.	No Ves	Name Ed & Bh Sonn Grunger Address:	□ Yes	
24.	Yes V	Name: Marcella Bremond Address:	¥Yes □ No	□ Yes
25.	□ Yes Ďų No	Name: Eur Shompon Address: POBOX1731 Kann	⊈ Yês □ No	□ Yes
26.		Nome. Susan Mathews Address: 46150 Sather Of. Soldotra	□ Yes ⋈No	□ Yes
27.	□ Yes □ No	Nome: DON LUCIA Address: 44130 OEHLER RD SOLDUTNA	¥a ^r Yes □ No	□ Yes □ No
28.	□ Yes □ No	Name: Dave Staudenfar Address: 3,44067 K Beach Soldotua	⊅ KYes □ No	□ Yes □ No
29.	I Yes V No	Name. Chreles HENRY HT. Address: 301 LONG DRIVE	Tes No	☐ Yes □ No
30.	XYes V No	Address: Mary Color ADD John		Yes No



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31.	🖻 Yes 🗸	Name: Brian Olson	🗖 Yes	🗆 Yes
	No	Address: 48660 WROpy La	🗖 No	🗖 No
32.	🗅 Yes	Name hyliera Quinerp	Æ Yes	∕ ∕ΩNYes
	No	Address: 35950 Geoger pr. Soldima	🗖 No	🗖 No
33.	🛛 Yes	Name: DANE CAREY	🗖 Yes	🛛 Yes
	🗖 No	Address: 119 Shady by Soldotna Ak 99669	😡 No	🗖 No
34.	🛛 Yes	Name: Lennier Williams	🗖 Yes	S LYes
54.	🛛 No	Address: KSBEY	K No	🛛 No
35.	🛛 Yes	Name. Jason/Heather Daniels	🗖 Yes	🗆 Yes
55.	(ATKNO	Address: 44990 Guerchill Ave Soldothe	No 🗳	No 🖳
36.	🗆 Yes	Name: Orar Thomas	№ Yes	⊠ Yes
50.	Mo	Address: 34211 Sow Road	🗖 No	🛛 No
37.	Yes 🗸	Name. Leve Maye	🗖 Yes	🗅 Yes
37.	□ No	Address: 47940 Eche Link, Kingewie, Red	₽ No	∕ ØNo
38.	🛛 Yes 🗸	Name. The Gran	Yes	🛛 Yes
50.	. 🗖 No	Address: 37464 Whatekay CARCESTCH	□ No	A No
39.	🛛 Yes	Name KayHynn Rose Melone	Yes	` Q ∕Yes
37.	∑ ^{II} No	Address: 35256 Slikok Creek Drive	🗖 No	□ No
40.	🛛 Yes	Name: CHIRISTOPHER MCNEILL	🗆 Yes	⊡rYes
40.	₽∕No	Address: 148 HICLCREST AVENUE	⊡ ∕No	🗖 No



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41.	🛛 Yes	Name: DANIEL Nelson	⊠ Yes	2 Yes
	🛛 No	Address: 395 Endicott Dr Soldotna	🗖 No	🗖 No
42.	🗅 Yes	Name: JON TERHUNE	A Yes	🗖 Yes
	🛛 No	Address: PO Box 2841, KeNER, AK 99611	D No	🗖 No
43.	🗅 Yes	Name Eric Varis	🗆 Yes	🗖 Yes
	🗖 No	Address: 48130 Mirade Ave 99669	🛛 No	🗖 No
44.	🗅 Yes	Name: ED Schmitt	⊿- Yes	🗖 Yes
44.	⊡ -No	Address: 44140 Delles RD 99669	🗖 No	G-No
45.	🛛 Yes	Name: Jessie Ruffridge	🗆 Yes	🗹 Yes
45.	🗖 No	Address: 295 W. Reducht Ave.	🗖 No	🗖 No
46.	🗆 Yes	Name Kick Delrich	🗆 Yes	⊡ Yes
40.	. 🖬 No	Address: 46710 Base Loak	🗖 No	🗖 No
47.	🛛 Yes	Name: SALLY OELRICH	🗆 Yes	🗅 Yes
47.	🛛 No	Address: 46710 Base Rd.	⊡ No	⊡ r No
48.	🛛 Yes	Name: Feggy Larson	🗆 Yes	🗖 Yes
40.	` ;⊈ No	Address: 48065 Birdsung Ave	⊠.No	₩(No
49.	🛛 Yes	Name: Lee Larson	🗆 Yes	🗅 Yes
47.	X⊠ No	Address: 48065 Birdsong Ave	B KNo	⊠_No
50.	🗅 Yes	Name. HAY DORSEY	🗆 Yes	🗅 Yes
50.	RNO	Address: Box 334	R No	🙇 No

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51.	🛛 Yes 🗸	Michael Modrel	E rYes	Yes
51.	🛛 No	Add 3687 K-Beach RD	🗖 No	,⊠-No
52.	🗖 Yes	Name: Bridgett Brooks	🗆 Yes	🗅 Yes
J2.	🖾 No	Address: 39814 Grouse Dr. Sollotna, Au 99449	₽No	⊠o No
53.	🛛 Yes	Name: Jayme knos	🗖 Yes	Yes
55.	∀ No	Address: Box 1643 Kenois, AU	v لا No	🗖 No
54.	🛛 Yes	Name: Cathy Haas	🗖 Yes	🗖 Yes
54.	Ø û , No	Address: 46840 Base Rd	No	M No
55.	🕅 Yes 🗸	Nome: Megan Shanson	¥ Yes	🗅 Yes
55.	D No	Address: 35482 KBDR	□ No	Mo No
56.	🛛 Yes	Name: Chuck David	Z K Yes	🗅 Yes
50.	Grno	Address: 44190 pehler Rd	🗖 No	X NO
57.	🛛 Yes	Name: Rensko Vinko	Yes	🗅 Yes
57.	🗖 No	Address: 43628 Ochler Rd	🗖 No	X No
58.	🛛 Yes	Name: Pan Chapman	🗖 Yes	Taí Yes
30 .	No	Address: 32765 RIVERMIND	⊠í No	🗖 No
59.	🖾 Yes √	Name Traver Gr4	A Yes	🗖 Yes
57.	🗖 No	Address: 34 580 Commarce St Soldotra	🗖 No	™ No
10	Ør¥es 🗸	Name. Kelley + Andy Cizek	ZK¥es	□ Yes
60.	🛛 No	Address: 33060 Baylor St. 99669	🗖 No	Ø.No



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61.	🛛 Yes	Name: Scott JACKSON	🗖 Yes	🗆 Yes
01.	XQ No	Address:	🗖 No	🗖 No
62.	Vres 🗸	Monune Bannoak Schilling Restated	I Yes	🗅 Yes
02.	🗆 No	47 Spir View Dr Kenii Gell Kentals	🗖 No	D NO
63.	🛛 Yes 🗸	Name: Chaples W. Jackson	🗖 Yes	🗅 Yes
00.	🛛 No	Address: 33458 Aluson Chile Soldan	₽ ¶o	ANO
64.	🛛 Yes	Name: JoDee Jun Ker	🗅 Yes	🗅 Yes
0 4 .	🛛 No	Addre35330 Rawthe Circle	🛛 No	ĭ⊈i No
65.	EFFes V	NameTerry Berger	E Yes	🗅 Yes
00.	🛛 No	Addred 7067 E Pappy Cn #S	🛛 No	X No
66.	🛛 Yes	Name: LISA BASS	🗖 Yes	🗅 Yes
00.	□ No	Address: 35555 Kencis Spur Hwy PmBud Soldotna, AK 99660	🗖 No	🛛 No
67.	🗅 Yes	Name: Helena Johnson	🗖 Yes	🛛 Yes
07.	No	Address: 46255 Scyline, Sadofra, Ar 99669	🔊 No	™⊠KNo
68.	🖵 Yes	Name: In & Jessi Grans	🗅 Yes	🗆 Yes
00.	∑⊈⁄No	Address: 35800 echo lake fel	⊠-No	<i>₿</i> KNo
69.	🛛 Yes	Name: Catherine / Delace	🗖 Yes	🗆 Yes
07.	🛛 No	Address:	🛛 No	BKNO
70.	□ Yes	Name: Edward Lee	🗹 Yes	Yes
70.	M No	Address: 36185 Kenni Spor Hwy	🛛 No	🗖 No



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71.	🗅 Yes	Name: Robiy Davis	D Yes	🗆 Yes
	DAK RIO	Address: 36485 11490	□ No	
72.	🗆 Yes	Name Cothy Sturman	🗅 Yes	- Er Yes
/ 2.	D No	Address: 386 West Vin	⊿ rNo	🗖 No
73.	Serves V	Name: Daniel L. Lynch	🗆 Yes	Yes
/5.	🗖 No	Address: Sterling Hwy Soldata	□ No	໌ 🖬 No
74.	Yes	Name: Margaret Moran	- Ur Yes	🗅 Yes
/4.	D No	Address: 46675 Roosevelt Lve	⊡ - No	D rNo
75.	🖵 Yes	Name: Leigh Tacey	🗖 Yes	🗆 Yes
75.	© No	Address: 46675 ROOSEVELY AVE	⊡r∕No	M No
76.	🗅 Yes	Name: Sheryl Cwrk	🗖 Yes	🗅 Yes
/0.	Ma No	Address: 33790 Keystine Drive,	🖾 No	K No
77.	🛛 Yes	Nome: WILLIAM J. FERGUSONI	🗖 Yes	🗅 Yes
<i>''</i> .	M NO	Address:	Ø≸No) ⊠r No
78.	🗅 Yes	Name: Brian Shannen	⊠ #Yes	A Yes
70.	No	Address: 43129 Riggs Ave	🗖 No	🛛 No
79.	🛛 Yes	Name;	🗖 Yes	🗅 Yes
77.	🗖 No	Address:	🗖 No	🗖 No
80.	🗅 Yes	Name:	🛛 Yes	🗅 Yes
00.	D No	Address:	🗖 No	🗖 No

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81.	□ Yes	Name. AWOY LOMBARD Address: 33630 SCOTCH RUNSTRD	□ Yes	
82.	□ Yes ₽+No	Name: MICHAELÉ DEDOTINT DENISON Address: AI623 E. LAKE AXE	Mo No	□ Yes
83.	🗖 Yes 🕰 No	Name: Rya-Swansan Address: 47899 Faith ave	Yes TNO	□ Yes ❷•No
84.	□ Yes	Name: ChINION R. Moll Address: 33640 EchoLuke LQ.	□ Yes ¢No	🗖 Yes 🐲 No
85.	□ Yes	Name: Pamela Parker Address: 124 Parkwood (ircle	□ Yes ¤KNo	Yes No
86.	☐ Yes ¤No	Name: Priscilla Mott Address: 33640Echo Laky Road	□ Yes ☑ No	□ Yes ⊠ No
87.	☐ Yes 2 2 No	Nome: Carrie Murrey Address: 312 W. Beluga Aug. Syldutra	□ Yes X No	Yes No
88.		Name. DWIGHT ROSS Address: 43355 Ross DR SoldotuA	∑arves □ No	□ Yes
89.	⊠ÍYes □ No	Name: Brenda Uchtman Address: 48625 prairie Solopolua	∑ ☐ No	□ Yes)⊉îNo
90.	YesNo	Name: Address:	YesNo	Yes No

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91.	¥⊈Yes ✓ □ No	Name: Ben Hopkins		
92.		Address: Name: DANIEL NELSON Address:	No Ves No No	No Ves No
93.	⊠-Yes √ □ No	Name Shane Webster Address:	□ Yes □ No	Yes No
94.		Name: Renee Heeren Address:	□ Yes □ No	YesNo
95.	¢¥Yes √ □ No	Name: Dave Stander Fer Address:	□ Yes □ No	YesNo
96.		Name: Address: Share Melifas	□ Yes □ No	YesNo
97.	YesNo	Name: Address:	□ Yes □ No	YesNo
98.	□ Yes _□ No	Name: Address:	□ Yes □ No	YesNo
99.	□ Yes □ No	Name: Address:	□ Yes □ No	YesNo
100.	□ Yes □ No	Name: Address:	□ Yes □ No	Yes No

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101.	🖞 Yes 🗸	Nume: Margaret Marga	🗖 Yes	🗅 Yes
101.	🗖 No	Address: Rooseyer	🗖 No	⊅ •No
102.	🛛 Yes	Name: Edward Lee	T Yes	🗅 Yes
102.	🛛 No	Address:	🗖 No	🗖 No
103.	🛛 Yes	Name:	🗅 Yes	🗆 Yes
103.	🗖 No	Address:	🗖 No	🗖 No
104.	🛛 Yes	Name:	🗅 Yes	🗅 Yes
104.	🗖 No	Address:	🗖 No	🗖 No
105.	🛛 Yes	Name:	🗖 Yes	🛛 Yes
105.	🗖 No	Address:	🗖 No	🗖 No
106.	🗅 Yes	Name:	🗖 Yes	🗆 Yes
106.	D No	Address:	🗖 No	🗖 No
107.	🗅 Yes	Name:	🗖 Yes	🗆 Yes
107.	🗖 No	Address:	🗖 No	🗖 No
108.	🛛 Yes	Name:	🗖 Yes	🗆 Yes
106.	. 🗖 No	Address:	🗖 No	🗖 No
109.	🗅 Yes	Name:	🗖 Yes	🗅 Yes
109.	🗖 No	Address:	🗖 No	🗖 No
110	🗆 Yes	Name:	🗆 Yes	🗅 Yes
110.	🗖 No	Address:	🗖 No	🗖 No

Exhibit H

Attachment 2- Written Transcript of the Pre-Submission Public Hearing

CITY OF SOLDOTNA ANNEXATION PRE-SUBMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

LOCATION: Soldotna High School 425 W. Marydale Avenue Soldotna, Alaska 99669

Saturday, September 7, 2019 2:00 p.m.

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS Pages 1 - 104, inclusive

Soldotna City Council Attendees: Vice Mayor Paul Whitney Lisa Parker Justin Ruffridge Tyson Cox Tim Cashman Jordan Chilson

Transcribed by: Sheila Garrant, Peninsula Reporting

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TRANSCRIPT	OF PROCEEDINGS
	September 7, 2019

PU	BLIC HEARING		September 7, 2019
	Page 2		Page 4
1	PROCEEDINGS	1	No. 1, a change in the property tax mill
2	(Pledge of Allegiance)		rate. For example, a lower property tax bill could
3	VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: Will the clerk		result from applying the City of Soldotna's mill rate,
	please call the roll?		which is currently 0.9 of a mill lower than the Kenai
5	THE CLERK: Council Member Parker?		Peninsula Borough Road Service Area.
6	COUNCIL MEMBER PARKER: Present.	6	No. 2, a change in zoning regulations
7	THE CLERK: Council Member Ruffridge?		once the city assumes planning and zoning authority
8	COUNCIL MEMBER RUFFRIDGE: Here.		over the annexed areas. For example, property could be
9	THE CLERK: Council Member Cox?		zoned for commercial use which could impact property
10	COUNCIL MEMBER COX: Here.		value.
11	THE CLERK: Council Member Cashman?	11	These possible financial consequences are
12	COUNCIL MEMBER CASHMAN: Here.		not precisely known today and are too speculative to
13	THE CLERK: Council Member Chilson?		
	COUNCIL MEMBER CHILSON: Here.		calculate with any degree of confidence, because, No. 1, the earliest possible tax year the city mill rate
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15	THE CLERK: Vice Mayor Whitney?		would apply to the annexation territory is 2022, at
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17	THE CLERK: You have a quorum.		different than they are today.
18	COUNCIL MEMBER COX: Vice Mayor, I'd like	18	No. 2, the Kenai Peninsula Borough
	to declare that I have a possible conflict of interest		Assembly and the Soldotna City Council set mill rates
	regarding the petition to annex to the City of Soldotna		annually. Mill rates could change between now and the
	by the Legislative Review Method, as I am an owner of		year in which annexation takes effect.
	one lot with rental property on it within the territory	22	No. 3, even calculating the potential
	proposed for annexation.		savings on Mr. Cox's property using today's mill rate,
24	VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: Are there any other		the expected annual property tax savings are \$288 per
25	council members who have a conflict?	25	year, which is below the \$500 threshold the Soldotna
	Page 3		Page 5
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1	In response to Mr. Cox, the Soldotna		City Council establishes when it comes to financial
2	In response to Mr. Cox, the Soldotna Municipal Code says a council member cannot participate		City Council establishes when it comes to financial conflicts of interest for contractual relationships.
2 3	In response to Mr. Cox, the Soldotna Municipal Code says a council member cannot participate in the discussion or consideration of any matter in	2 3	City Council establishes when it comes to financial conflicts of interest for contractual relationships. No. 4, the city council is not the final
2 3 4	In response to Mr. Cox, the Soldotna Municipal Code says a council member cannot participate in the discussion or consideration of any matter in which the council member has a substantial financial	2 3 4	City Council establishes when it comes to financial conflicts of interest for contractual relationships. No. 4, the city council is not the final decision-maker and does not have the authority to
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	defined under Soldotna Municipal Code Section 2.24.030.		can submit a petition to annex territory by the
3	However, because this is an issue of		legislative method to the State Local Boundary
	critical public importance, and to prevent even the		Commission, the city first must conduct a public
	appearance of conflict in the city council's actions, I		hearing. This is that public hearing, and agendas are
	will rule that Mr. Cox is not eligible to participate		available on the table by the doors in which you
	in the hearing today or the upcoming decision the		entered.
	council will make whether or not to submit the petition	8	The city administration will first
	to the LBC for legislative review.	-	present an overview of the information contained in the
10	Good afternoon. I would like to welcome		petition, and you will have an opportunity to provide
	everyone to this public hearing to take testimony on		your comments and feedback directly to the city
	the City of Soldotna petition to the Local Boundary		council. A record of this hearing, including a
	Commission to annex. If you would like to provide		transcript of all comments received, will be included
	testimony, please sign up on the form provided. We		in the petition if and when it is submitted to the
	will use that sign-up sheet to call you forward for		Local Boundary Commission for their review.
	your testimony.	16	It is important to note that the city
17	As a reminder, this is a meeting to only		council will not be making any decisions today. The
	take testimony, and there will not be a vote by the		purpose of the hearing is to provide an opportunity for
	council on this matter today. After some preliminary		members of the public to comment on the petition. The
	matters, we will start the public hearing.		city staff and council will not be engaging in any
21	The purpose of this meeting: We thank		questions or answers today, though they will continue
	you for attending this meeting this afternoon. The		to make themselves available to you outside of the
	purpose of this meeting is to conduct the required		hearing to discuss the proposal and answer all of your
	pre-submission public hearing on the City of Soldotna's		questions. Today is about receiving feedback.
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	expanding a city's boundaries to incorporate more		scheduled city council meeting on September 12th, the Soldotna City Council will consider whether to submit
	territory inside the city limits.		the petition to the Local Boundary Commission. This
4	Under its petition, the City of Soldotna		will be done by a resolution of the city council, and
	would seek to incorporate approximately 3.8 square		again, the public is welcome to attend and participate.
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2	I know that we are here to hear from you.	2	The proposed boundaries must include all
3	State law is very specific in the	3	land and water necessary to provide the development of
4	information that we are required to provide as part of		essential municipal services on an efficient and
	this hearing process.	5	cost-effective basis.
6	And so these four items that are listed	6	And finally, the annexation must be in
7	in the agenda, I'm going to go through them, and I will	7	the best interest of the State of Alaska, which is
8	try to be brief so that we can allow maximum time to	8	further defined as maximizing local self-government
9	hear your comments today.	9	with a minimum number of individual governmental units.
10	I'm going to start with item A, which is	10	So I will now read portions from the
11	the annexation standards that exist in state law that a	11	petition that the city believes justify how those
12	community is required to meet in order for the petition	12	standards have been met.
13	for annexation to be approved.	13	As you know, the city and the areas
14	And when we talk about annexation to a	14	around it have grown and developed significantly in the
	city, we are talking about incorporating additional		past decades. The city currently provides some
	area within the municipal boundaries which results in		services to areas outside the city boundaries. For
	the extension of city services, city taxing authority,	17	example, we are currently serving 23 different
	and regulatory regulation authority, as well as voting	18	properties with either water or sewer or both at the
	privileges for residents living in that area.	19	request of those property owners, and those are located
20	The standards exist in Alaska State		on K-Beach, Funny River Road, and the Kenai Spur
	Statutes 29.06.040 through .060, as well as in the		Highway.
	Alaska Administrative Code, and I'll give those	22	Animal control is also a service that the
	specific references as we go through.		city provides occasionally outside our boundaries when
24	These standards are addressed in detail		we take care of an animal and are able to return it to
25	in the petition at Part Exhibit E, which is the	25	its owner.
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	through the state fire marshal's office in Anchorage.		boundaries. Currently, there are 2,132 students who
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	we would do that through our building department with		approximately 26 percent of the entire school district.
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	similar to the City of Soldotna in terms of	7	The annexation territory, as Vice Mayor
	development, land uses, commercial activity, and		Whitney mentioned, is 3.87 excuse me 3.78 square
	overall character. The transportation systems are		miles, which would bring the city's total footprint to
	integrated, and the K-12 school district attendance		approximately 11.15 square miles.
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12	The area proposed for annexation and the		the city that you are proposing be of a consistent
	existing city already function, we believe, as a		size, an appropriate size for city government as
	cohesive community both economically and socially.		opposed to a borough, for example, which are vast,
15	One of the requirements is that the city		larger areas.
	have the financial capacity to serve additional areas	16	The city's petition includes only those
17	if it's proposing to enlarge its boundaries.		areas that are already developed, or reasonably
18	The city performed a fiscal impact		anticipated to develop, or require the need for
	analysis in 2015 and 2016 to try and answer this		services, such as public safety services, within the
	question very thoroughly. And we hired a consultant		next ten years.
	who looked at our own operational costs and went on a	21	All of the territory proposed for
	department-by-department level to break down those		annexation is adjacent to the existing city boundaries,
	costs for each of the city's departments that we		and it would not overlap with any other city or other
	currently have, of which there are nine, and tell us		borough entity.
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1	will again have an opportunity to speak.	1	comprehensive plan.
2	After the hearing, the commission will	2	There would be a lot of work if
	carefully consider all of the testimony material and	_	annexation were approved, and much of it would involve
	comments submitted in determining whether the petition		community input in terms of guiding those policy
	meets the required state statutes and standards. It		decisions and investment decisions that the council
	will then have the ability to approve, deny, or amend		would be making into the areas that were newly
	the city's petition.		incorporated into the city.
8	The petition review process generally	8	Starting January 1st of the year after
	takes about a year before they get to the point where	-	
	they are ready to hold a hearing, and in part that's		effect. Both for property owners, they would be
	because of substantial opportunities for additional		assessed at the city's mill rate, which is currently a
	public comment, as well as the written reports that the		half of mill, and they would no longer be paying the
	staff puts together for the commission.		borough road service area mill, which is currently 1.4
14			mills.
	approve the petition following their hearing, it will	15	That would take effect on January 1st,
	present it to the legislature the first ten days of the		because the borough doesn't prorate a year worth of
	regular session. And so in our case, that would be		taxes. And so if there were to be a change, it would
	January of 2021 at the earliest that that petition		need to be made consistent with the calendar year, so
	would be able to be presented to the legislature.		that date would be January of 2022 at the earliest.
20	The legislature then also has the	20	Also in January, businesses that are
21	opportunity to act on that recommendation. If the	21	registered to collect sales tax with the borough would
22	legislature adopts the concurrent resolution to deny	22	begin collecting the city's 3 percent sales tax on
23	the recommendation within 45 days of receiving that	23	general sales.
24	information from the commission, then the annexation is	24	The borough staff currently collects all
25	denied, and it won't move forward. If they take no	25	sales tax for the borough's unincorporated areas as
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8	to provide that road service.	8	they were to be in part of the city, and we recognize
9	Police and animal control would begin as	9	that. So that part of that work, that effort that
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	through the central dispatch center, however, they		not like what the city has currently in place.
	would be routing those calls to the Soldotna Police	13	Commercial and residential building code
	Department, whereas currently they are routed to the		services and inspections would be extended into the
	Alaska State Troopers.		territory, however, structures that are currently
16	The city's full-time animal control		already constructed or if they were under construction
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19	serving some non-resident properties and businesses in		they aren't required to come into conformity with current standards if they were legally existing that
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1	And that concludes my comments on the	1	front, you may use that speaker down in front. They
	four items that we are required to cover today in the		are excuse me the microphone down in front.
	hearing.	3	Okay. We'll start out with the first
4			names. And I'll apologize in advance if I mangle your
	for being here, and reiterate what the vice mayor said,		last name.
	that our staff, our city staff, all the department	6	First one, Matthew Lay. Next one, Tracy
	heads and myself are available anytime someone wants to		Lay. No. 3, Steve Wright. No. 4, Mitch Michael. And
	come ask questions or get some additional information.		No. 5, Don Boston.
	Thank you.	9	Mr. Lay, you will be up first.
10	VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: We will now invite	10	MATTHEW LAY: Hi. My name is Matthew
	members of the public to provide testimony to the city		Lay, and I'm all three. I live in the area, I run a
	council. Speakers will have three minutes each to		business in the area, and I own property in the area,
	provide testimony, and we will begin by calling on		which happens to be Zone 4.
	those individuals who indicated on the sign-up sheet	14	Currently the City of Soldotna is working
	they would like to testify.	15	on annexing our area. We have been voting this down
16	After we have made it through the list of		multiple times over the years, and we've asked the City
17	people who have signed up to testify, we will invite		of Soldotna to listen to us. That doesn't appear to be
	anyone else who has not yet spoken the opportunity to		happening.
	provide their comments.	19	The water and sewer services, we didn't
20	When speaking, please speak into the	20	ask for those to be there. You are providing water and
21	microphone, state your name and address, as well as	21	sewer systems to a few places that request them.
22	telling us whether you live, own land, or operate a	22	The residents in the areas that you are
23	business in one of those areas proposed for annexation.	23	looking to annex have been purposely gone around, so
24	As we previously stated, the purpose of	24	your income just off the businesses alone has dropped.
25	this hearing is to take public testimony and is not	25	So providing the extra services that you are going to
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1	intended as a question-and-answer session. Please	1	need to provide in our areas, you are not going to have
	limit your comments to the three minutes provided, and		the income.
	if the timer goes off while you are speaking, please	3	So for the city to say, "Well, we are
	wrap up your comment quickly.	4	going to have extra income to provide road services,
5	There will be a timer over there at the	5	fire services," and everything else, all your property
6	end of the table, and it should be visible, and there's		taxes have dropped off because you've purposely went
	also a beeper that you will hear.		around the residential areas.
8	You may only speak once during the public	8	The business areas that are in the zones
9	hearing, and you may not transfer your time to another	9	have said on multiple occasions, "We don't want to be
10	speaker. We ask that you please be considerate of	10	annexed." This is not something that we have taken
11	those who are speaking by refraining from conversation	11	lightly. We have gone through and we have said
12	or making comments during the testimony. Our goal is	12	multiple times we don't we purposely bought property
13	to provide everyone who is interested in participating	13	outside of the Soldotna city limits.
14	and providing comments the opportunity to do so, and	14	There have been multiple businesses that
15	therefore we ask you to be respectful of other's	15	have been in place for 30, 40 years, and the people are
16	comments or viewpoints. No applause or verbal	16	now ready to retire. I personally know of two that
17	outbursts will be permitted.	17	have lost sales of their business because of this
18	The way we are going to do this is we		annexation. Their property values have dropped, and
	will invite the first five speakers that are listed		they are not able to sell their business and retire
	here on the sheet to please come up here and take a		because of this. People do not want to invest in an
	seat at on the stage, and then I will call those	21	area inside of the Soldotna city limits.
	names in order and they would testify. When they are	22	The city's many of the council members
23	finished testifying, we will call the next five.		have told me directly that they don't represent us, and
24	,		for all intents and purposes, they are correct. They
25	the stairs that are on the side or the stairs here in	25	do not, at this moment, represent us. But we do ask
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1	that you listen to us.	1	And what I need to know is who gives you
2	We don't want to be in the city, we don't	2	the authority to change the lifestyle of all my
3	want to be annexed, we've purposely bought area outside		neighbors, to force their city codes and regulations
	of it. The city cannot provide the services that they		down our throat? We don't want it. We did not we
	current we currently have now. We ask that you stop		chose not to live in the city of Soldotna because we
	and re-evaluate, and listen to the people and put it up		don't want to live like city dwellers, we're country.
	for a vote.		Okay.
8	VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: Thank you, Mr. Lay.	8	My neighbor wants to raise and trains
9	Tracy Lay.	9	horses, they are Americans, they have the right to do
10	TRACY LAY: Hi, I'm Tracy Lay. That's my	10	that. You do not have the right to take that from
11	husband Matthew. We own Big Dog Custom on East Poppy.	11	them.
12	I don't want to be annexed. I want to be able to teach	12	Right now I do not live within the
13	my daughter to ride her ATV in our yard up and down the	13	boundary areas, it's within a stone's throw across Echo
14	trails. I want us to be able to shoot our guns safely	14	Lake Road from me. But I can see in the future it will
15	in our neighborhood and not have to go to a gun range	15	expand, and my property will be included. I'm here to
16	or wherever you guys think we have to go to do it. We	16	speak for the residents that have chosen the country
17	have plenty of open woods safely to hunt in around our	17	way of life, they don't want to live in the city, and I
18	neighborhoods outside of the city.	18	hope that you will listen to us.
19	I don't want to be in there. A good many	19	I do understand now with your information
	people don't want to be in there. We didn't buy in a		that anybody that built their business or their home
	city for a reason. And yet no matter how many times		before 1985 will be grandfathered in. That is a good
	people say no, it seems like you guys are a giant bully		thing. I hope it will apply to everybody that owns
	who just don't care. We don't want in the city,		property within the boundaries, and we will not have to
	period. Thank you.		change our entire life to please the City of Soldotna.
25	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Excuse me, could	25	Thank you for your time.
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	about \$600; and during the earthquake, I got broken		being with the borough, but if you are getting
	into again in broad daylight. And do you know why I'm		something and you're getting something for nothing,
	not there, why they get away with it? They are doing		somebody else is paying.
	it in broad daylight. So that was a \$600 door. They	5	
	didn't get in, but it shows you how close crime is		and the feds paying for things that I feel I have a
	occurring here.		responsibility to pay for.
8	Another issue is, and I found this out	8	
	from a local police officer who is working undercover		fast before.
	narcotics, that road is a noted area for drug deals.	10	
	My next-door neighbor was actually cooking meth in his		Michael.
	house, and the house had to be gutted, and the police	12	Mr. Don Boston.
	knew about it and their issue was, "We're looking for	13	
	the big guys."		live in Soldotna, and I've got property in Ridgeway,
15	Another reason coming in is homeless.		like, several properties.
	Two weeks ago I found a homeless camp on my neighbor's	16	• •
	property. Why is this all going on? This is going on		It's, like, I don't know why, I thought we voted on
	because we're not in the city of Soldotna. A police		this already, so but here we are.
	officer in Kenai mentioned to me a lot of folks, a lot	19	
	of crime, a lot of illegal activity doesn't occur in		we will fight back. We do not want this. My
	cities in Kenai or in Soldotna, but it occurs on the		businesses are in Ridgeway because I don't want to be
	edges.		in the city, and that's why they are there. I invested
23	Because thieves know, they are not		millions of dollars, and I don't want to be subject to
24	idiots well pretty damn close but they know that		city rules and bologna. And no disrespect, but we are
	they can get away with things outside. A police call		going to organize, the businesses around here are going
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1	from the state troopers to my house takes four hours	1	to organize, and we are going to fight back.
	even though they are over there. There are more police	2	
	officers in the city of Soldotna than there is working	3	come election day, that's where it's probably going to
	for the state troopers, and they are covering		be. Because if it comes down our throats, we're going
5	everywhere from Girdwood almost all the way down past	5	to come back on everybody that tries to force it down
6	Homer right now.	6	our throats.
7	Another issue is road service. I live on	7	Thanks.
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	and you have not listened. You have failed the people		of people, houses, land, and residents. You do not own
	of this community.		it, it's not your footprint. And we do not want to
4	You have strategically included proposed		become part of it, and we made that choice by where we
	lands in annexation based entirely on financial benefit		built and where we live.
	to you. You have failed the people of this community.	6	That's all I have to say.
	You have denied local mom and pop businesses the	7	VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: Thank you.
	consideration that our business is our home. Even	8	Ravin Swan.
	though we don't live there, it is our home, which means	9	RAVIN SWAN: My name is Ravin Swan, and I
	you have failed the people of this community.	_	am totally opposed to the City of Soldotna annexing my
11	You have justified your option for forced		property, which is located at 34276 Business Park,
	annexation by throwing numbers, graphs, and broad		Frontage Road, K-Beach.
	statements of how you meet my needs without regard to	13	I have owned and operated Gama's Designs
	this community's need or desire for self-determination.		for the past 25 years and have first-hand experience
	You have failed this community.		dealing with the City of Soldotna.
16	You have strategically carved out the	16	For the first 21 years my business was in
	neighborhoods who need you the most. The Knight Drive		the city of Soldotna leased with other buildings. In
	area, the low income, that people who truly need you,		2015 I was able to purchase my own building and
	you carved them out. Shame on you. You failed the		property, and I purposely choose to build and buy
	people of that part of the community.		outside the city limits.
21	Your mayor publically announced there	21	Your building codes, your rules, your
	would be a vote, and when your mayor left, you did not		ordinances are difficult to navigate. They are
	honor what he said. You failed this community.		expensive and make owning a small business in the city
24	Your area of forced annexation has taken		limits very difficult. They dictate to where and even
	out almost all voting citizens, it's mostly commercial.		if science can be used, your parking lots are required
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2	I, like many K-Beach owners, we don't		if it was on city property because of the strict
	live in Soldotna and will not ever have the opportunity		zoning. And I don't think any of you understand that.
	to vote on the City of Soldotna affairs or issues that		It's almost like being in New York City and you are the
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6	I will have to pass that additional 3		even listening, no vote.
	percent sales tax onto my customers. Like many small	7	When we go to build and go forward, every
	businesses, online and internet competition has been		build cost, when I have to permit through you, is going
	very difficult to deal with. The increase to that 3		to go up a minimum of 10 percent in build costs and
	percent will affect my customers.		permitting and additional things. I'm already meeting
11	I have worked hard to operate my business		all the state, federal, and local codes. It's a deal
	and finally own my own property. I have dreams of	12	killer.
	expansions, but if this annex goes through, I fear my	13	You are going to watch the developers
14	dreams may never be realized.		like me just throw their hands up because we can't get
15	Thanks for your time.		people to move in. So when you are doing \$4 or \$5
16	VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: Thank you, Ms. Swan.	16	million developments a year, and you add \$4- or
17	Sean Cude.	17	\$500,000 to those projects, they don't pencil out.
18	SEAN CUDE: My name is Sean Cude. I own	18	I appreciate what the city is doing and
19	SBC Construction Development Group and Peninsula	19	beautification in Soldotna, and if I chose to come to
20	Pumping and have operated in that area off of K-Beach	20	Soldotna and build, I'll make sure that my numbers
21	for 20-plus years and a resident since 1988.	21	check out economically to work out.
22	I own 40 acres of highway frontage there,	22	But in a warehouse district, a landscape
23	150,000 square foot of building. Millions I've	23	plan and a few extra trees doesn't really help get one
24	invested into that area. And 30 of my acres plus	24	more penny of rent.
25	100,000 square foot of my real estate will be affected	25	I got one other issue. I have a
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1	short street. So I plow the snow, you know, and I sand	1	because you've overpriced everything. You are running
	it, and I take care of that for Ron's car wash and		more people away than you are getting into your city.
	ourselves. And I've tried them two occasions to get		You are not a very friendly city.
	that line extended into our office so we could have	4	You want to always you've got to get
		-	
_	water and sewer.		your budget under control. You've got way too much of
6	So, you know, I look at areas like out		a spending problem. You have got to change the way you
	toward the golf course, you know, there's not been any		are figuring things out here.
	expansion of water and sewer out in that direction.	8	So I hope you are keeping count of all
	There's a lot of businesses out there that deserve		the people that are against it, and I am against it. I
	that, but it's not feasible money-wise, or otherwise		don't want you coming down to Kasilof, and I can see
	you guys would probably be out there, but yet they		where that would go too. You know, you think you can
12	deserve it because they are in the city.	12	get away with taking this property. Next thing you
13	And sometimes maybe maybe you've got	13	will be going down to Anchor Point or something.
14	to put the money out, you know, to satisfy the people	14	So it's really disgusting that we have to
15	that's in the city already before you go annex other	15	come up here and waste our time to tell you folks what
16	parts of the city.	16	we want you to do. It's a bad idea. So listen to the
17	So anyway, I'll let you know I'm opposed	17	
18	to it. I appreciate you listening.	18	And quit charging so much money for
19	VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: Thank you, Mr.	19	
	Foster.	20	
21	The next five would be Mary Hutchison,	21	VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: Thank you, Mr.
	George Pierce, Ed Granger, and I'm not sure if the		Pierce.
	other person there wishes to testify I'm not quite	23	Ed Granger.
	sure how to say the name and Marcella Bremond and	24	
	Susan Mathews.		VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: I'm sorry.
25	Susan mainews.	25	VICE MATCH WHITHET. THI SONY.
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1	Ms. Hutchison, thank you.	1	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I said, "Say it
2	MARY HUTCHISON: Hello. My name is Mary		again."
	Hutchison. I do not have property in the area that is	3	VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: Ed Granger.
	proposed, but I'm close to it. And in ten years from	4	
	now I'm not looking forward to the city expanding to my		hear too well, okay.
		5	
	area.	6	Anyway, I'm Ed Granger, and I'm very
7	But I was wondering if I could get a vote		privileged to be able to address you guys today on
	of the ones that are in the proposed annexed area to		this.
	just raise your hand if you are for the proposed	9	We live in Sterling, and the reason we
	annexed areas, could I just see your hand if you are in		live in the Sterling is we moved down there about 12
	the area? We have one. And can I see the people		years ago to get away from government. You know, good
12	against that are in the area? Okay.		government is small government, and I see your proposal
13	So there are things that have been said,	13	is going in exactly the opposite direction.
14	and I hope you listen to them all, and thank you very	14	This fellow that was up here just a
15	much.	15	minute ago concerned about these squatters that's
16	VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: Thank you.		
17	George Pierce.		
18	GEORGE PIERCE: My name is George Pierce,	18	Well, he ought to take that message and
	and I live in Kasilof. I don't have no dog fight in		send it to L.A., San Francisco, Portland, okay, because
	this mess, but it's obvious these people want to have a	20	
	voice, and for you to sit up here and think you are		wouldn't expect this one would be any better.
	above everybody is wrong.	22	But let me say I compliment you for
			Dat lot me day i compliment you loi
		22	nutting up with the job that you have because it's not
23	Soldotna is not a very friendly city.		
23 24	Soldotna is not a very friendly city. They want to charge and charge and charge. I can go to	24	an easy one. But you've got to look at your motivation
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2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	happening, what I heard here today, and I'm somewhat of	 homesteader. That was a homestead back in the day. And at present I'm not in the target, but it's just a matter of time. I mean, I am these are my people, and what is not happening directly at this moment based on our last couple of meetings, I know that eventually there's a good chance you are going to come back for those pieces that you didn't get before. The services that you guys call benefits are no benefit to anybody here, nobody wants them. The
11 12 13 14 15	a stranger, I haven't been following this like I probably should, but I see the threat even to Sterling. You know, you are coming down the road and coming down the road, and although I may be sixth, I'm afraid I'll still be around when you hit Sterling. But just in case I am, I want to be able	 10 people that you are serving those services to, they 11 came to you and asked for them. But nobody in this 12 room, aside maybe for the gentleman there, wants any of 13 the services that you are offering. I don't want your 14 city water. I don't need police protection from 15 Soldotna police. All of us most of us probably have
17 18 19 20 21 22	to tell my kids and grandkids that I objected to it early on and you didn't listen. You know, one thing that I've noticed of what I've heard here today is that you've done several studies, hearings, and discussions among yourselves and between yourself and the public, but these studies that you keep coming up with, if you look at them, you've	 16 guns, we can take care of ourselves. There's nothing 17 that you are offering that is something that we want, 18 and we try to tell you that. 19 But I stand with all these people because 20 I will be a target again when you are done trying to 21 take from them what you want, and I just want to oppose 22 that, because I'm not interested at all in being a part
24 25	got to ask, "Who is paying for it? Who paid for those studies?" The assembly did, the council members did. And why did they did it did that, is because they Page 55	 23 of the city, none of us are. We don't want to be in 24 the city of Soldotna at all. 25 And so I'm not sure where it's going to Page 57
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	were motivated. So the guy that's working for the people that is paying for the study, do you think he's going to come up with something that you don't want? Of course, he isn't. I've been involved in studies like that where I was the one that was doing it for the customer. So of course it's going to come out heading in the direction you wanted it to go. To me, that makes it invalid. This whole thing that you've got going	 end, but we will continue to push, just like you push. We will continue to fight so that we can remain outside of the city and conduct business like we do, be a part of this community without actually being a part of the city. It's possible, but you are not offering anything that we need. And we don't mind contributing, and we don't mind being a part, but we don't need to be in the city to actually be functioning, supporting people of the community.
12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19	should, in fact, go to the public vote. I mean, when I say "the public," not just Soldotna, they shouldn't be able to drive this nail into the coffin all by yourselves. It ought to be out there where you've got some fair representation on the subject. But thank you again for the privilege of being here. VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: Thank you, Mr. Granger.	11 So that is what I'm here to say, is that 12 I just do not want my property ever to be a part of the 13 city. And like many people have said before, it's why 14 we are not in a city. Any of us can move to the city 15 at any time we wanted to, but we don't because we don't 16 want to be a part of the city. And I understand the 17 city needs to grow, but maybe you should consider 18 growing in the other direction, because there's plenty 19 of land going the other direction. But I understand we
23 24	Marcella Bremond. MARCELLA BREMOND: Hello. My name is Marcella Bremond, and you can find me at P.O. Box 1588 in Kenai. But I have property across from K-Beach Elementary, directly across, and I'm a daughter of a	 20 all know this is about you guys making more money from 21 us. 22 It's a small number, 400-some people is 23 not much. But really, all those business owners out 24 there, you see money, you don't see people, you see 25 their money, and it's a shame.

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1	So I just wanted to say I do not want to	1	provide services.
2	be a part of annexation ever, I never want to be part	2	I already live in the city of Soldotna,
	of the city, and neither do any of these people.	3	and you guys fail. I have to call repeatedly to get my
4	VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: Thank you.		road graded. Oftentimes, I just have to use my work
5	Susan Mathews.		truck and grade my own way out in the snow.
6	SUSAN MATHEWS: Hi. I'm Susan Mathews, I	6	You can tell I'm a little bit nervous up
7	live at 46150 Sather Court. I'm a K-Beach area person,	7	here, so.
	and I identify myself as a K-Beach area person.	8	Twenty-three percent of Soldotna
9	K-Beach is a community. It doesn't have	9	residents do not receive basic services, that's in your
10	lines excluding and including, but K-Beach is a tight		study. I'm here to say you need to provide services to
	community, we support each other.		all of Soldotna before you annex and try to tax another
12	You're trying to take away all the		group of people. It's just wrong. It's like
13	businesses from that community who honestly work		colonization, we don't do that anymore.
	together. It's a community. We support each other.	14	That's all I've got to say. Thank you.
15	I'm just one person. My land is not,	15	VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: Thank you, Mr.
16	this time, within the annexation program, but as many	16	Henry.
17	other people have said, it probably will be in some	17	Ms. Mustard.
	future time when you actually want the residential	18	GRISELDA MUSTARD: Hi. My name is
	areas.	19	Griselda Mustard, I'm from Soldotna, Marydale Avenue.
20	I have big concerns about the way that	20	Everybody said what I wanted to say. I need to
21	the process has gone. I compliment you. You followed	21	reinforce all of this.
22	every step, every meeting that you needed to have, you	22	We don't want it. I mean, I do a lot of
23	just haven't listened to the responses. There is a lot	23	business with all these businesses, I've been up here
24	of us out there.	24	for 40 years, and I love it, raised my kids. And now
25	I don't have a business stake. I don't	25	everything is going to change and go up higher. And
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1	have money riding on it. I have my life and how I live	1	really that's what I want, is you not to have the money
	it with my friends and the people in that area. And I		and us to have the money.
3	think it's more than just 400-some people that you are	3	So that's how I feel. Thank you.
4	trying to annex. There's a lot more people who will be	4	VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: Thank you.
	affected by that.	5	Mr. Olson.
6	And I sincerely wish that these meetings	6	MR. OLSON: Brian Olson, Soldotna,
7	would end up in someone listening. I don't see that	7	Alaska.
8	happening. It's been going on for so many years. Just	8	Forced annexation is anathema to the
9	this last has been three years of so many meetings, so	9	democratic process. It appalls me that in this day and
10	much time and effort from all these people who take	10	age the Soldotna City Council, who do not represent the
11	away from businesses, take away from family time to	11	folks living outside the city limits, can annex land
12	come and say, once again, please, we don't want to be	12	without the explicit consent of the residents and the
13	annexed.	13	businesses.
14	Thank you.	14	Borough residents have zero
15	VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: Thank you.	15	representation on the city council but will have their
16	Next up will be Charles Henry, Griselda	16	property rights and lives forever changed.
17	Mustard, Brian Olson, Gene Moyer, and Dan Green.	17	We went through this ugly and contentious
18	Mr. Henry.	18	process when Soldotna attempted to annex us back in
19	CHARLES HENRY: Mr. Vice Mayor, council		2005 to 2008. It resulted in many people in the
20		20	borough having strong feelings towards the city for
	showing up today and allowing us this opportunity.		trying to annex property without a vote.
22	Personally, I'm here to talk to these	22	The only reason many of us are not city
	folks and you. I am a Soldotna city resident, and I'm		residents today is because of a veto by then-Mayor Dave
	against the annexation based on the idea that you are		Carey. Thank you, Mayor Carey. He espoused the same
25	going to annex some people and you are not going to	25	views our forefathers did. Nowhere in America should

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1	any citizen be governed by people they did not elect,	1	GENE MOYER: Gene Moyer, I live off of
2	that is taxation without representation.	2	Echo Lake Road. I have apartments outside of the city
3	Nothing is different this time around.	3	of Soldotna. My tenants are not all the ones that can
4	In fact, the anger towards the city has risen, and the	4	afford an increase should you ever annex that just on
	overwhelming majority of borough residents are	5	down Echo Lake Road.
6	adamantly opposed to any annexation without a vote.	6	But my first question is, is there
7	It appears the city couldn't care less		anybody in this audience or anybody here that's on that
	about the wishes of the residents who will be		boundary commission? Anybody? How come we don't have
	irreversibly affected by this. You have shown complete		anybody in the boundary commission here to hear all
	disregard of the impact annexation will have on borough		this opposition? Is that something they are
	residents, not just those in the selected areas.		restricted, not supposed to listen to these public
12	Borough residents have packed the city		hearings? I'd really like to know an answer to that.
	hall for the past five years explaining we do not want		Anybody give it to me? Nobody seems to want to.
	to be annexed. The city was presented with petitions and polls showing that over 90 percent of all the	14	Do you remember MarkAir? They did a good job here for a while, but all of a sudden they wanted
	businesses in the affected areas were opposed to		to expand. Guess what happened to MarkAir? They went
	annexation to no avail. Even your own \$50,000		down.
	consultant reported the overwhelming opposition against	18	I see that with Soldotna. You are a good
	forced annexation.		little city. Make it a better city. Make it better.
20	Last September, the Kenai Peninsula		Do the things. Some of these folks said they need more
21	Borough Assembly passed Resolution 2018-036, a	21	services. Take that money that you are spending around
22	resolution opposing the City of Soldotna plan to annex	22	and take care of your people inside the city so those
	adjacent property without seeking voter approval. This		people are happier, and maybe the next time they might
	body of government represents over 50,000 residents of		support.
25	the Kenai Peninsula Borough. We are all proud to live	25	But let's look at this thing. Maybe you
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	move forward and completely ignore these issues.	2	If the annexation goes through, Alaska
	Numerous times over the years the people affected by	3	Ammo won't be part of the community for long. The lack
	annexation have sent a message loud and clear to this		of city tax has allowed new businesses like Alaska Ammo
	council that they are not in favor of annexation,		to come to the area. The new businesses in the area
	especially forced annexation.		help out the people in city limits with employment and
7	So what are we doing here today? Is this		new companies to add to what's available in the area.
8	simply another hearing required to complete the	8	Operating within city limits will prevent
	annexation process so the city can check all the boxes		growth that Alaska Ammo needs, not just taxes that
	and submit the final petition to the boundary		could otherwise be used to develop the location, but
	commission? Is this hearing a waste of people's time		also a proposed indoor gun range.
	or are the six individuals, are you six individuals	12	We will not benefit from the city
	going to seriously consider the requests of these	13	services in a way that will better our growth. As it
	people that are testifying here today? Do you not care		stands right now, we have a good deal of business that
	how forced annexation affects this group of property		we get through our doors solely because we don't have
	owners? I don't understand that. It's beyond me.		city taxes. If this passes through, we lose that edge
17	This annexation effort is going to		over big businesses in the area, namely Sportsman's.
18	dramatically change people's personal property rights.		We have nothing to gain and business to lose when this
	You seem to have no interest in allowing a vote, and		passes. Thank you.
20	that's unfair, and unnecessary, and unjustified. You	20	VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: Thank you, sir.
21	are affecting these people's lives, their property	21	Megan Swanson.
22	rights, and you don't seem to care.	22	MEGAN SWANSON: Hello. I am Megan
23	We have members of the state legislative	23	Swanson, I am actually a property owner of the city of
24	branches here today, and it's my hope they are	24	Soldotna, and I also have interest in the annexed
25	listening. If this annexation petition works through	25	areas. My family owns and operates several businesses
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Page 70 Page 72 1 jobs. We'd be losing funding simply by the city taking 1 see the effect. You know, I go to Save-U-More, and 2 over certain areas that is being maintained very 2 extra 3 percent is an extra 3 percent, and you add that 3 up over the year, and of course the five years, it adds 3 effectively by borough subcontractors. 4 You also had -- in the petition it 4 up to a sum. 5 discusses, and the gentleman down there for the city, I'll also echo that the road service that 5 6 you know, for the annexation stated that he doesn't get 6 I already have through the borough contractor, and I 7 any troopers or anything in that area. But in the 7 don't know if it's Ms. Swanson's family doing it or 8 petition it discusses that the city is already offering who, they do a wonderful job. I've lived on Silverweed 8 9 city services, like police efforts, to close outlining 9 Street, I grew up on Silverweed Street, which I don't 10 and surrounding areas. But if that gentleman lives 10 think is included, but it's off of West Poppy, and we 11 just a block away and he's not getting any, you know, 11 were maintaining it ourselves, and that was back before 12 police, then where are you guys sending your city 12 it was -- is developed as it is now. police officers to that are not currently inside the 13 I'm relatively fresh out of high school. 13 14 city limits? 14 I got out of high school, like, six or seven years ago. 15 And then -- discussing about the schools 15 I took Alaska government, and the whole thing was you 16 and how there was over 2,000 students that attend 16 have a voice, and let it be heard. 17 schools inside the borough -- or inside the city. Most 17 It's not news to you folks, and I of them live inside the city limits and their -- that's 18 appreciate the eye contact by the way, that we don't 18 their schools, where their boundaries are. 19 want this. These services, these benefits are not 19 20 I just hope you guys really think about 20 being asked for. We are not giving consent, which is a 21 what you are possibly doing to local businesses that 21 huge thing in other aspects of social interaction. 22 don't want to be inside in the city limits, that have So why is it that something like this, 22 chosen for 20, 30, 40 years to be outside the city 23 something that affects us, the lifestyles that we 23 24 limits, and now you are forcing this upon us. 24 maintain, not necessarily the money, because if the 25 And as far as my experience goes 25 borough property taxes are, in fact, more expensive Page 71 Page 73 1 personally with the city, I have a property that is on 1 than city taxes, that would be a good thing for me, but 2 one of the only gravel roads in the city, and it is 2 it's the lifestyle change. I don't want that. I want 3 never maintained. 3 the freedom. I want to be able to throw up a shed and And like many people have said, focus on 4 not have to worry about whether it's in code. 4 5 maintaining the city. Bring the standards up to what 5 I just built a deck this summer that I 6 you guys are expecting for your small area and leave 6 put a lot of research into and even looked up the City 7 the rest to be done as is, because it seems to be doing 7 of Soldotna's recommendations for snow load, because 8 annexation, I wanted it to be right, plus I didn't want 8 just fine. Thank you. 9 VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: Thank you, Ms. 9 it to crap out on me either. But that's something that 10 I want to take upon myself to build it the way I wanted 10 Swanson. 11 Trevor Earll. 11 to because I had the money to do it. There are other TREVOR EARLL: Trevor Earll, I live on 12 people that need to do things around their homes who 12 Commerce Street across from where Ravin has Gama's 13 don't necessarily have the access to financial 13 14 resources like I do. 14 Design. 15 I will just echo what everyone said. The 15 And the other thing, too, is this isn't 16 first lady who spoke said she wants to be able to teach 16 representative of everybody who lives here. I have her daughter how to ride an ATV. I have a 3-year-old, 17 17 buddies on the Slope right now who aren't here but live I want to be able to do the same thing. 18 in the affected zones, and I know they are pissed off 18 Squirrels come into my yard, I want to 19 and mad about it. 19 20 blow them away, not necessarily with a shotgun, that's 20 So I would appreciate it if you guys 21 would listen to us and put it up to a vote, and then 21 a little overkill, but I also don't want the, you know, 22 cops showing up because I'm trying to get rid of a 22 vote no and just quit. Improve the city with the sales 23 pest. 23 tax dollars that we provide shopping at Safeway or Fred 24 Businesses, I don't personally own 24 Meyers and all the other businesses, and do good with 25 businesses or property or anything like that, but I can 25 what you got, and let us live our lives. Thanks.

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1	VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: Thanks, Mr. Earll.		off from the Slope," or "I just" you know, blah,
2	Mr. Cizek.		blah, blah.
3	ANDY CIZEK: Good afternoon, and thanks	3	So more taxation is going to drive more
	for the opportunity to express our opinions. I do hope		out, okay. So you guys are kind of going down the
5	it's heard, as the rest do as well.		wrong road not kind of, you are going down the wrong
6	We live just outside of Soldotna up above	6	road unless you want to chase more people out, and
7	the Food Bank there, but we do have several rental	7	that's going to hurt your tax bases more yet.
8	properties in the area, proposed annexation.	8	Roughly every time we come into Soldotna
9	And this isn't the first time it has come	9	we are paying taxes, okay, whether it be at the grocery
10	up. It was only a few years ago that we were doing the	10	store or at Trustworthy or where the heck ever you are
11	same thing, and it got voted down, and it was like six	11	buying things at. You are taxed on food, you are taxed
	months later you guys tried another one, "Well, maybe		on shopping, taxed on the airplane parking.
	if we don't tax the people who are renting these	13	And you guys, you know, all I ever hear
	places, maybe we can get the vote through." Well, no,		is, "Oh, you can't take care of the airport because oh,
	it didn't pass then again.		we are too busy doing everything else." And, you know,
16	Okay, so it's kind of a broken record,		granted, I believe you are, but if you can't do what
	you guys. And, I mean, there's been more than that.		you're already slated to do, don't try to eat more,
	This is just fairly recent in the last few years that		okay, don't try to take on more.
	this has all taken place.	19	I see my time is up. I did have a few
20	•		more things to say, but thank you for your time.
	And as far as your services provided, when we drive into Soldotna, especially your snow	20	VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: Thank you, Mr.
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	plowing, you guys, it drives me insane. You plow the		Cizek.
	road, and you put the snow in the middle of the road.	23	Next will be Duane Bannock, Charles
	Are you trying to stop traffic? I don't quite get it.		Jackson, Terry Berger, and Daniel Lynch.
25	You know, so and then you are paying	25	Go ahead, Mr. Bannock.
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1	that question? The irony of that question is	1	VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: Thank you, Mr.
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	don't want to live in your city.	3	
4	Finally, while there is little doubt in	4	
5	my mind of the outcome of your actions at your next	5	Berger, and I'm not a resident of Soldotna. I have
6	city council meeting, as responsible tax-paying and	6	property that is in Area 4 that is being considered for
7	local property owners, we wish to strenuously object	7	annexation, and I live on Community College Drive.
8	and formally lodge our objection to being included in	8	I shop in Soldotna. I shop in Kenai.
9	your annexation process. Thank you.	9	They are both nice towns. Kenai is not telling me that
10	VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: Thank you, Mr.	10	I shouldn't deserve to able to use your library because
11	Bannock.	11	I'm not part of Kenai. Soldotna is evidently doing
12	Mr. Jackson.	12	that.
13	CHARLES JACKSON: Hello, I'm Charles	13	I've been to a number of these meetings,
14	Jackson. My family moved to our homestead in '57 out	14	and everybody says, "No, we don't want to be annexed
15	on K-Beach. We were in your earlier proposal of	15	into Soldotna." We have talked to you guys plenty of
16	annexation, but you kindly dropped us out of that.	16	times, and it just doesn't seem to register with you.
17	We are an agricultural family. We've	17	0 ,
	been doing that since we first cleared our homestead in		we had three minutes to speak, and after we were done
	57. Other family members continue to farm the land,		the council members could go ahead and speak
	and becoming part of the city takes that away from a		afterwards. And one of them said, "Well, you guys are
	lifestyle that we've had for 60-plus years.		saying no, but you are not a significant amount of the
22	Other people that moved to this area		area that's being annexed." So I guess that means
	moved here because they wanted to be in the country,		we're not really that we are insignificant to you
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	do with our land as we see fit, not as someone else	3	
	sees fit.		provides those. I don't need anything from the city.
5	As members of this council, you are		The city is not going to give any real services.
	there, you weren't appointed, you were elected,		They've told us that at the meetings, "Well, we might
	correct? You were elected to your position, you ran		be able to get a cop coming through or something." My
	and were voted for? And I don't see any constituents		roads are plowed, they are taken care of. I've got
	out here, to speak of, that voted for you that are		dust control, everything else. I don't really care
	standing behind you right now to say, "Yeah, we want		about that.
	you to annex these different areas."	11	
12	It seems like when people come into an		Okay. I've been saying, "No, I don't want to be
	elective office, they seem to forget about the people		annexed." This spring the voters said, "No, we don't
	that elected them, they forget about the people around		want to spend millions of dollars on a sports center,"
	them.		and it was voted down.
16	Please listen to the people. This is a	16	
17	country of the people and for the people and by the	17	next day or so in the paper was you get people are
18	people.	18	saying, "Well, we are going to bring it up to a vote
19	When we first came here, we weren't even	19	again, we just have to reach these people better." I
20	a state, we were a territory, the Territory of Alaska	20	don't want that. That's exactly one of the reasons I
	because we wanted to be part of the Last Frontier. And		don't want to be part of this city. You guys don't
	we don't want to be part of a city. And all these		really listen to what the people want.
	people here are voicing the same thing, they don't want	23	
	to be part of a city. So please listen to them and		have to hire more people. And I'm going to have to be
25	take their words to heart. Thank you.	25	thinking about, "Gee, there's four people standing

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1	there doing one person's work," when I drive by, now	1	role of city government and that's what you want these	
	I'm going to be part of that, I'm going to be paying		people to be moving into? I don't think so.	
	for those wages.			
		3	The other facilities you referred to are	
4	If I wanted to live in the city, I would		the borough building, the borough hospital, the borough	
	have bought property in the city. And I'm just in		schools, the post office. You don't even have your own	
	agreement with everybody else that's here.		fire station. Kenai has a fire station, Homer has a	
7	Towns generally are formed because		fire station, Soldotna has a Seward has a fire	
	there's an area of opportunity. The city doesn't		station.	
	typically come first. There is a community here that	9	You hitchhike off the borough taxpayers	
	had fishing, farming, oil, and all of that, so there		when there's a shortage of firemen in the outlying	
	was opportunity for a city to come in and business to		areas from Funny River to K-Beach to Sterling, okay,	
	get started and make money at that. So they serviced		and you are hitchhiking off them, and now they got a	
	us, and we serviced them, and now you are telling us	13	big bill in front of them.	
14	that you are more important than we are.	14	So you looked at Knight Drive, you looked	
15	I guess that's about it. Thanks.		at the Knight areas. What is profitable? Not the	
16	VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: Thank you, Mr.		other side of the existing street, that's not	
17	Berger.	17	profitable.	
18	Mr. Lynch.	18	The annexed neighbors, if I buy my	
19	DANIEL LYNCH: Daniel Lynch, 24-year city	19	tobacco from Ms. Patterson, my cost up 3 percent. If I	
20	resident by free choice. First thing I noticed is the	20	buy cannabis, my cost is up 4-and-a-half percent.	
21	candidate Mr. Cox is not here, and the two-town mayor	21	Anything I buy at Save-You-More is up 3 percent. When	
22	is not here who promised nothing would happen without a	22	I get my vehicle fixed at Mr. Lay's, up 3 percent. I	
23	vote of the people.	23	get fuel from Mr. Bannock, up 3 percent, because you	
24	Anyhow, when I get your when I got	24	did what for them?	
25	your handout at the doorway, it says, "Considering."	25	And by the way, all those businesses,	
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2	So I suggest you listen to the people.	2	
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	owners and see how many want to be in your city. You	4	
	have a beautiful city, keep it that way, but quit		now going to take a 15-minute break, and anyone who has
	trying to steal land. Thank you.		not commented or signed up while the public hearing was
7	VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: Thank you, Mr. Ross.		taking place will be given the opportunity to comment
8	Ms. Uchtman.		when we return from the break and sign up on the
9	BRENDA UCHTMAN: Hi. My name is Brenda		sign-up sheets, which are still out there by the front
	Uchtman, and I just purchased some property outside of		door. Thank you very much.
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12	And I wanted the right to have less	12	
	government, less taxes, and less regulations. If I		will come back into session. And we have five more
	want to put up a dog house, I don't want to have to go		individuals who wanted to testify, and that would be
	to the city to get a permit or have it built and having		Ben Hopkins, Daniel Nelson, Shane Webster, Renee
	something like that to be moved in. I wanted to keep		Heeren, and Dave Standerfer.
	my taxes down. I'm nearing retirement and a single	17	Mr. Hopkins, go ahead.
	income, and I'm concerned about the rising prices.	18	BEN HOPKINS: Ben Hopkins. I was
19	I'm concerned that watching the City		undecided if I would speak today, but I represent one
	of Homer, they forced annexation through even though		group I haven't heard yet. I actually live in
	that the residents had voted it down. I know people		Anchorage, but I own two parcels in one of the affected
	who were impacted where the city came in and		areas.
	disrespectfully slaughtered, cut down trees, did not	23	And I wanted to come up and say that
	honor people's property, and just came in, because they	24	large and part, except for one person, I agree with
	were the city, and had people tear down fences, they		everything that was said, and I think everybody can
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2	The net effect to that for me as a		we are currently receiving rather than trying to grab
	manager is I manage my employee level to those sales.		somebody else's money to augment your projects.
	As those sales decrease because it's you call Kenai	4	
	and get it delivered and not pay the 3 percent and		Thank you for your time.
	as we've heard from several people, 3 percent does make	6	
	a difference I lose business.	-	Webster.
8	As I lose business, I lose the	8	Mr. Standerfer.
_	opportunity for growth and I lose the opportunity to	9	
	keep the employees and the opportunities that I have.	-	Standerfer, and I own Standerfer Stoneworks right on
11	l've spoken with the consultants, l've		K-Beach, it's in Area 4.
	spoken with the city. The previous manager, Rick	12	
	Abbott, has done the same. I just feel like we're		been pushing back. Obviously, you all know my face by
	missing some of the thought process in what would be a		now, you are probably tired of seeing me.
	gain, or what you think is a gain will be lost because	15	
	of the income that I will lose in gross sales because	-	bet our retirement on our little business that we
	of the shift of business.		bought out there on K-Beach. I have a lot on the line.
18	So I don't want to eat up a lot of time.	18	0
	That was just what I wanted to say. Thank you.		"Gosh, I can't believe I actually did it, what was I
20	VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: Thank you, Mr.		thinking?" But we are surviving, we're doing okay,
	Nelson.		business is growing.
22	Mr. Webster.	22	
22	SHANE WEBSTER: Hello. My name is Shane		one of the reasons I bought that business is because it
	Webster. I do not own property in the proposed annex		was outside the city, and I looked at that as just
	areas, however, I have family that does that could not		being a little more freedom to do things exactly the
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	side on things the buildings that Sean Cude talked		the last name on our list that signed in to okay, we
	about that he's put up on K-Beach, they are beautiful,		have two more. Margaret Moran and Edward Lee.
	he's doing it right. If I were to build a building, I	4	MARGARET MORAN: I'm Margaret Moran.
	would do it exactly the same way. I don't need		We've lived here in excess of 40 years. We've paid
	somebody, you know, from the city looking over my		taxes in Soldotna all of that time shopping in Soldotna
	shoulder for everything that I do.		city limits. We don't live in Soldotna city limits.
8	So I'm a little cynical on this whole	8	And if you look at your map there, how
_	thing because I've been to so many of these meetings	_	many voters are there in that southern district, in the
	the last couple of years, and for whatever reason you		Tsalteshi Trail area? None.
	all don't seem to really hear what we are saying.	11	Did you calculate how many voters are in
12	We all know that this is a money grab,		that business district along K-Beach? Did you
	that's all it is. You can tell me otherwise, but I'm		understand that those people who own those businesses
	sorry, at this point, I don't I don't believe you.		will not have a vote? They don't live in Soldotna.
15	Soldotna is doing good with the tax		But you will impact their business, you will impact all
	revenue you are getting now. Live within your means,		of us, and you are just grabbing money up there in a
	and let us do our thing out there, and just leave us		resident in a business district, not residential.
	alone, that's all I'm asking.	18	You are not going to provide services.
19	Oh, one other thing. You all done a real		Did you calculate that? Did you figure out, "Oh, we
20	good job of energizing us lately, so we are happy to		could get this much money in taxes, and we won't have
	follow this whole process to Juneau. Whatever we've		to provide anything? It's a win-win. It won't cost us
	got to do, we'll follow what you all decisions you		a thing. We'll grab the money off of that business
	all make. We are going to follow it to the ballot box,		area, we are not going to provide anything to any
	and we'll be there. We are all pretty fired up now,		residential area, any people who actually need some
	and it's beautiful to see this many people. So that's		services"? No, you are not going to do that.
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1	don't even know if it's s a quarter-mile from the city	1	council members have a closing comment they would like,
	council, probably not. It's not even paved.		starting with Mr. Chilson.
3		3	COUNCIL MEMBER CHILSON: Well, first of
4	would think if you cannot provide services to a quarter	4	all, I would like to thank all of you for coming out
5	of your people if what the person said earlier that	5	this afternoon. I know this has been a highly divisive
6	you are not providing services to a 23 percent you	6	issue through the years leading up to this point. And
	shouldn't be even considering expanding and you	7	I just, you know, one of the things we keep hearing is
8	shouldn't be allowed to.		that we don't listen, your voices carry no weight, they
9	5	9	fall on deaf ears. I don't believe that's the case.
10		10	I believe that there is a middle ground
11	5		that we can come together and find. And so far I feel
	and I live on 36185 Kenai Spur Highway.		like we are already progressing to that point. You
13	5		know, we've heard from numerous people over our
	commend you for volunteering to just basically be		meetings leading to the point that they do not want to
	roasted in front a whole bunch of people, so I commend		live in the city, and we have listened to that to a certain extent, and we have dropped several areas from
10	you for that. Secondly though, I will have to say that		annexation. We've also made modifications to a number
18			of our areas to leave out the residential districts
	areas, of the targeted areas, just mainly because, even		where people don't want to be part of our city.
	though I'm an advocate for change, I feel like this	20	The other thing is that we have the
	change is very drastic, to the point that, like, it		ability to do mixed-use zoning. Just because you are
	might be maybe detrimental.		part of the city does not necessarily mean that you
23			have to live a lifestyle that's consistent with those
24	increase in tax, the 3 percent tax. I know that as a	24	that live in the center of our urban area downtown in
25	small business owner I have to be competitive with,	25	Soldotna.
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1	like, stores like Fred Meyer's and Safeway and, you	1	I am very much an advocate of protecting
	know, they have, like, you know, raging deals all the	2	a way of life. You know, you people have made it very
3	time. To increase sales tax 3 percent more, I would	3	clear that you have chosen to live outside the city for
4	have to charge my customers 3 percent more, which	4	a reason, and I believe that we can find a middle
	would which I'd have to be which would make it	5	ground where we can allow preservation of that
6	even harder to be competitive with big markets like	6	lifestyle.
7	that.	7	The last thing I will leave this with is
8			our choice to pursue the legislative option does
	speaking.		empower businesses to have a voice. The local option
10			does not give businesses an ability to vote in this
	owned a business out in Ridgeway for almost 40 years,		process. And due to the fact that the majority of this
	and, I guess, like, we've always done things one way		area is business-centric, I want businesses to have a voice in this process, and by going down the route that
	and it's always worked, little changes here and there have always worked.		brings in the Local Boundary Commission, which was
15	-		established by the framers of our constitution to act
	annexation, who knows, there might be a chance that it		as a neutral third party, to take the facts and
17		17	objectively recommend a path forward that's in the best
18			interest of all parties.
19		19	So I highly encourage you to use your
20		20	voice, reach out to the Local Boundary Commission.
21	VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: Thank you, Mr. Lee.	21	Please continue to reach out to us. I'm always
22	That was the last name we have on our	22	available. I want to hear your feedback, and I'm
	sign-up list to testify. So we thank everyone who came	23	interested in finding that middle ground.
	to this meeting and provided their comments.	24	So thank you for coming out, and please
25	And now I'm going to ask if any of the	25	know that your voices are not falling on deaf ears.
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1	Thank you.	1	CERTIFICATE
2	VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: Mr. Cashman.	2	I, Sheila Garrant, transcriber, do hereby certify
2	COUNCIL MEMBER CASHMAN: I'd just like to	3	that the foregoing pages numbered 1 through page 103
-	thank you all for coming out. I know it's tough to sit	4	are a true, accurate, and complete transcript of
	up here and give your testimony. It's certainly very	5	proceedings transcribed by me from a copy of the
	valued, and thank you guys very much for coming out	6	electronic sound recording to the best of my knowledge
		7	and ability.
	here. VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: Ms. Parker.	8	-
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9	COUNCIL MEMBER PARKER: I would just	10	September 22, 2019
	reiterate with what both Mr. Cashman and Jordan have	11	Date Sheila Garrant, Transcriber
	said. It is a difficult process. We have the areas	12	
	where people have asked for the city water and sewer,	13	
	and they said, "Yes, we'll become part of the city when	14	
	you extend this to us."		
15	So it will be interesting discussion next	15	
	week. I regret that I will not be at the meeting on	16	
	Thursday night, but the voices of the 30-plus, 35	17	
	people who testified, with only one testifying in favor	18	
	and the 34 against, were definitely heard.	19	
20	So thank you for coming out, and we will	20	
	see you at our next meeting.	21	
22	VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: Mr. Ruffridge.	22	
23	COUNCIL MEMBER RUFFRIDGE: I would also	23	
	just like to say thank you to everyone who came out,	24	
25	took time to let your voices be heard.	25	
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1	I was remarking earlier that I had not		
	taken this many notes since college, but I do have		
3			
	highlights that each of you each of you brought out.		
5	I do take these things very seriously,		
6	otherwise I don't think any sane person would choose to		
	do what we're trying to do up here. We do listen and		
	really appreciate taking effort, and I know I do. And		
	I will be looking these over and hope to see you guys		
	next week as well. Thank you.		
11	VICE MAYOR WHITNEY: Again, I would like		
12	to thank everyone for taking their time out on a		
13	Saturday afternoon to come down here and voice your		
14	opinions, we appreciate that, we listen, and there are		
15	still more hearings to come.		
16	Our next regular city council meeting is		
17	Thursday, September 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the city		
18	council chambers on Birch Street.		
19	And with that, seeing no other business		
20	in front of us, we are adjourned.		
21	(Meeting adjourned)		
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Exhibit H

Attachment 3- Written Comments from the Pre-Submission Public Hearing

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From:	Dan Nelson (AK) <dan.nelson@sbsalaska.com></dan.nelson@sbsalaska.com>
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То:	City Clerk
Subject:	Annexation Public Comment

To whom it may concern,

The City of Soldotna draft proposal for annexation of the property from which Spenard Builders Supply operates will as stated in numerous past conversations with Rick Abbott and myself hurt the day to day business that we conduct.

It appears that your one of the central arguments for annexation include to provide better equity among businesses. In the case of Spenard Builders Supply this annexation does exactly the opposite. The current map/proposal clearly shows our nearest competition (Builder's Choice) has been left out of the annexation while the property around that business appears to be in the area. This means our total sales price is automatically 3% more on a sale up to \$500 than Builder's Choice who are only 5 miles down the road. These economic times require us to be very cognizant of the market and costs in order to keep the business in our branch. This annexation will also create a disparity between our own two branches. The shift of business from this branch location to our Kenai location will be real and result in a loss of income. That loss in income will result in less employment opportunities in the Soldotna area with our company.

The City refers to greater demands placed upon city services and resources. I would argue that annexation will create greater demands. The city police will have to respond versus State troopers to crime related problems that exist within the boundaries of Spenard Builder's Supply Soldotna. Currently that is not the case. The costs will far outweigh the tax advantage.

The need to plan for growth as it relates to the properties adjacent to our business is not an argument as we have not changed our footprint in over 30 years and this property backs to the moose range. The City has always been a good neighbor for our business and we would advocate for keeping things as they are.

It is clear the proposed annexation of the property located at 48855 Funny River Road, operating as Spenard Builders Supply, is a clear attempt to increase the taxes collected without looking at the expenses associated with this "land grab". The ability to participate in local government decisions is a mute point as we have expressed several times over a many years the desire to be left out of this annexation process.

Sincerely

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I have been told that the Soldatna City Council plans to annex my neighborhood into the city without taking it to a citizens' vote. There have been previous votes where this plan was soundly rejected, and so this seems like an underhanded attempt to ignore the voters' voices.

As the original resident on Oehler Road, I have lived on my small farm for forty years. I see no need for annexation. This is a rural area and we should not have to comply to rules and regulations that apply to city dwellers. It would be a waste of time, money, and resources for Animal Control to patrol my road, waiting for my rooster to crow so they could write a violation.

I also object to being annexed just so the city can tax me for services I do not use and do not need

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Handed in personally at the Public Hearing 9-7-2019

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