

Appendix C - Public Comments, by Issue

	Issue	Comment	Community	Date	Source	Commentator
1	Apportionment	It is dangerous for Elfin Cove, which has such a small population, to be in a borough with large communities like Hoonah. They could initially agree to our terms and later outvote Elfin Cove at the polls.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Gloria Hendricks
2	Apportionment	If a borough forms, how could Funter Bay be represented? Will we have the option of a seat on the borough assembly?	Funter Bay	5/16/2007	Email	Donna & Phil Emerson
3	Apportionment	Small communities could be at the mercy of larger communities, like Hoonah, that have larger voting populations.	Gustavus	5/5/2007	Comment Form	Cable Wells
4	Apportionment	There are no guarantees that each community could have a seat on the Borough Assembly and School Board.	Gustavus	5/5/2007	Comment Form	Lacie Lester
5	Apportionment	The suggestion that each community have an elected member on the assembly is not viable. Possibility of a community without an individual with an interest or a qualified candidate. Small population communities could market their vote, i.e., Elfin Cove (32 pop.), Game Creek (35 pop.), Cube Cove (72 pop.), Pelican (163 pop.) and Tenakee Springs (104 pop.). Total 406/5 communities. Average 81 per community. The previous statement has <u>no</u> intended pejorative connotations; rather it is an observation of the necessity of small communities competing for scarce resources within the borough.	Gustavus	5/4/2007	Email	Thomas Imboden
6	Apportionment	It is very important that each community be guaranteed a seat on the Borough Assembly and School Board.	Gustavus	5/3/2007	Comment Form	Aimee Youmans
7	Apportionment	How, as a small community, are we assured that we will retain the apportionment option which includes one vote for each community? Are large communities willing to do this?	Gustavus	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
8	Apportionment	Each community must be guaranteed a seat on the Borough Assembly and School Board. Seats should not be based strictly on population.	Gustavus	5/2/2007	Comment Form	Kate Boesser
9	Apportionment	It is very important that every community have a seat on the assembly and that every community have an equal say.	Gustavus	4/23/2007	Comment Form	Thomas McLaughlin
10	Apportionment	It is essential that each community is guaranteed a seat on the Borough Assembly and School Board.	Gustavus	4/20/2007	Comment Form	Carolyn Edelman
11	Apportionment	Equal representation in a Glacier Bay Chatham borough is essential, it would have to be guaranteed in a petition. However, there is concern that after formed larger communities would change rules and form a borough simply to share financial responsibility.	Gustavus	4/20/2007	Letter	Diane Klawunder

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12	Apportionment	It is necessary that all communities are guaranteed a seat on a Borough Assembly and School Board.	Gustavus	4/19/2007	Comment Form	JoAnn Lesh
13	Apportionment	It is very important that all communities have a seat on a borough assembly & school board.	Gustavus	4/17/2007	Comment Form	Becky King
14	Apportionment	How would reapportionment work in a borough?	Gustavus	4/10/2007	Public Meeting	Ken Klawunder
15	Apportionment	It is very important that each community be represented in a Borough Assembly and School Board.	Gustavus	Apr-07	Comment Form	Judy Brakel
16	Apportionment	The apportionment option, where one person from each community has a seat on the assembly, would be ideal.	Kake	4/5/2007	Open House	Henrich Kadake
17	Apportionment	We can only support it if all communities have equal representation, rather than proportional representation, on both the borough formation commission and the borough assembly.	Pelican	3/26/2007	Letter	Norm & Linda Carson
18	Apportionment	Could Funter Bay be considered another community for apportionment?	Pelican	3/20/2007	Public Meeting	Diane Zmarek, Tenakee Springs
19	Apportionment	A Pelican borough assembly candidate could be someone that doesn't win the majority of Pelican's votes; Hoonah could use someone from Pelican who wins.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Public Meeting	Keith Heller
20	Apportionment	It is very important that every community have a seat on an assembly and school board.	Tenakee Springs	4/13/2007	Comment Form	Elizabeth Shaw
21	Apportionment	All communities in the borough should be fairly represented; everyone should have a voice.	Tenakee Springs	3/30/2007	Public Meeting	Cynthia Meyer
22	Apportionment	If a borough formed with a voting option where people from outside the community voted for your local candidates, then your candidates would have to campaign in other communities.	Tenakee Springs	3/30/2007	Public Meeting	Don Pegues
23	Apportionment	Can borough elections restrict voters to voting on candidates in their own election district? For example, Angoon residents would only vote for Angoon candidates.	Tenakee Springs	3/30/2007	Public Meeting	Megs Testarmata
24	Apportionment	What is the process for changing the apportionment scheme? Specifically, how can you change voting and/or residency requirements after the borough has formed?	Tenakee Springs	3/30/2007	Public Meeting	Megs Testarmata
25	Apportionment	Before discussing the possibility of forming a borough with other communities, Elfin Cove must insist that it have a voice that is equal to other communities; and (2) that a fair portion of borough-generated revenue be passed back to the Elfin Cove community.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Shirley Perkins

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26	Apportionment	Under the apportionment option that has one election district with residency areas and all vote for all, Hoonah would be voting in the representative from Gustavus. What if it was one locals did not support?	Gustavus	4/10/2007	Public Meeting	Lewis Sharman
27	Apportionment	Other villages in northern Alaska have had success with similar apportionment options where everyone gets a representative.	Hoonah	3/22/2007	Public Meeting	Charles Kingsland
28	Apportionment	The at-large voting scheme with residency areas would be the best apportionment option for the proposed borough.	Kake	4/5/2007	Public Meeting	Eric Gebhart
29	Apportionment	All communities must have representation on a borough assembly.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Open House	Linda Carson
30	Apportionment	Pelican should not be in a borough unless they have a seat on the assembly.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Open House	Tamara Lundahl
31	Be Pro-Active	No one wants to form a borough, but we need to control our own destiny and pay attention to this or we'll get left behind. According to the Alaska Constitution, all land and communities must be in a borough sooner or later. Forming a borough will block other communities from absorbing Angoon. Southeast boroughs will try to annex Angoon, like they have in the past and like Juneau is doing now. Angoon will have more land control. In the past, Angoon has chosen to take no action and lost lands that should have been part of the community, like Killisnoo Island and Hood Bay Cannery. This is the consequence if we take no action.	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Frank W. Sharp
32	Be Pro-Active	If Elfin Cove does not willingly join a borough, it runs the risk of being annexed.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Scott Visscher
33	Be Pro-Active	We do need to be prepared for the future; we don't want to be left out.	Gustavus	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
34	Be Pro-Active	Gustavus does not want to join a borough, but its residents want to be prepared in case it happens in the future.	Gustavus	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
35	Be Pro-Active	Hoonah would like our community and our region to be pro-active.	Hoonah	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
36	Borough - No	Angoon is against joining a Glacier Bay Chatham borough, but needs to learn more about its potential and how it might bring opportunities to Angoon.	Angoon	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
37	Borough - No	The state hasn't given good service to Angoon (an example is the ferry service); why would a borough?	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Ed Gamble, Sr.
38	Borough - No	We are concerned that we are being "pushed into a borough;" this a community decision. This is trespassing.	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Ed Gamble, Sr.
39	Borough - No	Forming a borough is another way for the state to step in and negatively impact the Alaska Native way of life, to take away our right to subsistence.	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Floyd G. Jim
40	Borough - No	The borough option seems like a good idea, but there are unseen catches that could mean dire consequences for our residents.	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Jenny Jim

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41	Borough - No	As a business owner, the current proposal does not help us or do anything for us.	Elfin Cove	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
42	Borough - No	This borough is not a good model for Elfin Cove. We would like to see the State help identify other governmental models or options that could work better for Elfin Cove rather than emphasizing boroughs.	Elfin Cove	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
43	Borough - No	The main benefit for forming a borough is inconsequential to Elfin Cove; it has no school.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Lane Ply
44	Borough - No	The majority of people in Elfin Cove do not want a borough. Most residents live in Elfin Cove because it has so little government.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Pattie Lewis
45	Borough - No	The majority of people in Elfin Cove do not want to be a part of a Hoonah Borough.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Travis Lewis
46	Borough - No	Juneau Assembly has made it clear that the balance of Admiralty Island is considered to belong with Juneau. We prefer to remain in the constitutionally recognized unorganized borough.	Funter Bay	5/16/2007	Email	Donna & Phil Emerson
47	Borough - No	Unnecessary bureaucracy is anathema to the more creative means required to build infrastructure with limited funds.	Gustavus	4/30/2008	Letter	Charlie Rice
48	Borough - No	Opposed to the borough concept. After living in Juneau and seeing the administratively top heavy adjust tax rates on a whim to cover budget shortfalls, it was a dream to find a place like Gustavus, without government, to live.	Gustavus	5/5/2007	Comment Form	Cable Wells
49	Borough - No	I would receive no services from a borough, I provide my own water and sewer. Can't think of anything a borough could offer the community; Gustavus should not be in a borough. The cost of administration would outweigh any benefits.	Gustavus	5/5/2007	Comment Form	Cable Wells
50	Borough - No	The borough concept is just a "tax grab," mimicking the Excursion Inlet situation.	Gustavus	5/5/2007	Comment Form	Cable Wells
51	Borough - No	It is preferred that Gustavus not join any borough; completely opposed to borough concept.	Gustavus	5/5/2007	Comment Form	Lacie Lester
52	Borough - No	Borough idea presented lacks benefit or merit and should be abandoned. There is no advantage for Gustavus to be in a borough with Hoonah. The community is unanimously opposed.	Gustavus	5/2/2007	Comment Form	Arch Thompson
53	Borough - No	In question 3, premise that we need to raise \$500,000 through borough taxes is exact reason why we do not need a borough.	Gustavus	5/2/2007	Comment Form	Arch Thompson
54	Borough - No	We have fought for equal funding and representation on Chatham REAA school board for years. We do not want to see this happen to our city, being part of a borough similar to the REAA composition.	Gustavus	5/2/2007	Comment Form	Kate Boesser

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55	Borough - No	There are no characteristics in a Glacier Bay Chatham Borough that would work well.	Gustavus	5/2/2007	Comment Form	Kate Boesser
56	Borough - No	Gustavus residents are unanimous in opposing a Glacier Bay Chatham Borough.	Gustavus	5/1/2007	Letter	John & Lois Nixon
57	Borough - No	Gustavus already has plenty of local issues to take care of locally.	Gustavus	5/1/2007	Letter	John & Lois Nixon
58	Borough - No	We have heard that an estimated 8% of the population lives in 92% of Alaska's land that comprises the unincorporated borough. These statistics speak volumes regarding common sense.	Gustavus	5/1/2007	Letter	John & Lois Nixon
59	Borough - No	No one in Gustavus supports this mega borough.	Gustavus	4/23/2007	Comment Form	Thomas McLaughlin
60	Borough - No	Gustavus has nothing to gain from a borough.	Gustavus	4/20/2007	Letter	Diane Klawunder
61	Borough - No	Do not want to be part of this borough under any circumstances. The present unincorporated borough is the best model for the community.	Gustavus	4/20/2007	Comment Form	Marilyn & John Jackson
62	Borough - No	We are a small town that is working. We all contribute time and money . Please do not change that by imposing a borough on us.	Gustavus	4/20/2007	Letter	Marilyn Jackson
63	Borough - No	In the Short Term, Gustavus should oppose the borough concept strenuously, by (1) formulate a draft resolution against Gustavus' inclusion in any borough; (2) widely disseminate this draft among the citizenry to determine the degree of support for this stand; (3) present the resolution as amended per public comment at the May meeting of potentially affected communities; (4) contact other small communities included in the borough concept to facilitate a united stand on this issue; and (5) vigorously oppose our inclusion in a borough at the May meeting, as much as possible in concert with other communities.	Gustavus	4/19/2007	Letter	Greg Streveler
64	Borough - No	No borough.	Gustavus	4/19/2007	Comment Form	Karlyn Sellards
65	Borough - No	The borough would not benefit Gustavus in any substantial way; it would not receive any added services above what it already has.	Gustavus	4/19/2007	Email	Lynne & George Jensen
66	Borough - No	General position is one of opposition to the borough as drawn.	Gustavus	4/18/2007	Comment Form	William E. Brown
67	Borough - No	Not in favor of Glacier Bay Chatham Borough.	Gustavus	4/17/2007	Comment Form	Becky King
68	Borough - No	Do not support a borough.	Gustavus	Apr 2007	Comment Form	Judy Brakel

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69	Borough - No	Conflicts could prevail as the communities in this study could run from laissez-faire to socialism and suspicion and antagonism between the communities could be further exacerbated by material differences in population. Economic growth will not resolve these issues. Political benefits brought to this region by forming a borough are conceptual. The borough could be politically stronger than the region is today, but this is a zero sum position. We will still be small surrounded by more powerful players.	Pelican	4/24/2007	Email	Bob Leshner
70	Borough - No	Oppose this project.	Pelican	4/24/2007	Email	Bob Leshner
71	Borough - No	Currently against the borough idea because: (1) The benefits are not obvious. There is no proof that it will bring Pelican residents a better life. (2) Local jobs would be lost in a community that doesn't have many jobs to begin with.	Pelican	3/21/2007	Open House	Alan Stewart
72	Borough - No	The benefits of forming a borough aren't immediately obvious. There are some economic ones, but the numbers are marginal.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Public Meeting	Keith Heller
73	Borough - No	Concerns about the borough concept are: (1) The communities are too spread out. (2) Government systems squander renewable resources. (3) There is too much bureaucracy. (4) Pelican already has good infrastructure.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Open House	Richard Lundahl
74	Borough - No	"If it ain't broke, don't fix it," things seem to be running well now.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Public Meeting	Terry Wirta
75	Borough - No	Tenakee Springs would not benefit from a borough and a borough would not benefit from Tenakee Springs.	Tenakee Springs	5/4/2007	Letter	Elizabeth Shaw
76	Borough - No	Urge opposition to forming this proposal's borough.	Tenakee Springs	4/14/2007	Letter	Molly Kemp
77	Borough - No	The only reason to be in a borough is if it can provide positive things to every single resident. The benefits listed in question 2 aren't enough to justify forming a borough.	Tenakee Springs	3/30/2007	Comment Form	Anonymous
78	Borough - Mixed	There is no clear consensus in the Elfin Cove community on borough formation; residents need more information.	Elfin Cove	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
79	Borough - Mixed	The community is mixed; some residents are here primarily to get away from government and taxation, and others want to progress.	Elfin Cove	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
80	Borough - Mixed	Not all Hoonah residents support the borough concept.	Hoonah	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
81	Borough - Mixed	These are tentative opinions but a community consensus on the borough idea has not formed.	Tenakee Springs	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
82	Borough - Yes	The reasons being cited today for considering forming a borough vary; they include: (1) protecting local fisheries, (2) improving our school system, (3) fear of encroachment from other boroughs, and (4) fear of being left behind as others organize around us.	Gustavus	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.

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83	Borough - Yes	If a borough is formed, the schools could potentially benefit, as long as matters are conducted professionally.	Gustavus	4/10/2007	Open House	Dan Zobrist
84	Borough - Yes	A borough would generate more revenue for education and give us a stronger regional voice.	Hoonah	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
85	Borough - Yes	Hoonah would like a borough, but we have no interest in dictating the terms, we want to work cooperatively with other communities.	Hoonah	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
86	Borough - Yes	Regional economies-of-scale will help for education; there will be cost savings in administration that can be passed on to programming and teaching. There also is a lot of talent and expertise around the region, in a borough school district we can learn from each other.	Hoonah	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
87	Borough - Yes	A Glacier Bay Chatham Borough may help to improve or increase ferry service for the region.	Hoonah	3/22/2007	Public Meeting	Jerry Medina
88	Borough - Yes	Kake intends to file a borough petition; we are not sure what the boundaries will be yet or if it will be for a single city borough or if we will team with others, but we are filing.	Kake	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
89	Borough - Yes	The number of Kake residents that would like to join a borough has increased significantly since the first GBCB meeting.	Kake	4/5/2007	Open House	Henrich Kadake
90	Borough - Yes	Through recent financial struggle, Kake has learned that it is more difficult to run a government on its own than to join a borough and work as a team with other communities.	Kake	4/5/2007	Open House	Henrich Kadake
91	Borough - Yes	A borough may help Kake to fight for land that is rightfully theirs.	Kake	4/5/2007	Open House	Henrich Kadake
92	Borough - Yes	Several Pelican residents support the borough idea.	Pelican	3/21/2007	Conversation	Karen Stepanenko
93	Borough - Yes	The benefits of forming a borough could be: (1) The kids in our communities might get a better education; (2) More regional land use control would exist; and (3) The region would have more voice in state politics.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Open House	Linda Carson
94	Borough - Yes	The teleconference was beneficial in that it proved boroughs do work in some situations; it opened our eyes in a positive way.	Tenakee Springs	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
95	Borough - Yes	Generally, the community is not opposed to a borough because: (1) It fills the need for revenue. If state revenues aren't passed back to the communities though cities would be at risk for bankruptcy; (2) The borough could provide improvements to Tenakee Springs' telecommunications, internet, and docks and harbors.	Tenakee Springs	3/30/2007	Public Meeting	Don Pegues

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96	Borough Boundary or Composition	There is concern about the Juneau Annexation Commission report that recommends annexing much of Admiralty Island to Juneau; this would crush economic opportunities for Angoon. All Local Boundary Commission action on borough formations in Southeast should halt until we all agree on borough boundaries for the region. We, as a region, need to write a letter to the Local Boundary Commission to officially state that Admiralty Island belongs with Angoon. Perhaps we could produce a fiscal study, or a map, and present it to the legislature.	Angoon	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
97	Borough Boundary or Composition	Borough formation laws should be changed to minimize the population requirement of 1,000 (+1) residents.	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Floyd G. Jim
98	Borough Boundary or Composition	Angoon should not join a Hoonah borough because taxes will drag Angoon residents further into poverty.	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Jenny Jim
99	Borough Boundary or Composition	A borough can only be supported if the petition included annexing Greens Creek. How did Juneau annex Greens Creek? Is Greens Creek paying a sales tax to Juneau for resources like silver concentrate? Is it possible to form a delegation of people to ask for a 10% contribution to a non-profit fund from Greens Creek?	Angoon	4/12/2007	Open House	Lenora Walker
100	Borough Boundary or Composition	Angoon would rather form a borough with Kake than with Hoonah or Juneau.	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Unknown
101	Borough Boundary or Composition	Angoon needs to have its own study on a borough boundary it prefers, clearly defining the areas that it wants, such as extending the boundaries past Thomas Bay and Hobart Bay, before the rest of a borough process can begin.	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Walter Jack
102	Borough Boundary or Composition	Fairweather fishing grounds should be on the potential borough map.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Travis Lewis
103	Borough Boundary or Composition	If Hoonah can show a superior model that shows that a merger would benefit both communities, then a unified borough could be considered; until then liability without benefit is wrong.	Gustavus	4/30/2007	Letter	Charlie Rice

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104	Borough Boundary or Composition	If forced, Gustavus could consider forming a unified city-borough government within our existing boundaries and structure. That would avoid the duplication implicit in the larger borough proposal, while allowing us to scale our local government to add functions or revenue sources we lack now, and the seat of government would remain in Gustavus.	Gustavus	4/30/2007	Email	Karen & Mike Taylor
105	Borough Boundary or Composition	Hoonah has not set a positive example of a productive and fiscally responsible city that instills confidence and enthusiasm in communities that could fall under its rule. If Hoonah wants to persuade us to join a borough with them, it needs to demonstrate that its government is a model of administrative efficiency and effectiveness.	Gustavus	4/30/2007	Email	Karen & Mike Taylor
106	Borough Boundary or Composition	The best borough for Gustavus is a smaller one with Tenakee Springs, Pelican, Elfin Cove and Excursion Inlet. Hoonah and Angoon would run over Gustavus in the Glacier Bay Chatham borough concept.	Gustavus	4/23/2007	Comment Form	Thomas McLaughlin
107	Borough Boundary or Composition	I am not in favor of a Glacier Bay Chatham Borough. If Gustavus is forced into borough formation, it should be by itself and not with other communities. Hoonah should join a borough with Angoon, Kake or other areas if it desires a borough and leave Gustavus out of it.	Gustavus	4/17/2007	Comment Form	Ernie King
108	Borough Boundary or Composition	Kake is interested in being part of borough that includes Thomas Bay and the mainland.	Kake	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
109	Borough Boundary or Composition	Kake objects to proposed Petersburg and Wrangell borough boundaries; Kake needs to stand up for its land and rights.	Kake	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
110	Borough Boundary or Composition	Gustavus and Kake have had dialogue about the borough concept, and are both in agreement that the communities are too spread out and have too little in common with each other to be in a common borough.	Kake	4/5/2007	Public Meeting	Delbert Kadake
111	Borough Boundary or Composition	Kake has spent a considerable amount of time researching border/boundary rights in response to Petersburg and Wrangell boundary petitions. The proposed Petersburg boundary does not accurately reflect Kake's ancestral land.	Kake	4/5/2007	Public Meeting	Delbert Kadake
112	Borough Boundary or Composition	The model borough boundaries are not ideal for Kake.	Kake	4/5/2007	Public Meeting	Eric Gebhart
113	Borough Boundary or Composition	If all seven communities joined a borough, our biggest concern is that Hoonah would dominate.	Kake	4/5/2007	Open House	Henrich Kadake

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114	Borough Boundary or Composition	Forming a borough would prevent other boroughs from absorbing or annexing Kake. Kake does not want to be in a borough with Wrangell or Petersburg. Petersburg and Kake are in dispute over borough boundaries and land.	Kake	4/5/2007	Open House	Henrich Kadake
115	Borough Boundary or Composition	Kake would benefit the most by creating a borough with Angoon only because: (1) There would be more state and federal revenue for schools; (2) Travel would not cost as much; (3) Government with fewer communities would run more efficiently; and (4) Kake has more sociocultural and historical links with Angoon than other communities in the region.	Kake	4/5/2007	Open House	Henrich Kadake
116	Borough Boundary or Composition	Kake is inclined not to join with other Glacier Bay communities because: (1) It is too far to travel; (2) Clear communication would be difficult because communities are too far away - teleconferencing is not the way to have a business meeting; and (3) Communication between Hoonah and Kake has caused dissension in the past.	Kake	4/5/2007	Open House	Henrich Kadake
117	Borough Boundary or Composition	Greens Creek, and the area from Lisianski Strait south to Dry Pass in the northwest corner of Sitka's Borough, should be included in this area's borough.	Pelican	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
118	Borough Boundary or Composition	The larger the entity the more likely it will grow into something larger than the original concept. The more entities within the government then proportionally there will be more potential service and project demands. The formation of a borough with seven communities, most of which have little or no regular social or economic interaction, would tend to create an atmosphere of "project trading," ("You support my project and I will support yours.") which results in an increase of taxes for residents. The least government is the best. A small borough, such as a Glacier Bay Borough, is preferable to a larger borough.	Pelican	3/26/2007	Letter	Norm & Linda Carson
119	Borough Boundary or Composition	Favors the borough concept, but does not want to include Kake and Angoon because those communities are too far away, have little in common with Pelican and will stretch a regional government too thin.	Pelican	3/21/2007	Conversation	Karen Stepanenko
120	Borough Boundary or Composition	Could this area request detaching Excursion Inlet from the Haines Borough to be a part of the Glacier Bay Borough?	Pelican	3/20/2007	Public Meeting	Patricia Phillips
121	Borough Boundary or Composition	Could this area request land from Dry Pass be detached from the Sitka Borough and be part of the Glacier Bay Borough?	Pelican	3/20/2007	Public Meeting	Patricia Phillips

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122	Borough Boundary or Composition	Why was Port Alexander not included in the Sitka Borough?	Tenakee Springs	3/30/2007	Public Meeting	Megs Testarmata
123	Borough Formation Process	How does each individual's opinion get weighted when deciding to form a borough?	Angoon	4/12/2007	Open House	Brandon Cullum
124	Borough Formation Process	What are recommendations if Angoon wants to continue working on the borough concept; what is the next step?	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Brandon Cullum
125	Borough Formation Process	The state did not get permission from the community of Angoon to conduct this study, nor did it consult with Angoon about borough and land boundaries, which need to come into compliance before any borough can be formed.	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Ed Gamble, Sr.
126	Borough Formation Process	The federal rules governing the land in this study have not been addressed. The Local Boundary Commission needs to correct other borough boundaries and bring them into compliance with borough formation criteria before new boroughs are formed in Southeast Alaska.	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Ed Gamble, Sr.
127	Borough Formation Process	The Local Boundary Commission has violated its own laws and criteria by creating boroughs with land that is not contiguous and crosses bodies of water.	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Floyd G. Jim
128	Borough Formation Process	Before any studies are done that carry sensitive information that could directly impact the community, the state needs to attain Angoon's consent; and have each community vote to see whether or not they really have interest in becoming a borough.	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Floyd G. Jim
129	Borough Formation Process	How the were model borough boundaries of the Glacier Bay area formed?	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Sally Kookesh
130	Borough Formation Process	Do residents of Elfin Cove have the option of not forming a borough?	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Scott Visscher
131	Borough Formation Process	Where do small, unorganized communities, like Funter Bay, stand in the decision-making process for forming a borough? Will they have an opportunity to vote in the formation process and in decisions regarding its administration?	Funter Bay	5/16/2007	Email	Donna & Phil Emerson
132	Borough Formation Process	Can it be guaranteed that every community will give consent for a borough before it is formed?	Gustavus	4/10/2007	Public Meeting	Diane Klawunder

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133	Borough Formation Process	Gustavus became a city because of pressure that Hoonah would absorb us. What is the possibility that Hoonah would include Gustavus in a borough against our will?	Gustavus	4/10/2007	Public Meeting	Janusz Kunat
134	Borough Formation Process	If a borough is not formed, what is the likelihood that Hoonah would be annexed or absorbed into the Juneau or Sitka borough? Is that a realistic possibility and do Hoonah residents have a choice in the matter?	Hoonah	3/22/2007	Public Meeting	Margie Byrd
135	Borough Formation Process	Who decides who will be on the Charter Commission? Who decides how the representation of the borough assembly will be set up?	Pelican	3/20/2007	Open House	Norm Carson
136	Borough Formation Process	How do we decide to form a borough? What are the steps?	Pelican	3/20/2007	Public Meeting	Terri Schomer
137	Borough Formation Process	Do communities within the proposed borough have a choice whether or not they want to be in a borough? Can some communities say yes, and others say no? What is the process?	Tenakee Springs	3/30/2007	Public Meeting	Megs Testarmata
138	Borough Infrastructure	Minimal infrastructure with the proposed borough (incompatible with borough formation and post-formation communication and integration).	Gustavus	5/4/2007	Email	Thomas Imboden
139	Borough Infrastructure	Simply put, there is little infrastructure within the proposed borough. Angoon, Elfin Cove, Game Creek, Cube Cove, Pelican and Tenakee Springs do not have airports. Gustavus does not have a commercial dock. There is no direct ferry service between the several communities. There is no direct air service between the several communities. There is no newspaper, magazine, radio or television service that the several communities enjoy that is based and reflects the conditions and issues within the proposed borough. The proposed borough does not have the conditions (infrastructure) for viable borough formation.	Gustavus	5/4/2007	Email	Thomas Imboden
140	Borough Infrastructure	Currently, Gustavus has almost no communication with other communities in the Glacier Bay Chatham region.	Gustavus	4/10/2007	Public Meeting	Janusz Kunat
141	Borough Infrastructure	Four out of seven communities do not have airports, which means no direct flights, and one community does not have a dock.	Gustavus	4/10/2007	Public Meeting	Thomas Imboden
142	Borough Infrastructure	There is no region-wide radio, television, magazine, or newspaper for communication.	Gustavus	4/10/2007	Public Meeting	Thomas Imboden
143	Borough Jobs	Would a GBC borough generate jobs? Is this, in any way, an employment opportunity for communities?	Gustavus	4/10/2007	Public Meeting	Rhio Harper

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144	Borough Jobs	Is a borough finance officer and a planner really needed? Where are the cost savings? Perhaps these jobs could be split so that individual communities don't lose jobs.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Open House	Patricia Phillips
145	Borough or School Office Location	The superintendent may not be close enough to the schools; the borough may make schools too spread out to effectively manage.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Public Meeting	Diane Zemarek, Tenakee Springs
146	Borough or School Office Location	School district facilities in Angoon are run-down.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Public Meeting	Diane Zemarek, Tenakee Springs
147	Borough or School Office Location	Angoon is not a good location for the school district headquarters; it's too far away.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Open House	Patricia Phillips
148	City Boundaries	Pelican is planning to increase its boundaries by annexing adjacent areas to enfranchise these residents who participate in Pelican's civic life and should be allowed to vote, as well as to gather property tax from them for their share of use of pelican infrastructure and services.	Pelican	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
149	City Boundaries	Pelican could become a second class city and join a borough, and annex the communities surrounding Pelican into the city.	Pelican	3/21/2007	Conversation	Karen Stepanenko
150	Community Impact	Before any borough formation is considered, the community must discuss: (1) How Angoon land would be amalgamated and what the repercussions and responsibilities would be if Angoon formed a borough; (2) Angoon's need for an integrated resource management plan, created by federal agencies and Native Corporations with the city and ACA, which would honor the Tlingit culture and its lifestyle; (3) How a borough would change clan groups ability to make final decisions over Tlingit lands; and (4) What the point of forming a borough is if it doesn't help Angoon obtain land, like Greens Creek.	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Matthew Fred Jr
151	Community Impact	Angoon must be careful to make informed decisions in order to protect what little land it has left.	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Lenora Walker
152	Community Impact	The decision to form a borough should be carefully considered; it is a very important issue to the community.	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Unknown
153	Community Impact	How would Elfin Cove benefit, how would a borough provide funding and revenue?	Elfin Cove	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
154	Community Impact	In the final economic feasibility study the "0s" and "*" from Elfin Cove's columns need to be removed; to do a better job of showing what it could mean for Elfin Cove.	Elfin Cove	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.

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155	Community Impact	Is Tenakee interested in having this borough?	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Pattie Lewis
156	Community Impact	Elfin Cove may be able to achieve the benefits a borough has to offer by forming a city. We are not certain that forming a borough is the way to address the challenges of the Elfin Cove community.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Pattie Lewis
157	Community Impact	It is important to follow through and learn more about the borough concept, as it would cause change for Elfin Cove residents.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Shirley Perkins
158	Community Impact	Past experience with Hoonah has shown that Elfin Cove is often at a disadvantage.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Travis Lewis
159	Community Impact	Can it be demonstrated that our community would be held harmless financially if we joined a borough?	Pelican	3/20/2007	Public Meeting	Patricia Phillips
160	Community Impact	Pelican's city budget is stretched thin; it has declined \$220,000 recently and we will lose more if we lose NFR.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Public Meeting	Patricia Phillips
161	Community Impact	We are losing volunteers because the young people are not staying in the community. If we create more fees and taxes with a borough, we will lose yet more volunteers.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Open House	Tamara Lundahl
162	Community Impact	What opportunities are there for Tenakee Springs if a borough formed? Let's consider this rather than joining a borough simply because we feel forced. Will a borough help Tenakee capture more revenue, help us pay our own way, help us advocate for community goals?	Tenakee Springs	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
163	Community Values or Strengths	Residents should consider the lessons learned and stories shared by the elders, rather than rely on the youth of the community for information on a borough.	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Jenny Jim
164	Community Values or Strengths	Elfin Cove is different the other communities. We have no school. We have only one youth in town. Our population is very small. Elfin Cove's issues are very different from other communities. How will we be represented in a borough?	Elfin Cove	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
165	Community Values or Strengths	We need to be self-reliant and not depend on an outside entity to make decisions for our community.	Elfin Cove	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
166	Community Values or Strengths	Elfin Cove does not have revenue to take care of community services which has created a special culture of volunteerism. If we allow a borough to start paying for these services, it could negatively impact our culture of volunteerism.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Mary Jo Lord-Wild
167	Community Values or Strengths	People that are involved in government want it, and people who are not involved, don't want it.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Scott Visscher

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168	Community Values or Strengths	We need community decisions, not individual opinions, on what is important in a borough that includes Elfin Cove.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Shirley Perkins
169	Community Values or Strengths	Preserving our unique lifestyle is very important to Gustavus. The regional lifestyles are different, equitability could be difficult to sustain.	Gustavus	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
170	Community Values or Strengths	Gustavus is a new city and is conservative with tax dollars and government administration.	Gustavus	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
171	Community Values or Strengths	Many residents live in Gustavus to get away from government.	Gustavus	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
172	Community Values or Strengths	Government can create more problems than it solves.	Gustavus	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
173	Community Values or Strengths	Gustavus residents are proud that the most successful aspects of the community were implemented without formal government and these aspects continue to sustain and benefit the community, i.e. the model landfill/recycle/compost center, library, pre-school, Clinic, Community Chest (second hand store), and coastal land acquisitions.	Gustavus	4/30/2007	Letter	Charlie Rice
174	Community Values or Strengths	Gustavus has a hard-working mayor, city council, and committee members - all volunteers - that demonstrate effectiveness and efficiency in a city administration.	Gustavus	4/30/2007	Email	Karen & Mike Taylor
175	Community Values or Strengths	Our city government formed not so much to govern (in the sense of "controlling people"), but rather as a means of working together to achieve consensus, common goals.	Gustavus	4/30/2007	Email	Karen & Mike Taylor
176	Community Values or Strengths	Gustavus is a new city, unique in its volunteer-based culture. We all contribute to the school and the town in many diverse ways: the Community Chest, the waste disposal/composting that other towns envy. Volunteerism keeps this town alive. We look rich because we are not in debt, but we are only rich in the personal commitments that our neighbors have.	Gustavus	4/20/2007	Letter	Marilyn Jackson
177	Community Values or Strengths	Pelican is a well-functioning first class city.	Pelican	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.

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178	Community Values or Strengths	All communities aspire to be self-sufficient.	Pelican	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
179	Community Values or Strengths	Pelican is doing fine on its own.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Public Meeting	Terri Schomer
180	Debt	Gustavus would not want to take on other communities' local debt.	Gustavus	5/1/2007	Letter	John & Lois Nixon
181	Docks & Harbors	Funter Bay has not requested nor received any services from the state beyond minimal maintenance of two state-owned docks, which are in decay and neglected.	Funter Bay	5/16/2007	Email	Donna & Phil Emerson
182	Docks & Harbors	It would be of greater benefit to Tenakee if a borough took on the responsibilities of docks and harbors. Tenakee Springs is stretched for revenue to support this; the dock is in need of a new breakwater.	Tenakee Springs	3/30/2007	Public Meeting	Don Pegues
183	Economy	We should create a regional economic plan.	Angoon	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
184	Economy	The economic base in Angoon is limited.	Angoon	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
185	Economy	Angoon is in the middle of a National Wilderness Monument; we need an economy yet this ties our hands.	Angoon	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
186	Economy	The people of Angoon do not have enough sustainable income to create a borough, and unemployment levels continue to rise.	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Jenny Jim
187	Economy	Angoon is in distress. It would be very difficult for Angoon to sustain borough revenue because 85% of its residents are unemployed. There are approximately 105 people employed in the community.	Angoon	4/12/2007	Open House	Lenora Walker
188	Economy	Angoon would be unable to meet the expenses of a borough.	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Lenora Walker
189	Economy	Demands on our natural resources are increasing.	Elfin Cove	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
190	Economy	Infrastructure is very expensive in remote locations like ours; DOT&PF recently awarded \$150,000 to be spent on boardwalk upgrades and this is not nearly enough to meet all code requirements. Our infrastructure needs are high; there needs to be more focus on what borough infrastructure could include.	Elfin Cove	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
191	Economy	What are the numbers on commercial fishing for Elfin Cove?	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Jane Button
192	Economy	Commercial fish prices were much higher last year, which means a commercial fish tax would generate more revenue for a borough than what is indicated in the feasibility study which used 2004 numbers.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Lane Ply

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193	Economy	Last September, a Juneau-based tender had to leave because the price of cohos went up 20 cents and it couldn't afford to pay these prices. Pelican, Sitka and Hoonah buyers are selling to Eastern and Western Europe. There is a higher demand for wild salmon in Europe compared to the U.S. Many domestic food suppliers carry farmed salmon, and even though there is a growing demand for wild salmon, domestic buyers are unable to purchase it because much Southeast salmon is marketed to Europe, which can pay more because the euro is worth so much more than U.S. dollars. Companies in business with the U.S. had to close when the prices went up last summer, whereas companies that were in business with Europe were able to stay open and make a profit because the euro is much stronger. Domestic suppliers that have been around for 10 or 15 years have been bought out. These are signs that globalization has hit this economy and it will be interesting to see how the markets play out.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Lane Ply
194	Economy	Farmed Chilean coho are the largest imported farmed-fish in the world and are bought mostly buy the Japanese, who set the benchmark price for the world market. Seven or eight years ago, wild-caught sockeye from the Bristol Bay area set the benchmark price.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Lane Ply
195	Economy	A borough cannot rely on the tourism industry to generate revenue; fish will keep coming but tourism is not sustainable. Economies are cyclic.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Lane Ply
196	Economy	It would be interesting to assess the natural resource base for this region, especially since there will not be much timber harvest.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Lane Ply
197	Economy	Personal income studies include census areas (1) Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon and (2) Wrangell-Petersburg-Kupreanof-Kake. The census areas are not reflective of the demographics within the proposed borough. They include communities that would not be within the proposed borough.	Gustavus	5/4/2007	Email	Thomas Imboden

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198	Economy	The hypothetical borough population is 2730. Total pre-school and school age persons within the borough are approximately 650. This includes 466 currently in school and 184 preschool ages. Using Sheinberg's number of those living in poverty of 15.6%, approximately 101 school age persons is living in poverty. Approximately 425 persons within the proposed borough live in poverty. Borough population of 2730-[650 (students) +425 (living in poverty)] =974 students and those living in poverty. Total borough population, minus school age population, minus those living in poverty, equals less than 1,750 potential tax payers. This number does not include those who leave Alaska for extended winter months, e.g., snowbirds. A total population of significantly less than 1750 tax payers, along with decreased federal transfer monies and possibly transfer state monies, coupled with the PERS/TERS liability places the proposed borough in a serious and possible catastrophic financial position, which under this borough formation analysis is untenable.	Gustavus	5/4/2007	Email	Thomas Imboden
199	Economy	Study states that, "Of the population, those in poverty are 15.6%." This has not been adjusted to reflect current 2007 population dynamics.	Gustavus	5/4/2007	Email	Thomas Imboden
200	Economy	Individual communities in this region do not have enough income to support themselves; they could not support a borough.	Gustavus	5/2/2007	Comment Form	Kate Boesser
201	Economy	Gustavus is a small town with few working year-round residents. Many of us are just making it now with seasonal work. Last year was a terrible business season; two local galleries went out of business. There is no venue for sales of local art now.	Gustavus	4/20/2007	Letter	Marilyn Jackson
202	Economy	If the quality of life declines and changes the balance between hardships and rewards that comes with living in a rural area, the choice to stay here may not be favorable and the region will lose residents, businesses and the related taxes that this proposal is dependent upon.	Gustavus	4/19/2007	Comment Form	JoAnn Lesh

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203	Economy	Gustavus lost 4 tourist businesses this year and is only a step away from losing more. The disparate costs of a land based business versus the cruise ship model have really started impacting the traveling public who is increasingly choosing cruise ships. We should do nothing that adds to this trend. Independently owned tourism businesses that cater to independent tourists are incredibly fragile, subject to whims of weather, transportation costs, and the economy. Don't base a city or borough budget on a foundation to which banks won't lend. How do you apply a business or government model to what are essentially lifestyle choices - working hard and maintaining a business for the ability to stay in a remote area and have lifestyle, not financial, riches.	Gustavus	4/19/2007	Comment Form	JoAnn Lesh
204	Economy	The communities do not share the same economic base. Even if they did, the borough would have to generate revenue to sustain itself, and with federal funding eventually diminishing, population declining, and high unemployment, the borough would not be able to generate sustainable revenue.	Gustavus	4/10/2007	Public Meeting	Thomas Imboden
205	Economy	The future will be more challenging, not less, for small communities in Southeast Alaska.	Hoonah	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
206	Economy	The region needs more of a year-round economy, rather than seasonal economy.	Hoonah	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
207	Economy	The poverty level in Hoonah is higher than 15%; data has changed since 2000.	Hoonah	3/22/2007	Public Meeting	Charles Kingsland
208	Economy	Kake needs better local jobs for our youth.	Kake	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
209	Economy	Status quo now means losing; not good enough anymore.	Kake	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
210	Economy	People were better off in the past; the resources were richer.	Kake	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
211	Economy	Kake has experienced significant population decline in the last five years.	Kake	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
212	Economy	The commercial fishing industry is rebounding; there are fishing and processing ties among all our communities.	Pelican	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
213	Economy	The regional population decline is a bad trend for forming a borough because the "average Joe" will pay more in taxes.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Public Meeting	Keith Heller
214	Extra layer of government	Angoon does not want another layer of government unless there are obvious benefits.	Angoon	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
215	Extra layer of government	Elfin Cove is a very small community and it may not be possible to support another layer of government.	Elfin Cove	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
216	Extra layer of Government	Nothing good can come from adding a layer of government where none are needed.	Gustavus	5/5/2007	Comment Form	Cable Wells

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217	Extra layer of Government	Do not need another layer of government to do planning.	Gustavus	5/2/2007	Comment Form	Kate Boesser
218	Extra layer of Government	As a small community, there is no need for another expensive layer of governmental bureaucracy primarily to generate local money for education (we can do it other ways).	Gustavus	5/1/2007	Letter	John & Lois Nixon
219	Extra layer of Government	Do not need another later of bureaucracy to generate education funds (we can raise funds other ways).	Gustavus	5/1/2007	Letter	John & Lois Nixon
220	Extra layer of government	Gustavus is having a hard time sustaining its own government, being absorbed by yet another layer of government is not needed.	Gustavus	4/30/2007	Letter	Charlie Rice
221	Extra layer of Government	This region, which has a population of 2,730 and a larger land mass area than many U.S. states, does not need two layers of local government to administer these small towns. C230	Gustavus	4/30/2007	Email	Karen & Mike Taylor
222	Extra layer of Government	Rather than form a borough and have another layer of government, Gustavus could 'scale-up' to provide school funding and do what a borough would.	Gustavus	4/30/2007	Email	Karen & Mike Taylor
223	Extra layer of Government	We don't object to government or reasonable taxes to support the common good, but there would be no value in it for Gustavus. This proposal will just add a second layer of government where none is needed.	Gustavus	4/30/2007	Email	Karen & Mike Taylor
224	Extra layer of government	Forming a borough would bring an unnecessary layer of government to Hoonah, which would mean more taxes for community members. Many are poor and cannot afford to pay more.	Hoonah	3/22/2007	Public Meeting	John Erickson
225	Land Entitlement	What is the importance of municipal land entitlements?	Hoonah	3/22/2007	Public Meeting	Joyce Skaflestad

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226	Land Entitlement	Sec. 29.65.020. Ten percent of the vacant, unappropriated, unreserved land within the proposed borough is 629 acres. The average Alaska borough received 77,547 acres. Representative Thomas has proposed (HB 64) that a one time allocation of \$15,000,000 dollars in place of land be offered. If one takes 77,547 and divides into \$15,000,000 the result is \$193 per acre. If one takes 629 and divides into 15,000,000 the result is \$23,847. This represents 0.008 percent that the proposed Glacier Bay Chatham Borough would receive compared to the average borough within the State of Alaska. We would receive less than one percent of what the other boroughs received in average land entitlement. This is grossly unfair, and one could argue that this tantamount to permanent economic castration (sic) of the Glacier Bay Chatham Borough. In addition, the \$15,000,000 offered in HB 64 <i>requires</i> that the principal be invested and only the interest earned could be used by the borough. At a rate of return of 8 percent, not including any fees or losses, the potential revenue annual stream to the borough would be 1.2 million per year. This would represent a one time monies transfer and no other land or monies would be transferable under Sec.29. 65.020.	Gustavus	5/4/2007	Email	Thomas Imboden
227	Land Use	Angoon is more focused on its land than it is in forming a borough. Land is very important to its residents in preserving history and providing a future for youth.	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Matthew Fred Jr
228	Land Use	Would we be subject to special interests if we formed a borough? People outside of our region, other states, could influence borough planning commissioners and permitting.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Public Meeting	Keith Heller
229	Land Use	Would borough land use and permitting supersede the DNR or COE permit process?	Pelican	3/20/2007	Public Meeting	Keith Heller
230	Land Use	Would it be mandatory for a borough assembly to delegate planning back to communities or is it an option?	Pelican	3/20/2007	Public Meeting	Keith Heller
231	Land Use	How many communities have a comprehensive plan? How many communities have an economic plan? Communities that don't have plans may need to have them when forming a borough.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Open House	Patricia Phillips
232	Land Use	It is important to protect Mite Cove.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Public Meeting	Patricia Phillips
233	Land Use	We have a shortage of land; we want to influence its usage. Can forming a borough result in more control over land use?	Pelican	3/20/2007	Public Meeting	Patricia Phillips
234	Land Use	Pelican supports its TLMP non-logging land use designation. We are concerned about being in a borough where the majority could support logging.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Public Meeting	Patricia Phillips
235	Land Use	Idea of allowing community based planning would not hold up for long.	Tenakee Springs	4/14/2007	Letter	Molly Kemp

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236	Land Use	The University Lands bill claimed too much land from our area that is part of Kake's traditional territory, removing it from our potential land base.	Kake	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
237	Land Use	There are different attitudes in the region regarding timber harvest activities.	Pelican	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
238	Loss of autonomy	There is nothing to protect Angoon from a yes vote by the majority on a borough-wide property tax initiative.	Angoon	4/12/2007	Open House	Brandon Cullum
239	Loss of autonomy	In a borough, there is a risk that our needs will be ignored if there is disagreement by the population of larger communities. Hypothetically, Hoonah could agree with a petition and then change the rules after the borough is formed.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Pattie Lewis
240	Loss of autonomy	In the beginning, Hoonah will work with the communities, but after a borough is formed, it will renege and steamroll smaller communities. This is what happened with consolidation of the City of Haines and Haines Borough.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Scott Visscher
241	Loss of autonomy	Even with the apportionment option where each community has representation on an assembly, there is still a risk that small communities would be overpowered in region-wide vote initiatives.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Scott Visscher
242	Loss of autonomy	A borough that works has concise geography and an economically dependent collection of communities. By contrast this is a power grab to create a central government run by and for the benefit of a select special interest that is trying to swallow, by force, small independent communities.	Gustavus	5/2/2007	Comment Form	Arch Thompson
243	Loss of Autonomy	There is a danger that our school would have even less input into programming and funding decisions than we do with Chatham REAA. The cost for educational benefits (both current and retired) could bankrupt our community.	Gustavus	4/19/2007	Email	Lynne & George Jensen
244	Loss of Autonomy	A borough could dilute local control and shift it to communities that have different interests than ours. We have witnessed several small communities in this state who were swallowed up by large boroughs and lost their voices and autonomy due to the population's differences. Excursion Inlet is one example, they pay taxes and get no services from Haines Borough.	Gustavus	4/19/2007	Email	Lynne & George Jensen
245	Loss of Autonomy	Small communities, such as Pelican, would be overpowered by larger communities and unique lifestyles would be lost.	Pelican	4/24/2007	Email	Bob Leshner

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246	Loss of autonomy	The borough idea would reduce power for Pelican. There is a correlation with the Euro currency where the British felt that to join the E.U. would de-value their monetary and economic strengths.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Public Meeting	Keith Heller
247	Loss of Autonomy	Can others dictate our future rather than we citizens taking control of our future?	Tenakee Springs	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
248	Loss of Autonomy	Small communities, like Tenakee Springs, have nothing to gain and a great deal to lose if in a borough. Small towns lose their autonomy, identity, and control over their economic future when swallowed by borough.	Tenakee Springs	4/14/2007	Letter	Molly Kemp
249	Other	Angoon, Hoonah and Kake are able to apply for funding for their own borough study.	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Floyd G. Jim
250	Other	The state has wasted money on a borough study that could have gone directly to the communities its impacting for revenue sharing.	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Floyd G. Jim
251	Other	The PowerPoint presentation only shows Elfin Cove lodges; this is not all our community is about.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Pattie Lewis
252	Other	The question of Gustavus joining a borough has come up repeatedly over the years; at least four specific times since 1996.	Gustavus	4/19/2007	Letter	Greg Streveler
253	Other	Mayor Phillips read a paper she had recently completed for a University course in Rural Development that reviewed many, many aspects of local city and borough government in Alaska. This provided context and set the stage for the day's discussions very well.	Pelican	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
254	Other	Relieved to see statement that there is no intent by state to force borough formation as a result of this study.	Tenakee Springs	4/14/2007	Letter	Molly Kemp
255	Other - Info. Needs	What is the definition of boroughs and their authorities?	Angoon	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
256	Other - Info. Needs	What is the ratio of local commercial fishermen to the number of outsiders fishing in local waters?	Angoon	4/12/2007	Open House	Brandon Cullum
257	Other - Info. Needs	Is it possible to annex a national monument? Some of this land has historical sites.	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Floyd G. Jim
258	Other - Info. Needs	What advantages or disadvantages are there given that Angoon is in the middle of a national monument?	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Unknown
259	Other - Info. Needs	Elfin Cove would like a list of pros and cons about the borough concept.	Elfin Cove	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
260	Other - Info. Needs	We would like more information about forming a borough.	Elfin Cove	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.

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261	Other - Info. Needs	The feasibility study is complex; there is a lot of data.	Elfin Cove	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
262	Other - Info. Needs	In order to receive state and federal funding from a borough, would Elfin Cove have to be a registered city? Would the non-profit corporation buildings transfer directly to a borough if Elfin Cove is not a city?	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Travis Lewis
263	Other - Info. Needs	Regarding a borough petition, would Elfin Cove have a stronger bargaining position if it was a second class city?	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Travis Lewis
264	Other - Info. Needs	Do a study on the economies of scale that could be achieved and what it could really mean for our region if a borough and borough school district formed.	Gustavus	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
265	Other - Info. Needs	I am interested in seeing financial information on a smaller borough such as Gustavus/Pelican/Elfin Cove Borough.	Gustavus	4/20/2007	Comment Form	Carolyn Edelman
266	Other - Info. Needs	re: taxes, what does living "outside of the cities" versus "tax everywhere" mean? Where would those outside folks be living?	Gustavus	4/19/2007	Email	Lynne & George Jensen
267	Other - Info. Needs	What is the process for making decisions and discussing this issue further?	Gustavus	4/10/2007	Public Meeting	Janet Neilson
268	Other - Info. Needs	Are there any known cases of borough dissolution?	Hoonah	3/22/2007	Public Meeting	Charles Kingsland
269	Other - Public Opinion or Process	What opportunities will property owners in the region that reside outside the seven recognized communities have to participate in this study? Have you contacted them?	Funter Bay	5/16/2007	Email	Donna & Phil Emerson
270	Other - Public Opinion or Process	More discussion about the borough petition is needed throughout the communities. What are the pros and cons? Is it liable to change?	Hoonah	3/22/2007	Public Meeting	unknown
271	Other - Public Opinion or Process	How do the other communities feel about a property tax?	Hoonah	3/22/2007	Public Meeting	Jerry Medina
272	Other - Public Opinion or Process	It will be interesting to hear other community's opinions.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Public Meeting	Terri Schomer
273	Other - Public Opinion or Process	It is difficult to get the community involved in the borough study.	Tenakee Springs	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
274	Other-Bias	There is concern that the study is biased and the contractor is pro-borough. There hasn't been enough transparency during the process.	Elfin Cove	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.

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275	Other-Bias	Contractor has been paid by Hoonah, Pelican, Gustavus and perhaps others to bring unneeded harmful government to towns which do not need this. This is a conflict of interest.	Gustavus	5/2/2007	Comment Form	Kate Boesser
276	Other-Bias	Contractor has potential conflict of interest first employed by Hoonah, then the state, to conduct borough feasibility studies.	Gustavus	5/1/2007	Letter	John & Lois Nixon
277	Other-Bias	The comment form questions are designed to elect a favorable response from the commentators.	Gustavus	4/20/2007	Comment Form	Carolyn Edelman
278	Other-Bias	Questionnaire and presentation seem biased, putting a positive slant on borough formation. The revenues may be underestimated.	Gustavus	4/20/2007	Letter	Diane Klawunder
279	Other-Bias	Stop adding unnecessary government with its added costs to the population of Alaska with these studies that have boroughization as an agenda.	Gustavus	4/20/2007	Comment Form	Marilyn & John Jackson
280	Other-Bias	The study is written as if we don't have a choice about borough formation.	Gustavus	4/19/2007	Comment Form	Karlyn Sellards
281	Other-Bias	There is a concern that the June 2006 and March 2007 studies support borough formation.	Pelican	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
282	PERS/TRS	How does PERS/TRS affect this?	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Jane Button
283	PERS/TRS	No analysis has been made concerning the liability of PERS/TRS debt. Under PERS/TRS, Tier 1 and 2, defined benefits have an unfunded liability of approximately one billion dollars in today's dollars, which does not include lost compound interest revenue. Alaska has a population of approximately 663,000. This represents a debt each Alaskan owes to the system of \$15,083. Proposals being discussed to address this range from the debt be structured so: A) the State assumes 80% payment and municipalities (employers) 20%, or B) the State assumes 65% and cities 35%. Doing the math, A results in $\$15,083 \times 2730 \times 20\% = \$8,235,318$ proposed boroughs financial responsibilities, or, B) $\$15,083 \times 2730 \times 35\% = \$14,411,806$. QUESTION: Would the proposed Glacier Bay Chatham Borough permit cities within the borough to default, that is, go bankrupt? Would the State of Alaska permit cities to default? Would the borough assume financial responsibility? (This author assumed that if we went into an organized borough the future borough would provide assistance to the individual cities within the borough for this financial liability.)	Gustavus	5/4/2007	Email	Thomas Imboden

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284	PERS/TRS	Several questions about the unfunded PERS liability of the existing school districts were raised. Why are the amounts so different and why have they changed so much over the last few years? There is concern that other schools' fiscal burdens would become Gustavus' burdens if a borough formed. Upon closer examination, it turns out that Chatham and Hoonah schools' PERS liabilities are not too different.	Gustavus	4/10/2007	Open House	Dan Zobrist
285	PERS/TRS	PERS and TRS indebtedness will be passed on from the schools to the borough school district. Who has the highest debt that would be transferred to the borough?	Gustavus	4/10/2007	Public Meeting	Ken Klawunder
286	Population	There are more registered state voters in Elfin Cove than 29. How did the study come up with the population numbers?	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Pattie Lewis
287	Population or Residency	The checking of residency status in the State of Alaska is inadequate.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Mary Jo Lord-Wild
288	Population or Residency	The residency requirements for voting are too lenient.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Pattie Lewis
289	Population or Residency	After checking the numbers from the Division of Elections, the total number of voters in Elfin Cove is 68, not 29. However, there is little verification of residency.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Travis Lewis
290	Population or Residency	The population of the proposed borough may be less than 2,730.	Gustavus	5/4/2007	Email	Thomas Imboden
291	Population or Residency	There are residents that live half the time in small communities and other half of the time in Juneau.	Gustavus	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
292	Population or Residency	The residency requirements for voting are too lenient.	Gustavus	4/10/2007	Public Meeting	Thomas Imboden
293	Population or Residency	How would residency standards for voters or property owners be established?	Pelican	3/20/2007	Open House	Linda Carson
294	Population or Residency	There are ways to create and monitor residency requirements. The system the state uses for voter registration and establishing voter residency has big loop holes.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Open House	Patricia Phillips
295	Powers/ Services	In response to question 2, it is not believed that state and federal revenues will increase so the stated services or funding won't happen.	Gustavus	4/23/2007	Comment Form	Thomas McLaughlin
296	Powers/ Services	In response to question 2, we do not need any of these services or funds.	Gustavus	4/19/2007	Comment Form	JoAnn Lesh

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297	Powers/ Services	Services that could help support individuals and business trying to live and work and build a vibrant long term community would be: Stable and reasonable utility rates and year-round web access and freight transportation; Protection for the environment that tourists are coming for; and A safe and caring community with a clinic and school.	Gustavus	4/19/2007	Email	JoAnn Lesh
298	Powers/ Services	Willing to support borough with minimal government: Education, planning/zoning, and tax collection are all that is needed.	Pelican	3/26/2007	Letter	Norm & Linda Carson
299	Powers/ Services	The least government the best, the smaller the more efficient.	Pelican	3/26/2007	Letter	Norm & Linda Carson
300	Pressure to form Borough	Elfin Cove has written to Representative Thomas about the pressure to form a borough; he has responded that the Legislature has no intentions of forcing borough formation at this time.	Elfin Cove	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
301	Pressure to Form Borough	Continued legislative pressure, and the pressure from other communities, for our region to form a borough.	Gustavus	5/2/2007	Comment Form	Kate Boesser
302	Pressure to form Borough	We'd like to hear from our Legislators whether or not there will be pressure from the state or Legislature to form a borough.	Kake	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
303	Pressure to form Borough	Why are we studying this if it is not going to be forced on us later?	Kake	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
304	Pressure to form Borough	What do our Legislators think about the Glacier Bay Chatham Borough? Is the pressure to form a borough real or not?	Pelican	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
305	Pressure to form Borough	We are concerned that eventually the Legislature will take action for this region itself.	Pelican	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
306	Public Health	Our region needs a health facility; it is too difficult and expensive to travel to other hospitals in this region.	Angoon	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
307	Public Health	SEARHC provides health care in some communities. Would Gustavus be eligible for free health care if it formed a borough?	Gustavus	4/10/2007	Public Meeting	Janusz Kunat
308	Public Safety	How can we receive funding for VSPO and docks when the community is so small?	Elfin Cove	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
309	Public Safety	There is no need for law enforcement here. The conduct of a police when dealing with crime in larger communities would not be appropriate for smaller communities.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Travis Lewis
310	Public Safety	There is no need for public safety in Gustavus.	Gustavus	5/5/2007	Comment Form	Lacie Lester
311	Public Safety	No VSPO.	Gustavus	5/4/2007	Comment Form	Abigail Calkin
312	Public Safety	Gustavus does not need a VPSO or the expense.	Gustavus	5/3/2007	Comment Form	Aimee Youmans
313	Public Safety	The current policing in Gustavus is sufficient.	Gustavus	5/2/2007	Comment Form	Arch Thompson
314	Public Safety	Residents do not want public safety officers in Gustavus.	Gustavus	5/2/2007	Comment Form	Kate Boesser

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315	Public Safety	Public safety should be determined locally and be a local responsibility.	Gustavus	5/1/2007	Letter	John & Lois Nixon
316	Public Safety	Gustavus does not need police and should not pay taxes to support it for other communities.	Gustavus	4/23/2007	Comment Form	Thomas McLaughlin
317	Public Safety	Opposed to being taxes to pay for public safety in other communities. Gustavus may not need public safety for a while.	Gustavus	4/20/2007	Comment Form	Carolyn Edelman
318	Public Safety	The borough should leave public safety up to each city. Some communities need more enforcement than others, so it shouldn't be taxed area wide. Gustavus is quite proud that it does not have law enforcement, but the time is approaching when there may be a need, especially during the tourism season.	Gustavus	4/20/2007	Letter	Diane Klawunder
319	Public Safety	Do not support borough providing public safety; if other cities have problems why should we pay?	Gustavus	4/20/2007	Comment Form	Marilyn & John Jackson
320	Public Safety	No public safety needs or services in Gustavus beyond what we already have; this is most objectionable part of concept. A VPSO means something and some people do not like this and it would decrease, not add to, quality of life for some.	Gustavus	4/19/2007	Comment Form	JoAnn Lesh
321	Public Safety	No, we don't want to pay for something we don't have.	Gustavus	4/19/2007	Comment Form	Karlyn Sellards
322	Public Safety	Do not want police in Gustavus, nor to pay for other community's law enforcement.	Gustavus	4/17/2007	Comment Form	Becky King
323	Public Safety	Do not support the idea of a borough taking on public safety.	Gustavus	4/17/2007	Comment Form	Ernie King
324	Public Safety	It might be beneficial to employ a VSPO.	Gustavus	Apr 2007	Comment Form	Judy Brakel
325	Public Safety	Kake has a temporary search and rescue boat.	Kake	4/5/2007	Open House	Henrich Kadake
326	Public Safety	Pelican has a need for more law enforcement. It would be beneficial if the state could send an itinerant Trooper in the shoulder season. I believe it would be good, but it's a contentious issue in the community. People do acknowledge that the Troopers' presence prevents crime.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Open House	Patricia Phillips
327	Public Safety	Do not support borough providing police. It is more important to provide training to help residents provide emergency services.	Tenakee Springs	4/13/2007	Comment Form	Elizabeth Shaw
328	Public Safety	No need to increase public safety. The law is not a selling point in remote Alaska	Tenakee Springs	3/30/2007	Comment Form	Anonymous
329	Public Safety	Tenakee Springs would benefit from more public safety.	Tenakee Springs	3/30/2007	Public Meeting	Don Pegues
330	Revenue	We support establishing an endowment fund.	Angoon	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
331	Revenue	Sustainable funding for a borough is biggest concern.	Angoon	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
332	Revenue	There is concern that becoming a borough could result in less state/federal funding and support.	Angoon	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
333	Revenue	More funding is needed in Southeast.	Angoon	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.

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334	Revenue	As a frontier community, we believe Elfin merits extra state and federal interest and funding to assist us in developing.	Elfin Cove	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
335	Revenue	NFR appropriations will end after the next four-year cycle, if indeed the NFR are funded at current levels for the next four years, which is problematic. Loss to borough revenue could be > 1.1 million.	Gustavus	5/4/2007	Email	Thomas Imboden
336	Revenue	Study assumes that current levels of transfer monies, both federal and state, will remain steady (\$265,000-\$550,000 annual transfer monies).	Gustavus	5/4/2007	Email	Thomas Imboden
337	Revenue	Borough organizational monies and land transfer (state to borough) will adequately compensate the proposed borough formation.	Gustavus	5/4/2007	Email	Thomas Imboden
338	Revenue	If Southeast Alaska loses National Forest Receipt funding, the tax burden for small communities will not be equal.	Gustavus	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
339	Revenue	State funding for schools will be lost once NFR goes away.	Gustavus	5/2/2007	Comment Form	Kate Boesser
340	Revenue	NFR money that could fund this borough is slated to dry up and go away.	Gustavus	5/1/2007	Letter	John & Lois Nixon
341	Revenue	The revenue projections in the assessment neglected to recognize the dilemma of National Forest Receipts, which are going away. The assessment should be revised to reflect what could happen when NFR are gone.	Gustavus	4/23/2007	Comment Form	Thomas McLaughlin
342	Revenue	Many factors affecting state and federal borough revenue are external, making borough revenue predictions uncertain; it is doubtful that revenue would be substantial.	Gustavus	4/10/2007	Open House	Dan Zobrist
343	Revenue	It's good to talk about what a borough could mean for our communities, especially because NFR are at risk.	Gustavus	4/10/2007	Open House	Dan Zobrist
344	Revenue	The NFR program will eventually end; don't count on it for long term revenue.	Gustavus	4/10/2007	Public Meeting	Thomas Imboden
345	Revenue	How can this area generate taxable revenue? The wilderness status of Admiralty Island and Glacier Bay National Park prevent activities that can generate taxable income. Federal lands cannot generate revenue and aren't taxable. Native Village Corporations don't have subsurface mineral rights either.	Kake	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
346	Revenue	It should be noted that the revenue estimates from a commercial fish tax are based on 2004 catch data and prices. Prices paid for fish have significantly increased since 2004 so the revenue estimate in the study likely significantly underestimates the revenue fish taxes could generate.	Pelican	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
347	Revenue	A borough is designed to get people living outside of communities to start paying taxes. Why can't we do that without forming a borough? Why not call it a region and create a formula for that region? People in the region could be guaranteed the same rate across the board.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Public Meeting	Keith Heller

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348	Revenue	The state would apparently be spending more money if a borough formed than if it stays as is.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Public Meeting	Patricia Phillips
349	Revenue	NFR is at risk; we should not be considering forming a borough.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Open House	Tamara Lundahl
350	Revenue	A state tax, such as an income tax, would be better than a borough tax.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Open House	Tamara Lundahl
351	Revenue	Relying on state and federal funds for borough revenue is risky and not a reasonable plan for economic security.	Tenakee Springs	5/4/2007	Letter	Elizabeth Shaw
352	Revenue	Hypothetical borough would be on shaky financial ground.	Tenakee Springs	5/4/2007	Letter	Elizabeth Shaw
353	Revenue	National Forest Receipts used to fund trails as well as schools. Assuming we form borough and the NFR is reinstated, how would funding be split up?	Tenakee Springs	3/30/2007	Public Meeting	Don Pegues
354	Revenue	How does the federal government decide how much funding they're going to give to a borough?	Tenakee Springs	3/30/2007	Public Meeting	Megs Testarmata
355	Revenue Sharing (Borough)	How would revenue sharing be generated?	Angoon	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
356	Revenue Sharing (Borough)	Before discussing the possibility of forming a borough with other communities, Elfin Cove must insist that a fair portion of borough-generated revenue be passed back to the Elfin Cove community.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Shirley Perkins
357	Revenue Sharing (borough)	It is far-fetched that the state will enforce pass-back funding from a borough to the cities.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Travis Lewis
358	Revenue Sharing (Borough)	It is hard to imagine things being done equitably in this borough due to the widely varying community populations.	Gustavus	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
359	Revenue Sharing (Borough)	It is an assumption that all communities would get all revenues they do now plus \$30,000/each for a community project.	Gustavus	5/2/2007	Comment Form	Arch Thompson
360	Revenue Sharing (borough)	\$30,000 would only create more capital projects which would require future additional funding for O&M.	Gustavus	5/2/2007	Comment Form	Kate Boesser
361	Revenue Sharing (Borough)	Regional dissemination of funds is a concern; how can we guarantee that it would seem equitable?	Pelican	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.

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362	Revenue Sharing (borough)	Borough revenue sharing won't last. The financial demands of supporting a borough structure could lead to permanent centralization of incoming revenue, and the needs of Tenakee Springs would be a "small drop in the bucket." Once another layer of government is created the financial demands of supporting it will inevitably lead to centralization of incoming revenue. The pass through idea in the plan is nice but unlikely to stand the test of time. The small communities would get cut off first when a budget crunch came along.	Tenakee Springs	4/14/2007	Letter	Molly Kemp
363	School Funding	When people say we aren't contributing to schools, they are ignoring the federal impact aid our region brings to the State; this contribution is never recognized.	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Ed Gamble, Sr.
364	School Funding	Of the services a borough could provide in question 2, I support more funding for education	Gustavus	5/4/2007	Comment Form	Abigail Calkin
365	School Funding	Transfer monies to aid education may not, and most likely will not, increase to offset inflationary increases. In addition, federal education monies may have unfunded mandates auxiliary to the principal requirements appropriations. Potential cost to the borough indeterminate.	Gustavus	5/4/2007	Email	Thomas Imboden
366	School Funding	Individual school districts are being starved; could we collectively reduce overall administrative costs in the schools and devote more revenue to the teachers? It will be beneficial to talk together as we have valuable experiences to share, for example Superintendent Avey has had experience working in a similar borough.	Gustavus	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
367	School Funding	Skeptical of Hoonah ability to be fiscally capable of school funding and payroll.	Gustavus	5/2/2007	Comment Form	Kate Boesser

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368	School Funding	7 ways to generate education funding. (1) Reduce the permanent fund dividend appropriately and use the money for education; or (2) Have a minimal state income tax with the money going only to education; or (3) Resurrect the education endowment developing a self-sustaining education fund; or (4) Have a 1% statewide tax (or just in the unincorporated borough) sent into the state by local governments for education only. (5) We do not object to a state administered and locally collected tax on the boxes of charter caught fish shipped out of here every summer, earmarked specifically for education - maybe it would help preserve this precious resource a while longer. (6) Or, we could have a minimal state administered airport tax slated for education. Local government does not derive sales tax revenue from business operating at state owned airports. (7) An idea is to add a state administered education tax on all cruise ship passengers. Every summer tourist related businesses in communities like Gustavus are negatively economically impacted by these floating cities. Get creative, keep politics out of education and don't saddle little communities with unwanted bureaucracy just to fund education.	Gustavus	5/1/2007	Letter	John & Lois Nixon
369	School Funding	The Alaska State Constitution provides for a free public education for all children residing in Alaska.	Gustavus	5/1/2007	Letter	John & Lois Nixon
370	School Funding	Gustavus is willing to pay our share to support education if the Legislature taxes the unorganized borough, as they have the power to do.	Gustavus	4/20/2007	Letter	Diane Klawunder
371	School Funding	In the Long Term, Gustavus should seek to take more fiscal responsibility for its school. Our chances of being absorbed into a borough are less if the city can show the state that Gustavus is serious about contributing funding for education. Gustavus could: (1) form an ad hoc committee to explore options for school finding; (2) determine what the community sentiment is on this issue; (3) assuming a positive community response, inform other communities and the State of Gustavus' intention in the regard.	Gustavus	4/19/2007	Letter	Greg Streveler
372	School Funding	Who establishes and sets new school district cost factors? What happens to tenured teacher contracts when a new school district forms? If a district cost factor is averaged, state aid for the borough would not be as high.	Gustavus	4/10/2007	Open House	Dan Zobrist
373	School Funding	Is it typical for most local governments to contribute an additional local contribution for schools?	Gustavus	4/10/2007	Public Meeting	Lewis Sharman

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374	School Funding	I do believe we should contribute more to school funding. There must be a way to accomplish this without creating an impractical borough that costs unnecessary money and human effort, and more travel adding to greenhouse gas emissions.	Gustavus	Apr 2007	Comment Form	Judy Brakel
375	School Funding	There is concern that there have been cut-backs in education.	Kake	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
376	School Funding	Would federal education funding be impacted if there is a borough property tax?	Kake	4/5/2007	Public Meeting	Eric Gebhart
377	School Funding	Would the majority of borough funding for education go to Kake and Hoonah because they have more students?	Pelican	3/20/2007	Open House	Linda Carson
378	School Funding	How will school money be allocated? We are concerned that larger schools will get more money at Pelican's expense.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Public Meeting	Patricia Phillips
379	School Funding	What is state education aid funding based upon?	Tenakee Springs	3/30/2007	Public Meeting	Megs Testarmata
380	School Jobs	Most Angoon school jobs will not be lost, even if the REAA moves or dissolves.	Angoon	4/12/2007	Open House	Brandon Cullum
381	School Jobs	The benefits of a larger school district might outweigh the disadvantages of fewer school jobs.	Gustavus	4/10/2007	Open House	Dan Zobrist
382	School Jobs	How would a borough affect the jobs at our school?	Pelican	3/21/2007	Open House	Alan Stewart
383	School Jobs	We would like this to work without Pelican losing jobs, especially in education. If the borough formed, the business manager position may no longer be a Pelican-based job and that would be a loss to the community.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Open House	Patricia Phillips
384	School Jobs	One reason Pelican has a big school budget and we kept Pelican as a first class city is so people wouldn't lose their jobs.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Open House	Tamara Lundahl
385	School Jobs	What happens to school employees when a borough forms? We can't afford to lose any.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Public Meeting	Terri Schomer
386	School Jobs	Chatham REAA has only one bookkeeper position.	Tenakee Springs	3/30/2007	Public Meeting	Megs Testarmata
387	School Jobs	Combining school districts could mean fewer jobs in each community; this is a concern.	Tenakee Springs	3/30/2007	Public Meeting	Megs Testarmata
388	School Programs or Funding	If we join a borough, what would happen to Klukwan and the Chatham REAA?	Angoon	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
389	School Programs or Funding	A borough is not the answer to education challenges.	Angoon	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.

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390	School Programs or Funding	The Angoon school population and funding has declined recently. We lost our music program and have not had a shop class in two years.	Angoon	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
391	School Programs or Funding	Is it possible to set up apportionment to exclude Elfin Cove from the School Board?	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Lane Ply
392	School Programs or Funding	This winter we were able to watch Haines students play a basketball game in another village using the Tandberg System.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Scott Visscher
393	School Programs or Funding	The number of preschool and school age children is approximately 650, which includes the current 466 children in school today.	Gustavus	5/4/2007	Email	Thomas Imboden
394	School Programs or Funding	Special service funds do not guarantee that kids get the help that they need.	Gustavus	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
395	School Programs or Funding	Only function Gustavus does not already provide is education. Residents should take more responsibility for their schools, but a borough is the wrong instrument to do this.	Gustavus	4/19/2007	Letter	Greg Streveler
396	School Programs or Funding	Rotating teachers every few years within the school district is beneficial for teachers and students. Also, with more schools, resources would be greater and students would have more choice in electives.	Gustavus	4/10/2007	Open House	Dan Zobrist
397	School Programs or Funding	Pelican students use video conferencing to participate in the state MathCounts competition.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Public Meeting	Diane Zemarek, Tenakee Springs
398	School Programs or Funding	Tenakee may not have enough students to receive state/federal funding for education next year, so the borough's main function, which is to help support education in our region, may not apply to Tenakee. Do not enter a new governmental arrangement that may require property taxes to support schools in other areas.	Tenakee Springs	5/4/2007	Letter	Elizabeth Shaw
399	School Programs or Funding	The Tanberg System does not work well in Tenakee; the system cuts out and is very frustrating to use, students have returned to teleconferencing.	Tenakee Springs	3/30/2007	Public Meeting	Cynthia Meyer
400	Sociocultural	Regarding the obvious ethnic differences of the region, is there an advantage if Angoon joined a borough?	Angoon	4/12/2007	Open House	Brandon Cullum
401	Sociocultural	The residents of Funter Bay are part of the Chatham region, but culturally are more similar to Glacier Bay communities.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Mary Jo Lord-Wild

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402	Sociocultural	There is too much disagreement between communities for the region to work together, even though the numbers in the assessment seem beneficial for the Elfin Cove community.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Travis Lewis
403	Sociocultural	Pooling dissimilar communities into a Glacier Bay Chatham borough invites discord and inefficiency.	Gustavus	5/3/2007	Comment Form	Aimee Youmans
404	Sociocultural	The communities proposed for the borough are incompatible geographically, culturally, economically, and are too varied in population, which affect fair representation.	Gustavus	5/1/2007	Letter	John & Lois Nixon
405	Sociocultural	Gustavus is not geographically or culturally associated with other communities in the borough.	Gustavus	4/30/2007	Letter	Charlie Rice
406	Sociocultural	Significant challenges to a hypothetical borough in the Glacier Bay Chatham region are geographic isolation, cultural differences, and highly diverse values and visions among the members, not to mention the immediate debt into which a borough would be plunged.	Gustavus	4/30/2007	Email	Karen & Mike Taylor
407	Sociocultural	Tlingit communities have an advantage with the benefits of Native Corporations and tribal status compared to non-Native communities. Hoonah residents have ancestral claims to Glacier Bay so would others be left out and become 2nd class citizens? Native heritage already allows ties and privileges in the Bay.	Gustavus	4/23/2007	Comment Form	Thomas McLaughlin
408	Sociocultural	Most of communities have nothing in common, no transportation between them.	Gustavus	4/20/2007	Comment Form	Carolyn Edelman
409	Sociocultural	A Glacier Bay Chatham Borough would be too large and the communities have nothing in common; it would not be cohesive. Did not like statement in the June 2006 study about strong Tlingit voice because where does this leave non--Natives?	Gustavus	4/20/2007	Letter	Diane Klawunder
410	Sociocultural	Other communities have had BIA money to pave their streets. Other communities have HUD housing, which may not be eligible for taxation. The large communities in this region are facing massive shortfalls in revenue. Gustavus has nothing in common with large communities in this region.	Gustavus	4/20/2007	Letter	Marilyn Jackson
411	Sociocultural	These communities are culturally diverse and far-spreading, this borough would be directly counter to state criteria for borough compatibility, which stress geographic proximity and cultural congruity. Formation would be a recipe for constant strife.	Gustavus	4/18/2007	Comment Form	William E. Brown
412	Sociocultural	This region is not made up of similar communities.	Gustavus	4/17/2007	Comment Form	Becky King
413	Sociocultural	The study didn't mention anything about the region's cultural differences, which is a key factor in the success of a borough.	Gustavus	4/10/2007	Public Meeting	Janusz Kunat

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414	Sociocultural	Pelican and Hoonah have historic ties; most communities have some historic ties.	Pelican	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
415	Sociocultural	Kake and Pelican have a history of negative interactions.	Pelican	4/24/2007	Email	Bob Leshner
416	Sociocultural	The communities have little history of social and economic ties.	Pelican	4/24/2007	Email	Bob Leshner
417	Sociocultural	What commonality do communities have within the borough? It is unclear what Pelican has in common with Hoonah.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Open House	Norm Carson
418	Sociocultural	Pelican does not have sociocultural commonalities with Kake and Angoon.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Open House	Tamara Lundahl
419	Sociocultural	The "Native voice" language in the June 2006 report was not appropriate.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Open House	Tamara Lundahl
420	Sociocultural	Tenakee Springs is not interrelated or integrated with other communities in hypothetical borough. Do not have land, air, or water transportation that allows for communication and exchange needed for integrated government. We are more connected with Juneau than other communities.	Tenakee Springs	5/4/2007	Letter	Elizabeth Shaw
421	Taxes	Will forming a borough really help our regional economy? The answer seems to be positive only if we tax our own people.	Angoon	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
422	Taxes	How would taxes work?	Angoon	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
423	Taxes	Taxes scare our residents.	Angoon	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
424	Taxes	Angoon residents do not want a property tax. Can we prevent a property tax?	Angoon	4/12/2007	Open House	Brandon Cullum
425	Taxes	Residents, especially elders, are concerned about how a property tax would affect land that shareholders obtained through the home site program. One acre, \$20,000 parcel is many people's main asset; residents are afraid that if it was subject to a property tax, they could not afford that they could lose their land. For some, even 1 mill (~ \$20) would not be affordable.	Angoon	4/12/2007	Open House	Lenora Walker
426	Taxes	Are taxes a borough requirement, or can residents choose not to have them?	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Unknown
427	Taxes	One possibility to generate revenue without a community-based tax is to form a borough with Kake and annex Greens Creek Mine, which gives Juneau \$600,000 in taxable revenue.	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Unknown
428	Taxes	Equitable taxation is a concern for Elfin Cove.	Elfin Cove	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
429	Taxes	We are considered a distressed community; taxes would be an added burden to the community.	Elfin Cove	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
430	Taxes	Elfin Cove is interested in options as long as we're not a deep pocket.	Elfin Cove	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
431	Taxes	I'd like to see some effort into a study in tourism tax base; how much	Elfin Cove	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.

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		money can we get?				
432	Taxes	What communities have local fish taxes?	Elfin Cove	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
433	Taxes	We could produce a substantial tax base for a borough through our lodges, but it is unclear how the taxes will get passed back to Elfin Cove.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Pattie Lewis
434	Taxes	Borough property taxes could be much higher than 4 mill. The only benefit in joining a borough is to tax tourism and lodge owners.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Scott Visscher
435	Taxes	Elfin Cove should be generating tax revenue from lodge owners because our residents take on community responsibilities and services that lodge owners use.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Travis Lewis
436	Taxes	Taxes always tend to rise. They would never stay at 1%.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Travis Lewis
437	Taxes	It would be unfair to residents if property assessments in Elfin Cove are averaged. Many residents are not lodge owners and there would be a huge jump in appropriate assessed value from one property to the next.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Travis Lewis
438	Taxes	Do all boroughs require a minimum 4 mill property tax to pay for education costs? Would this be the case with the proposed borough?	Funter Bay	5/16/2007	Email	Donna & Phil Emerson
439	Taxes	Borough taxes of any kind would not be supported. Fearful about how taxes could be affected by the social and economic problems of other towns. Hard-earned money that goes to taxes may not provide any direct services.	Gustavus	5/5/2007	Comment Form	Cable Wells
440	Taxes	Borough taxes of any kind are not supported.	Gustavus	5/5/2007	Comment Form	Lacie Lester
441	Taxes	Of tax options in question 3: no to property taxes, 1% sales tax for areas outside cities is acceptable but 5% sales tax is too high, taxes on commercial or sport caught fish are acceptable.	Gustavus	5/4/2007	Comment Form	Abigail Calkin
442	Taxes	Of the tax options in question 3: the most acceptable is a \$10 per container tax on charter caught fish, second is a 1% sales and bed tax levied everywhere, third is a 1% excise tax on commercial fish. Property tax is not acceptable.	Gustavus	5/3/2007	Comment Form	Aimee Youmans
443	Taxes	Gustavus does not want a property tax; it would be detrimental to the community.	Gustavus	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
444	Taxes	Everyone wants to tax someone else; it could be difficult to share a regional tax base. The economic base (and tax burden) would be variable within the region.	Gustavus	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
445	Taxes	Do not support borough taxes, only city taxes. Local communities are better suited to support themselves on a local level and not with a borough government.	Gustavus	5/2/2007	Comment Form	Arch Thompson

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446	Taxes	If a borough did form, tax real estate (property tax) as this targets wealthy vacationers and absent land owners who want paved roads and services but don't live here and support local economy. Don't tax fisherman or basics like food or utilities via a sales tax.	Gustavus	5/2/2007	Comment Form	Arch Thompson
447	Taxes	Collecting taxes is not a burden. We did not become a city to make money from taxes.	Gustavus	5/2/2007	Comment Form	Kate Boesser
448	Taxes	How could property tax work if there is some private land in some communities and tribal or federal government land in other communities not subject to taxation?	Gustavus	5/1/2007	Letter	John & Lois Nixon
449	Taxes	Given the recent population decline and rise in poverty, a property tax could create a burden that could escalate poverty and population decline.	Gustavus	4/30/2007	Email	Karen & Mike Taylor
450	Taxes	There is no position in the proposed borough budget for a tax assessor and collector or for their travel and other expenses. Given the high costs of assessing properties across the sprawling borough and of collecting taxes from non-resident absentee property owners, the borough could be lucky to break even on tax receipts.	Gustavus	4/30/2007	Email	Karen & Mike Taylor
451	Taxes	Do not support any borough taxes.	Gustavus	4/23/2007	Comment Form	Thomas McLaughlin
452	Taxes	Local taxes yes, borough taxes no.	Gustavus	4/20/2007	Comment Form	Carolyn Edelman
453	Taxes	If a borough forms borough taxes will be needed. Gustavus is a new city surviving on the minimal taxes it collects. The borough budget appears to be in the red if NFR is lost, why join a borough with indebtedness? Hoonah and Gustavus have the most robust tax bases. Angoon and Kake will bring in very little money from taxes.	Gustavus	4/20/2007	Letter	Diane Klawunder
454	Taxes	Do not support property tax. Gustavus has a 4% bed tax and we collect more from this source than other towns. We don't need a bed tax increase now as tourism is declining. Do think that lodges, such as those in Elfin Cove, should leave some money in Alaska and would not oppose a property or bed tax on them.	Gustavus	4/20/2007	Letter	Diane Klawunder
455	Taxes	No borough taxes are acceptable. We can barely afford to live here with rising utility costs.	Gustavus	4/20/2007	Comment Form	Marilyn & John Jackson
456	Taxes	Property taxes could drive many residents out of Gustavus.	Gustavus	4/20/2007	Letter	Marilyn Jackson
457	Taxes	In response to question 3, do not support borough taxes of any type. Adamantly oppose property tax.	Gustavus	4/19/2007	Comment Form	JoAnn Lesh

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458	Taxes	Taxes would be levied from mom and pop business owners that are currently struggling to support their unique way of life. These businesses are not big and will choose not to absorb them and go out of business.	Gustavus	4/19/2007	Comment Form	JoAnn Lesh
459	Taxes	Gustavus is self-supporting with its own tax base. Borough taxation could add undue burden to and shift resources away from our community.	Gustavus	4/19/2007	Email	Lynne & George Jensen
460	Taxes	According to FY06 tax income, Gustavus is second in raising local taxes. We would be shouldering a large portion of the borough tax burden.	Gustavus	4/19/2007	Email	Lynne & George Jensen
461	Taxes	We are suspicious of statement that all taxes generated within each community would be reimbursed 100% to that community.	Gustavus	4/19/2007	Email	Lynne & George Jensen
462	Taxes	Rural areas do not receive the services that urban areas receive (i.e. swimming pools, large sports programs, medical facilities, etc.) and should not be taxed to support these services.	Gustavus	4/19/2007	Email	Lynne & George Jensen
463	Taxes	I do not support any type of borough tax.	Gustavus	4/17/2007	Comment Form	Becky King
464	Taxes	Do not support property taxes, why do they keep showing up in the study?	Gustavus	4/17/2007	Comment Form	Becky King
465	Taxes	If a borough must form, a 1% areawide sales and bed tax or one mill areawide property tax are most acceptable.	Gustavus	4/17/2007	Comment Form	Becky King
466	Taxes	Do not support borough taxes.	Gustavus	4/17/2007	Comment Form	Ernie King
467	Taxes	It seems that the only reason to form a borough would be to raise taxes.	Gustavus	4/17/2007	Comment Form	Ernie King
468	Taxes	It's important to let people know that some of the borough tax options are actually new money being captured by our region.	Gustavus	4/10/2007	Open House	Dan Zobrist
469	Taxes	Gustavus residents are wholly against a property tax, other communities probably feel this way too. Gustavus is also not accustomed to paying taxes for schools.	Gustavus	4/10/2007	Open House	Dan Zobrist
470	Taxes	Gustavus property is likely assessed at higher value than other areas in the possible borough, so would we bear a higher property tax burden than other communities?	Gustavus	4/10/2007	Public Meeting	Janet Neilson
471	Taxes	Are there any tax exempt properties in Kake, Angoon, or Hoonah?	Gustavus	4/10/2007	Public Meeting	Ken Klawunder

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472	Taxes	Property taxes are the least acceptable option because it penalizes large property owners who simply wish to keep their property as natural and ecologically intact as possible. It also hurts low income families as well as retirees on a fixed income. It could force residents to subdivide and sell their land and thus negatively impact quality of life and endanger our clean water.	Gustavus	4/19/2006	Email	Lynne & George Jensen
473	Taxes	A region-wide tax is more dependable and makes more choices available to communities.	Hoonah	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
474	Taxes	Hoonah is unable to have a property tax because properties have not been assessed.	Hoonah	3/22/2007	Public Meeting	John Erickson
475	Taxes	Lodge owners in Elfin Cove take care of their own utilities; they should not have to pay borough taxes	Hoonah	3/22/2007	Public Meeting	John Erickson
476	Taxes	How would the borough monitor a fish tax?	Hoonah	3/22/2007	Public Meeting	Joyce Skaflestad
477	Taxes	How would properties in federally restricted status, which are not taxable, affect the borough property tax?	Hoonah	3/22/2007	Public Meeting	Joyce Skaflestad
478	Taxes	How would a borough property tax affect Tlingit and Haida housing?	Hoonah	3/22/2007	Public Meeting	Joyce Skaflestad
479	Taxes	Home owners may fear a property tax because of the sound "4 mill property tax." They do not know what it means; it is confusing for the general public.	Hoonah	3/22/2007	Public Meeting	Margie Byrd
480	Taxes	Decisions on property tax would ultimately be up to the borough assembly. If a borough without property tax formed Pelican would likely keep its property tax and use it for city needs.	Pelican	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
481	Taxes	No borough property tax is a key issue; we can put these things into a borough charter.	Pelican	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
482	Taxes	If a borough formed, we do not favor a property tax in excess of 1 mill on residential or undeveloped property, anything greater would be a hardship. If borough formed, more acceptable taxes are a sales tax on goods and services everywhere in the borough, an excise tax on commercial fish caught within borough waters, or a \$10 tax on each 50 lbs. box of fish caught by sports fish charter clients.	Pelican	3/26/2007	Letter	Norm & Linda Carson
483	Taxes	Would money from the property tax benefit those living outside city limits?	Pelican	3/20/2007	Open House	Linda Carson
484	Taxes	The charter fish container tax is a bad idea for borough revenue; it cannot be fairly enforced.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Open House	Linda Carson
485	Taxes	If there is a local tax, people paying it will need to benefit.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Open House	Norm Carson

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486	Taxes	More taxation on local fishermen would be disconcerting, but in order to get excise tax from the outside fishermen in local waters, locals need to pay the tax too. There are far more non-resident commercial fishermen in local waters than resident fishermen.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Public Meeting	Patricia Phillips
487	Taxes	Have properties been assessed in the study area?	Pelican	3/20/2007	Open House	Tamara Lundahl
488	Taxes	In Sitka, residents will likely not report where they fish correctly to avoid paying the new charter tax.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Open House	Tamara Lundahl
489	Taxes	The study needs to consider the senior property tax exemption.	Pelican	3/20/2007	Open House	Tamara Lundahl
490	Taxes	There is a bed tax in Tenakee Springs.	Tenakee Springs	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
491	Taxes	Idea of avoiding property taxes would not hold up for long.	Tenakee Springs	4/14/2007	Letter	Molly Kemp
492	Taxes	Not willing to support borough taxes. Decreased sharing is far more likely.	Tenakee Springs	4/13/2007	Comment Form	Elizabeth Shaw
493	Taxes	Property tax millage is important, and properly done assessments are important.	Tenakee Springs	4/13/2007	Comment Form	Elizabeth Shaw
494	Taxes	Do property tax estimates account for Senior Citizen Tax Exemption?	Tenakee Springs	3/30/2007	Comment Form	Anonymous
495	Taxes	Tenakee Springs residents do not support a property tax.	Tenakee Springs	3/30/2007	Public Meeting	Don Pegues
496	Taxes	Is Glacier Bay National Park exempt from taxation?	Tenakee Springs	3/30/2007	Public Meeting	Don Pegues
497	Taxes	Not everyone in the proposed borough will want to be taxed the same way.	Tenakee Springs	3/30/2007	Public Meeting	Megs Testarmata
498	Taxes	When the borough is formed, will we have a property assessment?	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Jane Button
499	Taxes	There are Elfin Cove residents that would volunteer to enforce the fish container tax	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Travis Lewis
500	Taxes	A number of the properties in Pelican have a senior citizen property tax exemption. The city has to make up for those exemptions when we pay our 4 mill equivalent to support education. If a borough was formed, would it have to make up for those exemptions?	Pelican	3/20/2007	Public Meeting	Patricia Phillips
501	Voter turn-out	What is the percentage of voter turn-out in Hoonah?	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Mary Jo Lord-Wild
502	Voter turn-out	What is the voter turn-out in the region for each community so we can understand the number of signatures that would be required to sign a borough formation petition.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Mary Jo Lord-Wild
503	Workforce	People in Elfin Cove do not have enough time to volunteer to serve on a borough assembly or committee; they need to work at regular jobs. Other communities have more time and manpower to research or work on changing borough initiatives; it is easier for them to volunteer.	Elfin Cove	4/19/2007	Public Meeting	Mike Nelson

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504	Workforce	Study says potential workforce within the proposed borough is 2139. This assumes that citizens would be required to work until death terminates employment; retirement is not an option within the proposed borough.	Gustavus	5/4/2007	Email	Thomas Imboden
505	Workforce	There is concern that a borough would attract local candidates for borough administration that are not qualified for the job. Would they be willing to live in Hoonah and to work for the anticipated salaries? The borough could resort to hiring people because they are local and not because they qualify for the job.	Gustavus	4/30/2007	Email	Karen & Mike Taylor
506	Working Together	Can being more unified and establishing a regional base really help Angoon?	Angoon	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
507	Working Together	We have to look to each other, not the State.	Angoon	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
508	Working Together	Angoon and Kake need to have more discussion about borough formation.	Angoon	4/12/2007	Public Meeting	Ed Gamble, Sr.
509	Working Together	There is interest in working together as a region, but not as part of the proposed borough.	Elfin Cove	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
510	Working Together	Are there other forums or existing organizations that could help facilitate regional conversations, or further discussion about a borough?	Elfin Cove	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
511	Working Together	It is beneficial when communities in the region get together face to face.	Gustavus	5/4/2007	Comment Form	Abigail Calkin
512	Working Together	Communities need to be closer. It is regrettable that Gustavus does not have a closer tie with Hoonah and Kake, but is a borough the only way to bring us together as a region?	Gustavus	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
513	Working Together	What are the benefits of forming a borough? Is it to unify us for a stronger regional voice, to improve transportation, other? Is the borough the best way to accomplish these things?	Gustavus	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
514	Working Together	It is believed that the best way to achieve better working relationships with communities in the Glacier Bay Chatham region is to strengthen existing city to city contacts and to partner wherever possible on issues of regional concern, such as school funding. In doing so, we will keep our governments closest to the people and make the best use of our resources.	Gustavus	4/30/2007	Email	Karen & Mike Taylor
515	Working together	Residents have to meet and talk with each other in town meetings to discuss our interests, not rely on councils or one or two representatives. People have to talk with each other. Perhaps the communities can contract with an entity come in and facilitate the process.	Gustavus	4/10/2007	Public Meeting	Janusz Kunat

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516	Working Together	All school districts have some of the same issues; they all want high quality education. The current funding cutbacks and downsizing is appalling. Can working together strengthen a voice for education funding and programs?	Hoonah	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
517	Working Together	We are all small towns.	Hoonah	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
518	Working Together	We need a political, regional voice to help support our kids. We especially need a strong lobby for funding and aid for intensive needs youth.	Hoonah	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
519	Working Together	A borough system could work if all communities take the time and work together.	Kake	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
520	Working Together	All communities here today are rural, we need to work together and stand up as rural communities and as a region; we are all "native."	Kake	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
521	Working Together	We must work together and take control as a region on issues relating to kids, education, revenue, etc. A borough could be an opportunity, and if don't take action now, we could lose opportunities as others form boroughs and organize around us.	Kake	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
522	Working Together	Hasty decisions are not good; don't rush the process.	Kake	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
523	Working Together	In order for this thing to work it's going to take a team. I believe that everyone will support each other.	Kake	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
524	Working Together	Small communities and their uniqueness should be the foundation of a borough government structure in our area. A borough must be a partner to its communities, advocating for them and paying careful attention to their dynamics, rather than governing them.	Pelican	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
525	Working Together	Communities are able to exercise their regional voice without forming a borough to campaign for regional improvements with the legislature, like regional transportation.	Pelican	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
526	Working Together	Gustavus can facilitate by providing a region-wide resource, like hosting a website, which would be an asset to us all.	Pelican	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.
527	Working Together	A challenge for all of us in here is that sometimes we do compete with each other (e.g. over AMHS schedule); how do we prevent this from happening?	Tenakee Springs	5/3/07	05/03 Region Mtg	Community Repr.