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Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor and Assembly Members,

At the meeting of the Seldovia Planning and Zoning Commission of Sept. 7, 2016, it was the consensus of the Commission to submit comment on the proposed KPB Ordinance 2016-25. These comments were also submitted to the Seldovia City Council at the meeting on Sept. 14 for their support of the Commission's concerns and the proposed changes to KPB Ord. 2016-25 by the Seldovia P&Z.

Seldovia is one of the five, first class or home rule cities of the Borough. Under the newly revised version of KPB Ord. 2016-25, it is likely Seldovia's seat on the Borough Planning commission will be dissolved. Once this seat is lost, the likelihood of a Seldovia resident winning a seat on the commission is little to none.

Seldovia is a unique city in the Borough, has had representation on the Planning Commission since its inception, and wishes to have equal opportunity to continue that position. We live in a representative democracy, and the citizens of Seldovia deserve an opportunity to serve. The proposed KPB Ordinance 2016-25 will essentially remove the representation of a City within the Borough who has that right.

If you feel you must reduce the size of the Commission, the Seldovia City Council and Seldovia Planning and Zoning Commission wish to suggest the following changes to the proposed legislation:

1. Instill term limits for Commission members with the ability to reapply after two years of absence from the Commission.
2. Set up a rotation of the first class and home rule cities.

With these changes, once a commissioner's term ends, the previously excluded first class or home rule city would rotate into the open Commission seat.

We, the undersigned Council and Commission of the City of Seldovia, are concerned of the potential loss of representation on the KPB Planning Commission, and hope that Mayor Navarre and the Borough Assembly take into consideration the above suggestions which will allow for equal opportunity to serve.

Thank you for your time,


Paulette Carluccio-P&Z Chair


Mayor Dean Lent


Gerry Patrick, Council-woman


Bobbi Sweatt, Council-woman


John Colberg, Councilman


Perely Morrison, Councilman


Jake Corwin, Councilman