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(Please include this in the public comments for this ordinance. I sent it to all assembly members.)

Please support Ordinance 2018-04 providing for appointed board members for KESA and Seldovia Recreational Service Area. I recommend amending the ordinance to include as many service areas as are willing to convert. Mike Navarre's October 23, 2017 letter to the borough's smaller service area boards laid out the reasons I support this change. The number of unopposed candidates and the number of no candidates are especially compelling factors influencing my position. I deeply value the right to vote for my representatives, but in this case, the significant administrative burden and ballot confusion make filling in an oval where there is no choice seem ridiculous. I was once appointed to a service area board and subsequently ran unopposed for the same seat. I much preferred the appointment process. Filing for election in August was particularly annoying since I am always gone that month.

Roads are possibly the greatest concern for all of us. The appointed road service area board represents borough residents well. I believe appointed board members would be equally effective for all service areas. Please encourage this transition and support this ordinance now.