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Certificate of Sufficiency

State of Washington) County of Lewis)

The Undersigned Certifies as Follows:

I am the Lewis County Auditor. The petition regarding the Winlock UGA Annexation was accepted and filed with this office on 2/27/2023.

Pursuant to the RCW 36.93.100 (3)(a) the petition, to be sufficient, must be signed by five percent of the number of names of persons listed as registered voters within the proposed action area. We have compared the names of the signers on said petition against the list of registered voters in the Winlock UGA Annexation area. The results of the examination are as follows:

- 1. Number of registered voters in the UGA Annexation area: 228
- 2. Number of signatures on the petition filed by the proponents: 65
- 3. Number of signatures examined: 65
- 4. Number of minimum verified signatures required for a sufficient petition: 12
- 5. Number of verified signatures: 54
- 6. Number of rejected signatures (signature does not match or not registered in the area): 11

Based upon this examination, it has been determined that said petition was signed by the requisite number of registered voters within the Winlock UGA Annexation area and is hereby certified as sufficient pursuant to RCW 36.93.100 (3)(a).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the County of Lewis, Washington this 28th day of February, 2023.

Larry E Grove, CPA Lewis County Auditor February 23, 2023

Lewis County Boundary Review Board 315 NW North Street Chehalis, WA 98532

Re: Winlock Annexation Application

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WASHINGTON STATE BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD FOR LEWIS COUNTY

Boundary Review Board:

Thank you for taking the time to review the signatures from the residents in the Winlock Urban Growth Area. We have obtained signatures from the registered voters who occupy the homes, not just one voter per household. Not every voter was available to sign this petition during the 3 week window, but if you review the Vote submitted by the City back in August, you will find that out of 131 actual residents, only 5 submitted a yes vote. 96% of the residents in the UGA say NO.

We felt it was important to give you a clear picture of those who do not want annexed in. As you are aware, Winlock has applied to annex their entire Urban Growth Area. As mentioned above, there were only a few residents who agreed to the annexation when the city took the vote, but unfortunately, due to the process allowed by Washington State, property value based annexation can occur. New corporations in the industrial park have the majority of the land value, by annexing the industrial park, these corporations will pay less in taxes. When corporations have more say than those who live here, we have lost our rights as the people. Lewis County has always been about the rights of those who live here, just because a loophole is available, does not mean it should be used and approved on that basis.

Winlock does not have the infrastructure in place to care for us in the UGA. We have been very happy with the services the county has maintained for us. Lewis County Fire District 15 (Winlock) does not have the necessary fire station or equipment to handle the Urban Growth Area as well as the Industrial Park. Fire District 15 is still in need of a ladder truck and station and there are no funds available through grants etc. In fact District 15 will **not** be moving forward with these items as they know the burden to pay for these will be placed on the citizens.

Winlock does not have the water hookups to service current homes, let alone the new ones. Citizens have been told they can not supply water to them, which in one case impacts the sale of her 17 acres. Who wants to purchase land without water? Winlock has not maintained the infrastructure they have, there are many roads, water and sewer lines that are in need of repairs and replacement. There is maintenance that is still needed in several areas of Winlock. Failure to maintain the current city limits should be a sign they will not be able to maintain them once the area is annexed in.

Another important factor is that in speaking with a developer, they were forced to sign in favor of the annexation or they would not be given permits to develop their housing communities. This is illegal and should be considered when making the decision.

Lewis County has always been about the voice of the people who live here, this will be the first time where the voice of the people will be ignored. The UGA residents do not want to be annexed due to several reasons, many purchased their land decades ago and want to stay in the county. They do **not** want their land to be placed in the hands of the City of Winlock who will make all new residents abide by their city ordinances. They prefer to live in the county, if they wanted to live in the city, they would have purchased homes in the city.

Please consider the residents when reviewing the annexation. It is the will of the people to not be annexed. Thank you

Sincerely,

The Residents of the Winlock UGA voting NO to Annexation

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