

## Alanna Lawson

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**From:** Kaitlyn Jared >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 5, 2022 7:33 AM  
**To:** Alanna Lawson; Steve Burnham  
**Subject:** [External Email] Please do not disestablish the historic district committee

**[ATTENTION: This Email was received from outside the Municipality]**

Hi Steve or Alana,

Would you please share this with the Assembly.

Dear Mayor Cremata and Assembly members,

I am submitting this correspondence in regards to the proposed disestablishment of the historic district commission that was discussed at the HDC meeting on June 27, 2022. I disagree with this proposal. Skagway prides and sells its self on the preservation and identification with the Klondike Gold Rush. A unique aspect to Skagway. Because of this, the Municipal code has strict rules on development and display within the historic district of Skagway. I believe disestablishing this HDC will hinder Skagway's commitment to this image and it's longevity.

First, the planning and zoning is one of the busiest committees for assembly. Combining the duties of HDC adds additional duties that are better suited for a targeted overseeing committee.

Second, we pride ourselves and market ourselves for the genuine Klondike experience visitors feel when they come to Skagway. We should have a designated commitment to that appearance that has time and knowledge to best address it and it's needs.

Finally, and more importantly, unlike Juneau, Ketchikan, and Sitka, three of Skagway's biggest competing ports, Skagway is not a certified local government (<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/clg/index.htm>) . Again as a community that prides its self on our history as well as being a community in which the park service exists within the town site, we should be becoming part of programs like this so that private business owners and citizens can utilize special funds to restore and maintain historic buildings in order to better preserve and share our history. To participate in this program, you have to have a formed committee very similar to that of the historic district commission. Instead is disestablishing it, we could utilize the HDC to receive this national recognition.

At a time when cruise lines have more options as far which southeast ports they can visit. Rather than disestablishing the commission, we should have a more active committee that is working to ensure and improve the experience of our primary industry.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kaitlyn Jared  
Skagway Resident