

August 1, 2024

Homer City Mayor Ken Castner
Homer City Council Members
491 E. Pioneer Ave.
Homer, AK 99603

To Mayor Castner and council members,

The purpose of this letter is to urge you to support Homer Society of Natural History, Inc. dba Pratt Museum's Roof System Replacement Project.

Since 1967, when the Homer community chose to construct a museum as a centennial project celebrating the hundred-year anniversary of Alaska's purchase, the Pratt Museum has been a source of pride for the community. At the Museum, art, science and culture come together in the exploration of a wide range of topics and stories from traditional cultures to environmental concerns. In addition to being a place of preservation, conservation, sharing, and learning, the Pratt Museum serves as a gathering place, connecting people of all ages and backgrounds. It has contributed tangibly to local quality of life, helping make Homer a place where people want to live, work, and play.

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Over the years, the harsh Alaskan weather conditions have taken their toll on the building and in 2007, the first of several professional assessments were conducted by engineering firms which identified the need for replacement of the deteriorating roof system. Recent renovations included critical upgrades to make the facility ADA compliant and to improve collection stewardship, but were unable to include replacement of the roof system. In order to sustain the Museum's commitment to the community, the failing roof system can no longer be kicked down the road.

The Homer Society of Natural History, Inc. dba Pratt Museum needs your help. The Pratt Museum is a community museum. As such we need the community to support this critical project. I encourage the City of Homer to financially support this project, which will demonstrate a commitment to the preservation of local history and culture as well as provide leverage needed to secure additional funds through other sources.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the Pratt Museum's Roof System Replacement project.

Sincerely,