



July 23, 2024

Mayor Castner  
City of Homer  
491 E Pioneer Avenue  
Homer, AK 99603

Dear Mayor Castner and City Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of Museums Alaska, the state's museum association, to express our wholehearted support for the Pratt Museum's roof replacement project.

The Pratt Museum's significance extends beyond being a repository of art, science, and culture. It provides a vital gathering space for community members of all ages, fostering learning, exploration, and connection. It enhances the quality of life for Homer's residents, offering educational opportunities and serving as an economic powerhouse by attracting tourists.

The Pratt Museum is not only a cornerstone of the Homer community but also a vital part of the broader museum network throughout Alaska. As one of the few accredited museums in the state, it stands out as a beacon of excellence, enriching the lives of residents and visitors alike.

The Pratt Museum has long been a jewel in the crown of Alaska's museums, renowned for its exceptional collections, engaging exhibits, and dedicated staff. However, the museum's ability to continue serving the community is severely threatened by its deteriorating roof. The roof's unsafe condition poses a significant risk to the museum's valuable collections, the integrity of its exhibits, and the safety of its visitors and staff.

**The Pratt Museum has a plan for financing this project**, including matching funds from a major foundation and support from our representatives and senators in Washington, D.C. and Juneau. However, the initial support from the City of Homer is crucial to unlock funding.

Given the Pratt Museum's history and significance in the community, we ask that you please make the roof replacement a priority for the City of Homer.

Thank you for your commitment to sustaining this invaluable institution. We appreciate your support in making this critical project a reality.

Sincerely,

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Dixie Clough  
Director, Museums Alaska