## Exhibit B



# HE VIKING SHI A LEIF ERIKSON RESTORATION PROJECT

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To: Mayor Emily Larson

Re: Leif Erikson Viking Ship

Dear Mayor Larson,

Per your request, the Board of Directors of Save Our Ship, Inc., dba The Leif Erickson Restoration Project has met and voted to request the City of Duluth gift the Leif Erikson Viking ship to Save Our ship Inc., a 501c3 nonprofit corporation.

As you know Save Our Ship has been involved with the restoration of the Viking Ship since our formation as a nonprofit in 1985. After completing the restoration of the Ship, we started the next journey - to find a home for the Ship and properly display and protect the historic Viking Ship.

Our understanding is the City of Duluth is unable, at this time, to undertake displaying the ship in a protective building as was promised in the original gifting of the ship to the City of Duluth in July 1927 by Bert Enger and his partners. One of our board members is a descendent of that family partnership that gifted the ship to the city, having a family member being a part of this is uplifting.

We are excited to have two entities interested in housing and displaying the Viking Ship and are currently reviewing the separate proposals. Neither would require a financial commitment from the City of Duluth.

Thank you for working with our board and for your support.

Sincerely

Neill Atkins Co-Chair

Leif Erikson Restoration Project

