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Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Mount Vernon
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[Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Annual Conference]

Dear Honorable Council Members,

This letter comes as a request to the City Council for the enactment of legislation authorizing the Mayor to attend the *Great lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative 2025 Annual Conference* in Milwaukee Wisconsin on May 14th to May 16th, 2025.

The cost of registration will be paid for by the Great lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative. The cost of transportation, incidentals, and hotel will be reimbursed by Great lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative and not exceed 600.00. (Six hundred dollars). The cost of the travel, hotel fees, and incidentals will be expensed from budget A 1210.402 – Travel

Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard's attendance at *The Future of Fresh Water* conference will provide valuable insights into innovative water management strategies that can benefit Mount Vernon. With cities facing aging infrastructure, climate change, and affordability challenges, this conference offers solutions to improve sustainability, reduce costs, and secure funding opportunities. Bringing these best practices back to Mount Vernon will help enhance water infrastructure, public health, and overall community resilience.

Please see the attached link for the most "up-to-date" schedule of events.
<https://glslcities.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/GLSL-Cities-Initiative-2025-Annual-Conference-Preliminary-Agenda-4.1.25.pdf>

In Service,

Shawyn Patterson-Howard, MPA
Mayor

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