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Honorable City Council Members  
1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

RE: Rename the Roundabout at Lincoln Avenue and Gramatan Avenue in Honor of Mayor Ernest D. Davis.

Dear Honorable Body:

I am writing to formally recommend the renaming of the roundabout at Lincoln Avenue and Gramatan Avenue in Mount Vernon, New York, in honor of former Mayor Ernest D. Davis, whose transformative leadership and visionary actions were pivotal in the creation of this very roundabout.

Mayor Davis is a charismatic and popular figure, who was elected in 1996 as Mount Vernon's 19th Mayor and was instrumental in the city's resurgence during his tenure. As Mayor, Ernest D. Davis saw the potential of Mount Vernon and worked tirelessly to implement his vision for the city. One of his early initiatives was the transformation of the dangerous four-way intersection at Lincoln and Gramatan Avenues into a functional roundabout. This not only improved traffic flow and safety but became a symbol of his approach to forward-thinking governance. His focus on smart infrastructure, coupled with his drive to revitalize Mount Vernon, led to unprecedented economic growth, making the city a regional hub for new business and community development.

Throughout his career, Mayor Davis championed causes that uplifted Mount Vernon's youth, encouraged inclusivity, and promoted economic and social progress. He understood that the success of the city would shape the future of its citizens, and his insight into urban planning and governance has left a lasting legacy. In addition to his accomplishments in public office, Mayor Davis brought his architectural expertise to bear on numerous projects in Mount Vernon and beyond, further cementing his role as a builder of both physical structures and community foundations.



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Given his monumental contributions, it is fitting to rename this key infrastructure in his honor. This roundabout stands as a physical manifestation of his vision for a safer, stronger, and more united Mount Vernon. Renaming it after Mayor Ernest D. Davis would not only recognize his many accomplishments but would also ensure that future generations remember his profound impact on the city he so dearly loved.

I respectfully urge the passage of legislation to rename the Lincoln and Gramatan roundabout as the "**Ernest D. Davis Roundabout,**" with a renaming a **plaque ceremony at Hartley Park on November 3, 2024. Auxiliary Police Officers would be needed for traffic control and for the safety of the participants. Invitations would go out to local, County and State officials as well as news coverage and social media announcements.** The ceremony would be a tribute to a leader whose dedication and perseverance brought Mount Vernon into a new era of growth and opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration of this important measure. Please do not hesitate to reach out if further information or support is needed

Sincerely,

*Cathlin B. Gleason*

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