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Honorable Members of the City Council
Through the Office of the Mayor
City Hall – One Roosevelt Square
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Dear Honorable Members:

This letter comes to respectfully request that the City Council enact legislation that will enable the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau (MVYB) to hang banners and signs at various location within the City of Mount Vernon to discourage or prevent the misused of opioids. Locations are as follows: Prospect Avenue & Park Avenue (both sides); City Hall Plaza; Sandford Boulevard (Memorial Field Fence); Hartley Park and 4th Street Playground.

Funds were awarded to the MVYB by the Office of Addiction Services and Support (OASAS) to complete evidence-based activities which includes 1. Public education relating to drug disposal. 2. Corrective advertising, campaigns, or affirmative to the public. 3. Drug take-back disposal or destruction programs. 4. Support community-based education. 5. Support greater access to mental health services and support for young people 6. Engage non-profits and faith-based community as a system to support prevention.

In an ordinance dated February 14, 2024, the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau was approved to accept a grant from the Office of Addiction Services and Support (OASAS), for the ***Opioid*** evidence-based activities in the amount of **\$59,111** from January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024. Banners and signs were purchased using these funds from budget code A7330.458. Please note there are no cost or burden to the city. Discussion between the Public Works and Recreation Commissioners already have taken placed.

Should you require further information, please feel free to contact me at by phone at (914) 665-2347 or by email at Dburrell@cmvny.com. Thanks for consideration in this anti-drug initiative.

Sincerely,

Debbie Burrell-Butler

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CC: Shawyn Patterson-Howard, Mayor
Darren Morton, Comptroller
Brian Johnson, Corporation Counsel

Enclosed: Copy of signs markup and prior ordinance