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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 Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Flying Classroom led by the CEO, Captain Barrington Irving Technical Training School (**BITTS**) and his team, for the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau's Solar GO KART Summer Academy. The service period is from **July 8th, 2025, to August 14, 2025**, in the amount of **\$45,000.00**.

The Solar GO KART Summer Academy is specially designed to provide 15 Mount Vernon Middle School students (grades 6-8) with engaging and immersive STEM+ hands-on experience, teamwork, problem solving, and critical thinking skills. This program equips students with essential knowledge in science, technology, mathematics, and literacy while fostering communication, and creativity skills. Through live virtual sessions and hands-on design challenges, students will explore real-world STEM+ challenges, building two (2) solar Go Karts. The curriculum is nationally aligned, ensuring a comprehensive educational experience for all participants. Although the academy is for 6 weeks, the in-person session will take place at the Recreational Brush Park, starting August 5th through August 14th. Please see the attached schedule

Funds are to be accounted for in the revenue code A4790.6 associated with the budget code A6295.405 in the amount of \$40,000 (State reimbursable grant- Project RISE) and revenue code A4820 associated with budget code A7316.405 in the amount of \$5,000 (no cost to the city, funds are readily available, and no matching is required). Should you require further information, please feel free to contact me at (914) 665-2344 or by email at Dburrell@cmvny.com.

Thanks for considering this initiative.

Sincerely,

Debbie Burrell-Butler

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Enclosed: Schedules A & B, & picture of the Solar Go Cart

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