



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.

Mayor Office

SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD, MPA
Mayor

City Hall, One Roosevelt Square
Mount Vernon, NY. 10550
(914) 665-2362 – Fax: (914) 665-6173

MALCOLM CLARK
Chief of Staff

September 5, 2024

The Honorable City Council
City of Mount Vernon
City Hall
1 Roosevelt Square
Mount Vernon, New York 10550

Re: DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

To the Honorable City Council,

This letter is in support of the Department of Public Work's request to declare an emergency for various municipal buildings. By way of context, the City of Mount Vernon owns and operates a diverse portfolio of municipal buildings, many of which are aging and have not been evaluated. Recent critical emergency events and observations have raised significant concerns regarding the current condition of these facilities, with potential risks to public safety, building integrity, and operational functionality. These concerns highlight the critical need for immediate action to assess and address any deficiencies that may pose a threat to our community.

Therefore, I support the Department of Public Work's request to declare an emergency and authorize the city to enter contract with Environetics Group Architects (Environetics). This is work that has previously been done by this group in 2021 that allowed the city to receive funding for municipal projects. The request is necessitated by deteriorating conditions within the buildings identified by Commissioner Bush and predicated by funding received through Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that allowed the city to allocate \$8 million dollars towards these projects that need updated engineering reports.

Declaring an emergency for this contract will allow us to expedite the procurement process and ensure that the assessments are completed promptly. This will enable the city to make informed decisions on necessary repairs or upgrades, thus safeguarding our municipal assets and ensuring the continued safety and well-being of our residents and employees.

In Service,

Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard, MPA
City of Mount Vernon