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The Honorable Members of the City Council  
City of Mount Vernon  
One Roosevelt Square  
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**RE: Partnership with Optimum for City of Mount Vernon Employee Appreciation Day**

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

This letter requests that the City Council enact legislation allowing the Department of Recreation to partner with Optimum, a connectivity service company, to host an Employee Appreciation Day event for City of Mount Vernon employees on Monday, May 18, 2026, on City Hall Plaza.

Optimum will provide a full on-site branded activation at no cost to the City, featuring the following: Branded Tent Experience, Optimum Sprinter Van, Interactive Engagement Stations, etc. This partnership presents a range of direct and indirect benefits to the City's employees.

The Department of Recreation respectfully requests that the City Council:

- Review and approve the proposed Employee Appreciation Day partnership with Optimum for the event to be held on May 18, 2026 on City Hall Plaza;
- Authorize the Department of Recreation to coordinate all logistical elements of the activation in partnership with Optimum; and
- Endorse the use of City Hall Plaza for the duration of the event on said date.

We believe this activation reflects the City's commitment to honoring its workforce while promoting meaningful community and corporate engagement.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Walker Pinckney, Commissioner  
Department of Recreation

cc: André G. Early, Deputy Commissioner  
Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard  
City Clerk