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Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Mount Vernon
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Dear Honorable Council members,

This letter comes as a request to the City Council for the enactment of legislation authorizing the Mayor to attend the Democratic Mayors Association “Champions of Democracy Summit” in Washington DC on May 9th to May 11th.

The entire trip including transportation, incidentals, and hotel should not exceed \$1,000.00. (One thousand dollars). The cost of the travel and hotel fees will be expensed from budget A 1210.402 – Travel

The Democratic Mayors Association “Champions of Democracy Summit” will empower the mayor with the knowledge and resources necessary to effectively communicate and mobilize proactive initiative within the Mount Vernon community. The summit will host sessions with officials from the Biden-Harris team, and offer the Mayor insight about upcoming initiatives from the White House. This interactive summit provides in depth conversations on topics such as: The Housing Crisis, Public Safety, Economic Development, Dealing with Polarization, Social Advocacy, Immigration, Voting Rights, and How to Develop Strategic Alliances.

Please see the Democratic Mayor’s Association website for more information:
[Agenda — Champions of Democracy Summit \(dmasummit.com\)](https://dmasummit.com)

In Service,

Shawyn Patterson-Howard, MPA
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