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AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING PERMISSION TO
CREATE AN OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY &
ENGAGEMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NY

WHEREAS, by letter dated May 10, 2023, the Mayor has requested that legislation be enacted to create an Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement for the City of Mount Vernon, NY. This office would be responsible for coordinating and implementing initiatives that promote community safety and engagement, with a focus on addressing the root causes of crime and violence; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement would be responsible for developing and implementing a comprehensive strategy to address these issues. This would include working closely with community & business leaders, organizations, and residents to identify and prioritize the most pressing concerns. The office would also work to establish partnerships with law enforcement agencies and other government entities to coordinate and implement initiatives that enhance public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement would also be responsible for creating programs and activities that promote community engagement, including youth mentorship programs, neighborhood watch programs, and community events. These initiatives would help to build trust and foster stronger relationships between law enforcement and residents, ultimately creating a safer and more vibrant community; and

WHEREAS, the creation of an Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement would be a critical step in addressing the root causes of crime and violence in our city. I urge you to support this initiative and provide the necessary resources to establish this office and together, we can work to create a safer and more prosperous community for all residents of Mount Vernon; NOW, THEREFORE,

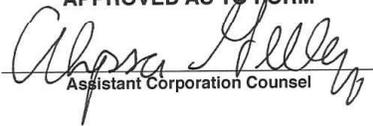
The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened does hereby ordain and enact:

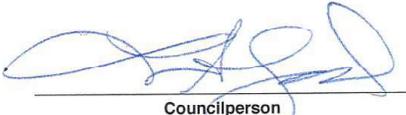
Section 1. Permission is hereby granted authorizing the creation of an Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement for the City of Mount Vernon.

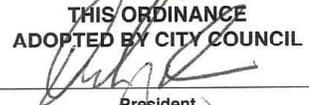
Section 2. Funds for the creation of this Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement for the City of Mount Vernon are available upon acceptance of \$200,000.00 from the Urban Renewal Agency to support the creation of this office which includes hiring of a staff and identifying space for the office.

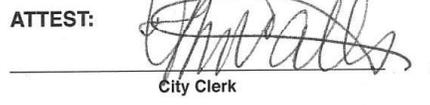
Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

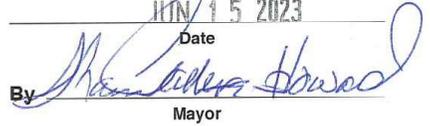
Vote Taken As Follows: 6/14/2023
Copeland: Yea Gleason: Yea
Potat: Yea Thompson: Absent
Browne: Yea Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel


Councilperson

**THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**

President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED
JUN 15 2023
Date

By
Mayor

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RESOLVED, that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on June 14, 2023, and signed by the Mayor on May 15, 2023, granting permission to the Mayor's Office to create an Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement within the City of Mount Vernon, NY, be and the same is hereby approved.

Vote recorded on 6/20/2023 as follows:

Browne: Yea Morton: Yea

Patterson-Howard: Yea

Resolution Adopted 3-0

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Alyssa Gullis
Assistant Corporation Counsel

ADOPTED BY
BOARD OF ESTIMATE
AND CONTRACT

APPROVED

Dept. _____

[Signature]

Clerk

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