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April 2, 2025

Honorable City Council Members
Through the Office of the Mayor
1 Roosevelt Square
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Subject: Request to Enter into MOU to partner on the DCJS STRIVE Initiative

Dear Council Members,

This letter comes to request that legislation be enacted to enable the Mayor to enter into an MOU with the Westchester County STRIVE (Statewide Targeted Reductions in Intimate Partner Violence) Partnership.

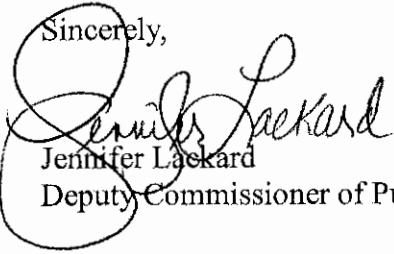
STRIVE is modeled after the State's Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) initiative, also administered by DCJS, which requires partners in select counties to develop a comprehensive plan using one or more evidence-based strategies to reduce shootings and save lives. Plans developed by counties participating in STRIVE must use evidence-based strategies and ensure that community members and programs that serve victims and survivors are actively involved in strategy selection and implementation.

Westchester County is creating an expanded crisis intervention team that will identify families at highest risk of deadly domestic violence. The primary jurisdiction of the City of Yonkers and the second jurisdiction of the City of Mount Vernon. STRIVE's goal is to improve the public safety response to domestic and intimate partner violence and better address the needs of victims and survivors.

Should this request meet with your approval, we kindly ask that the necessary legislation be enacted and enter into this agreement with STRIVE.

Cc: Mayor
Comptroller
Law Department

Sincerely,



Jennifer Laekard

Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety