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April 10, 2025

Honorable Members of the City Council
Through the Office of the Mayor
City Hall
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Re: Annual Juneteenth Celebration and Interfaith Health Fair

Dear Honorable Members:

This letter requests that the city enact Legislation enabling Mount Vernon Recreation to co-sponsor the Annual Juneteenth Walk and Celebration and the Interfaith Health Fair with the Yusuf Shah Islamic Center on Saturday, June 7, 2025, 10 am- 5 pm. The walk will begin at City Hall at, proceed down Stevens Avenue to Gramatan Avenue, and end at Hartley Park. We will raise the official Juneteenth Flag in Hartley Park. Following the event, we request the Juneteenth Flag be raised at City Hall Plaza.

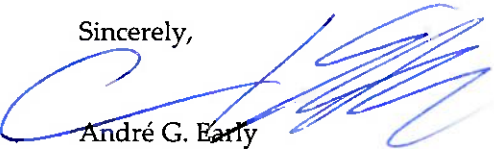
In partnership with the Interfaith Health Fair and the Yusuf Shah Islamic Center, the Annual Juneteenth Walk and Celebration is a powerful expression of community unity, cultural pride, and health awareness in Mount Vernon. The walk symbolizes the ongoing journey toward freedom, justice, and equity, and the raising of the Juneteenth Flag honors the legacy and resilience of African Americans. At the same time, the Interfaith Health Fair brings together diverse faith communities to promote wellness and mutual support.

We respectfully request that the Juneteenth Flag continue to be on display at City Hall Plaza following the event as a tribute to the significance of the celebration.

Additionally, we request the MVPD's valuable assistance in crossing streets and patrolling, if available. Your involvement in this collaborative effort is greatly appreciated.

Funds for this event will be reflected in Budget Code A7620.457 not to exceed \$1500. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

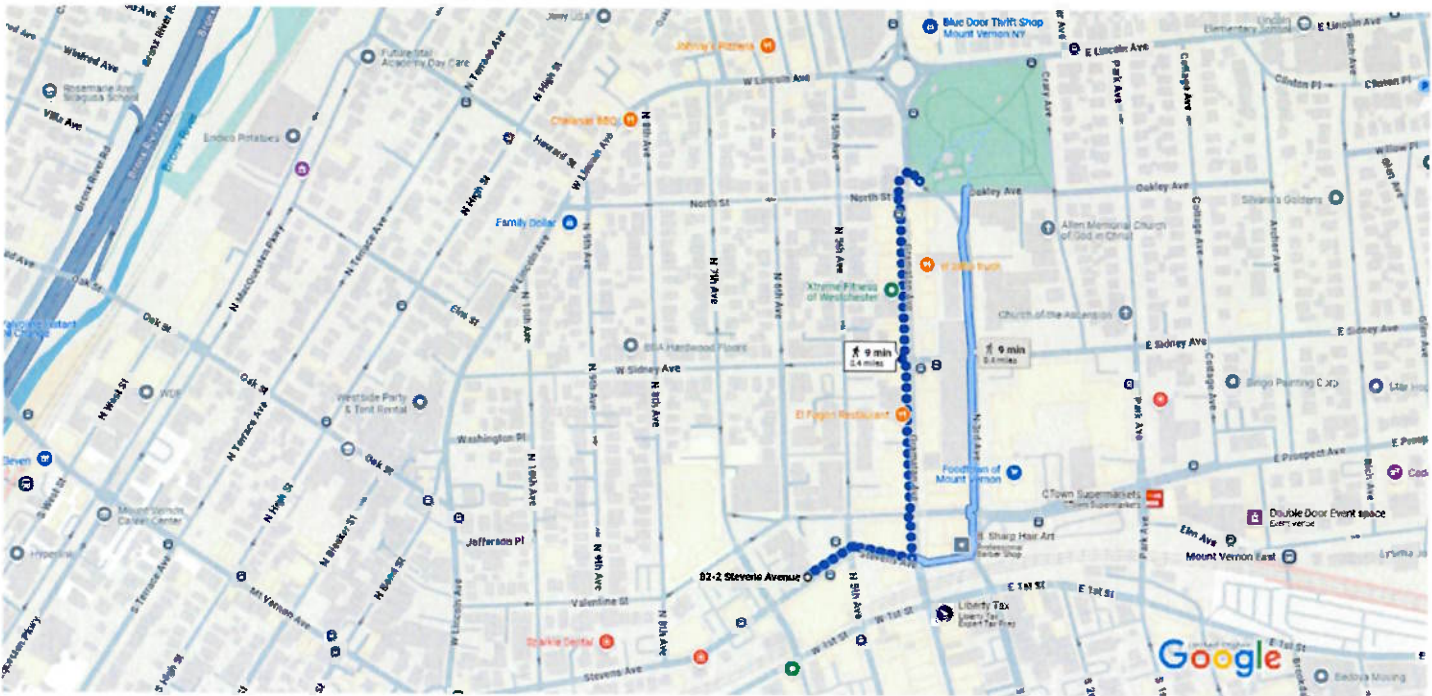
Sincerely,


André G. Early
Deputy Commissioner

cc: Office of the Mayor
Office of the Comptroller
Corporation Council
File

82-2 Stevens Ave, Mt Vernon, NY 10550 to Hartley Park, 144 N 5th Ave, Hartley Ave, Mt Vernon, NY 10550

Juneteenth Walk



Map data ©2025 Google 200 ft



Use caution—walking directions may not always reflect real-world conditions

82-2 Stevens Ave
Mt Vernon, NY 10550

- ↑ 1. Head northeast on Stevens Ave toward S 5th Ave
463 ft
- ↶ 2. Turn left onto Gramatan Ave
0.3 mi
- ↷ 3. Sharp right
66 ft
- ↶ 4. Turn left
13 ft

Hartley Park
144 N 5th Ave, Hartley Ave, Mt Vernon, NY 10550