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

Re: Eddie Williams Playground/New City Parks

Dear Honorable Council Members:

The purpose of this letter is to formally request legislation authorizing the City of Mount Vernon enter into agreement with New City Parks to seek funding for playground equipment to benefit the Eddie Williams Playground, providing the community with safe, modern, and enriching play spaces for children and families.

New City Parks is a not-for-profit operating in the State of New York with a mission to help under-resourced communities improve access to parks and open space; and, works closely with cities to identify, apply for, and obtain public and private funding; providing conceptual and schematic design plans and/or construction documents; and managing contracting, construction, and grant compliance; and

The partnership will enhance the quality and safety of the playground at no cost to the City, while simultaneously reducing the need for future capital expenditures on equipment replacement and upgrades. This partnership reflects the type of community-centered collaboration that maximizes public resources and strengthens the recreational offerings available to Mount Vernon residents.

I respectfully request your support in enacting the necessary legislation to formally enter into agreement and authorize the Department of Public Works and Department of Recreation to fulfill any conditions of the agreement.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Walker-Pinckney, Commissioner

Ryan Ulrich
Deputy Commissioner of Public Works
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cc: Dwayne Jones, Commissioner, Department of Public Works
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