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DEPARTMENT of RECREATION

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Kathleen Walker-Pinckney
Commissioner

April 17, 2024

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

Re: Buddy White Project

Dear Honorable Council Members:

This letter requests that the City enact legislation to allow The Recreation Department to co-sponsor with Henry Allen and The Buddy White Project for **The Back to School Backpack** event on Saturday, August 10, 2024. The event will run from 1 pm to 4 pm, with setup beginning at 8 am and cleanup following the event. The location for this event will take place primarily at The Doles Center but also include 4th Street Park and we request the closing of 7th Ave between 3rd and 4th Streets. The rain date for this event is Sunday, August 11, 2024, and the times requested will remain the same.

The Buddy White Project, founded by Henry Allen, is an organization that dedicates time and resources to early childhood educational initiatives. This Back to School Event, co-sponsored with the Recreation Department, will be catered to Mount Vernon youth, predominantly K-8. We will collaborate with local and national community-based organizations and corporations for resources, supplies, and referrals. We will supply more details along with the resources to be distributed in the future.

The cost for this event will come from Budget Code A7620.457 for minimal staff (4-6) and will not exceed \$3,000.00. We are also requesting Mount Vernon Auxiliary Police patrol the area.

I appreciate your cooperation in this matter. We are available to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Walker- Pinckney
Commissioner of Recreation

CC: Shawyn Patterson-Howard- Mayor
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