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Deputy Commissioner

October 29, 2024

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

Re: 5th Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk

Dear Honorable Council Members,

This letter requests that the City Council enact legislation allowing the Department of Recreation to co-sponsor the 5th Annual Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk, a registration fee-based event (\$), to be held on Saturday, November 30, 2024. This event will begin at Hartley Park and will utilize several city sidewalks (please see the enclosed map with street-to-street details.) The event setup will begin at 5:00 a.m. with the **WE RUN MT. VERNON** team preparing last-minute details before a 7 a.m. check-in and participant bib pickup. The Run/Walk will begin promptly at 8 a.m.

We also ask permission to authorize the Department of Public Works to assist in setting up the finish line with metal barricades for the safety of the runners as they finish. Additionally, Recreation will set up tents, chairs, and to hang up a banner at Hartley Park.

The route is 3.128 miles (5.03k) and remains on the city's north side, featuring the shopping districts on Gramatan Ave, Grand Street, Locust Ave and Broad Street as well as the St. Peter and Paul Church and Pennington School and through the neighborhoods of North Fulton Ave. and Westchester Ave.

The route begins and ends at the northeast corner of Hartley Park and avoids the circle entirely with minimal busy street crossings (Lincoln Ave twice at the beginning and end of the route, Gramatan Ave. twice). We anticipate that the event will end at 1:00 pm.

There is minimal cost to the city, \$2,000.00 utilizing budget code 7620.104, for this event that will account for essential staff to assist with monitoring safety concerns, set-up, and breakdown. We request the use of auxiliary police/patrol car(s) to assist in the safe crossing of streets and to monitor the event.



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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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