



July 15, 2026

Mount Vernon City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, NY

Re: Request for Legislation Authorizing Temporary Street Closure for the 9th Annual Wakanda Celebration

Dear Honorable Members of the Mount Vernon City Council,

On behalf of the organizers of the **9th Annual Wakanda Celebration**, I respectfully request that the City Council adopt legislation authorizing the temporary closure of **Hawthorne Terrace between Lenox Avenue and Euclid Avenue**, together with the use of the associated public rights-of-way, for the **9th Annual Wakanda Celebration** to be held on **Saturday, September 12, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

The requested temporary street closure is necessary to provide a safe environment for attendees and event activities. We will continue to coordinate with the Mount Vernon Police Department, Fire Department, and all other appropriate City departments to ensure public safety, emergency access, and compliance with all applicable City requirements.

Enclosed is the event site diagram illustrating the requested street closure and the proposed use of the event area.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We appreciate the City Council's time and look forward to your favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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