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February 13, 2026

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

Re: Yusuf Shah Islamic Center – Juneteenth Health Fair – Hartley Park

Dear Honorable Council Members:

This letter requests that the city enact legislation allowing the Department of Recreation to co-sponsor the Yusuf Shah Islamic Center – Juneteenth Health Fair on Saturday, June 6, 2026, and the 1st Saturday in the month of June, annually.

The Yusuf Shah Islamic Center’s mission is to achieve a unified front that would promote a better sense of community, enlighten the American public opinion with the true knowledge about Islam, its teachings, ideology, philosophy and culture, and instill a sense of responsibility among both members and non-members.

The Juneteenth Health Fair will take place in Hartley Park and the Yusuf Shah Islamic Center respectfully requests the following partnership provisions from the City:

- Authorization to utilize Hartley Park; the cost of the park is the co-sponsorship with the Department of Recreation from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (8 am-12 noon to Set-up), 12 noon-7:00 pm (Event time), 7:00 pm-8:00pm (Clean-up) - This event will be at no cost to the city;
- We request the presence of Auxiliary Officers.

Vendor spaces will be made available to local food and craft merchants on a predetermined basis. All Vendors must submit a one-day vendor permit application, which will be included in the Yusuf Shah Islamic Center’s vendor package. In addition, all vendors using propane, grills, or fire of any nature will be required to have a pre-inspection from the MVFD.

All clean up will be done by Yusuf Shah and the Recreation Department. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

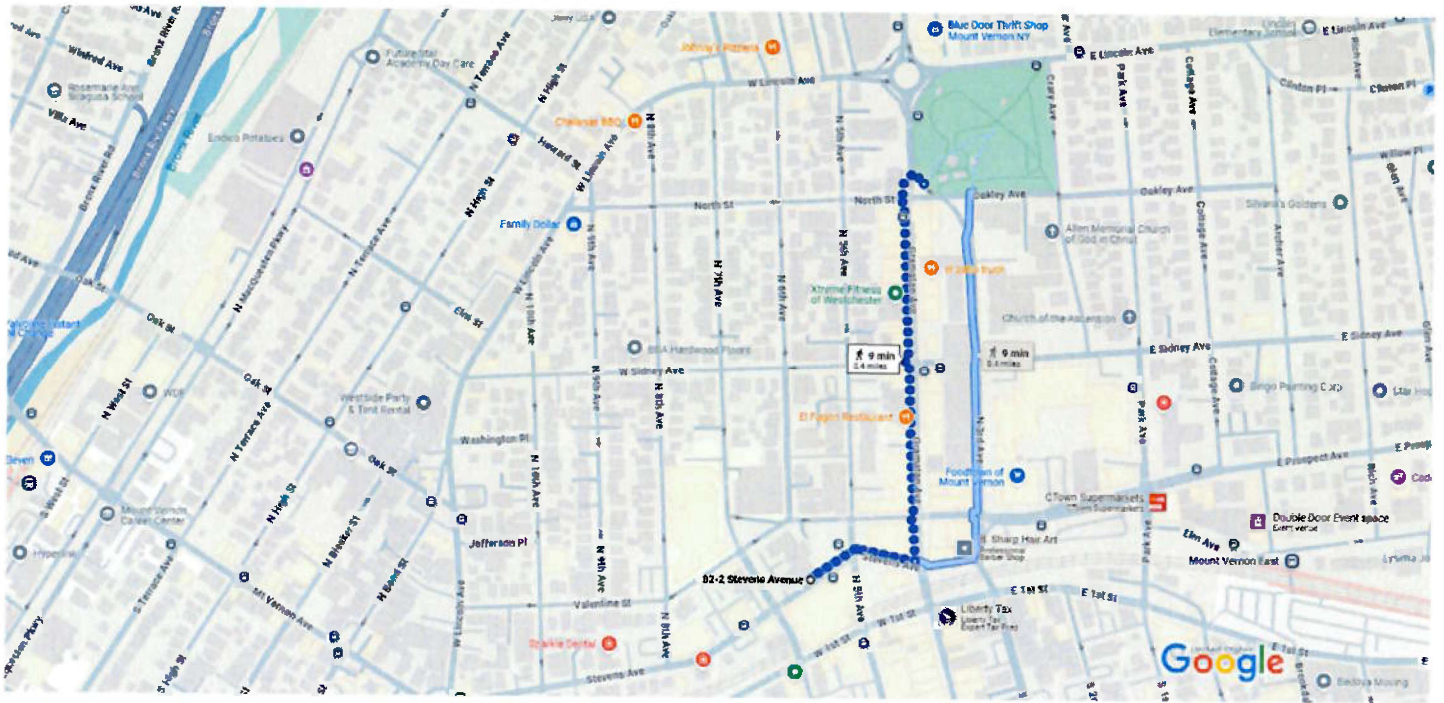
André G. Early, Deputy Commissioner

cc: Kathleen Walker-Pinckney, Commissioner
Shawyn Patterson-Howard, Mayor

“The Jewel of Westchester”



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



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