



## CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.

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The Honorable City Council  
City of Mount Vernon  
City Hall  
1 Roosevelt Square  
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Re: Updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative

To the Honorable City Council,

The Patterson-Howard Administration continues to benefit from its strategic partnership with the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Through this collaboration, the City of Mount Vernon has been afforded the opportunity to host a Bloomberg Harvard City Hall Fellow—at no cost to the City—who supports critical operations within the Buildings Department.

We are now submitting an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to reflect the new grant award language provided by the Bloomberg Harvard team. While the scope of the fellowship and the City's role remain the same, the revised language ensures alignment with current grant compliance and reporting standards.

This letter serves as a formal request for the City Council's approval to authorize the execution of the updated MOU. The Fellow's placement continues to provide meaningful policy support and workflow development, contributing to the administration's broader goals of improving departmental efficiency and service delivery.

A copy of the revised MOU is attached for your review. Please do not hesitate to contact my office should you have any questions or require further information.

In Service,

Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard, MPA  
City of Mount Vernon

Cc: Law, DOB, HR

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