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June 6, 2025

VIA EMAIL:

Honorable City Council Members
City of Mount Vernon
1 Roosevelt Square
Mount Vernon, New York 10550

RE: Request for setting a Public Hearing for the approval of the five-year Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Plan for 2025-2029 and Annual Action Plan for 2025.
For approval at the June 11TH City Council meeting.

Honorable Councilmembers:

The Department of Planning and Community Development (PCD) requests that the City Council set a public hearing for June 25, 2025, to adopt the Consolidated Plan for 2025-2029 and the 2025 Action Plan. This Public Hearing is a required step by HUD in the adoption of the Consolidated Plan. The five-year Consolidated Plan is the citizen feedback mechanism that facilitates the creation of an Annual Action Plan, the plan that determines how approximately \$2,000,000 of annual grant funds are to be spent in FY 2025.

The Consolidated Plan was developed with extensive feedback from the public with well over 200 residents and stakeholders participating over the last four months. The document is available at this link for a more detailed review. (<https://cmvny.com/DocumentCenter/View/10710>).

The Timeline for the Consolidated Plan:

12/24 through 5/25 Solicitation and compilation of survey results into a draft plan
6/3/2025 Draft Plan available online and noticed public comment hearing opening
6/3/25 through 7/7/2025 Open comment Period for Draft Plan
6/11/2025 Notice of Public Hearing for City Council
6/17/2025 URA Adopts Draft Consolidated Plan
6/25/2025 City Council Public Hearing for Plan
7/7/2025 Closing Hearing and comment period and comments are incorporated into plan
7/8/2025 Plan is submitted to HUD
9/1/2025 New Fiscal Year begins

The Plan findings are that there are four primary goals for the coming five-year program cycle:

1. Providing quality of life to Mount Vernon residents,
2. Development and preservation of affordable housing,
3. Invest in public facilities and infrastructure,
4. Provide effective program management.





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The City of Mount Vernon currently is estimated to receive funds under two programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for \$1,550,000 and the Home Investment Partnership Grant for \$600,000.

The 2025 Action Plan targets the CDBG funds for infrastructure improvements and the home funds for affordable housing.

After the City Council closes the hearing on June 25, 2025 and adopts the Plan it will be submitted to HUD for approval in early July. The funds will be available via the Urban Renewal Agency (URA) on September 1, 2025. Failure to adopt the Plan will prevent the City from receiving these funds in September 2025. Therefore, Staff asks that the City Council vote to hold a hearing on June 11, 2025 and to hold a hearing and adopt the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan on June 25, 2025.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard
Comptroller Darren M. Morton
Malcolm Clark, Chief of Staff

Enclosure(s):

