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Honorable City Council Members
City of Mount Vernon
1 Roosevelt Square
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Re: Latin Cultural Festival

Honorable City Councilmembers:

The Department of Recreation, in partnership with Miztli LLC, requests that the City Council adopt an ordinance allowing us to Co-sponsor the Latin Cultural Festival. This event, scheduled for Sunday, May 18, 2025, from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm, will be held in Hartley Park.

The Latin Festival, which is seeking to be hosted in Hartley Park, promises to be a vibrant celebration of diversity and community spirit. Its successful history in New Rochelle, two years ago and last year here in Mount Vernon, brings a rich tapestry of traditions, art, music, and cuisine worldwide. From vibrant dance performances to engaging workshops that highlight various cultural practices, the event fosters a deeper understanding and appreciation among attendees. With Hartley Park as its backdrop, the event aims to transform the green space into a lively hub where people of all ages and backgrounds can come and share experiences, forge connections, and celebrate the mosaic of cultures that enrich our society.

The Department of Recreation will assist in using Hartley Park and provide tables and chairs. Recreation staff scheduled to be on-site will help with cleanup and garbage collection.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Walker- Pinckney
Commissioner