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THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

Re: Request for the City Council to enact legislation to allow a Professional Services Agreement between a third-party inspection agency and the City of Mount Vernon for consulting services for Construction Inspections and Observations on the New Construction of 115 South Macquesten Parkway.

Honorable City Council Members:

I am writing to respectfully request the City Council enact legislation allowing the Professional Services Agreement between a third-party inspection agency and the City of Mount Vernon for consulting services for Construction Inspections and Observations on the New multi-family apartment building, retail, parking structure and community facility currently underway at 115 South Macquesten Parkway. This development at 13-story, 470,000 Sq. Ft. and 315 apartment units is currently the largest construction project underway in the city of Mount Vernon. A building of this size requires numerous inspections, which the current understaffed building department cannot sustain, leading to costly delays for this and other projects in the city.

As per Article NYCRR1203.2 of the New York State Building Code, I am requesting the use of the authority granted to this department to formalize a process to allow third-party providers for inspections and the use of such services provided by the department, the owner shall pay the associated fee provided by these third-party services. Again, there will be no charge to the city for this proposed third-party building inspection, as the method of payment for the consultant services will be covered by an escrow account funded by a project applicant, NRP Group.


Given the city's current growth and anticipated development, similar requests are expected. Therefore, the Buildings Department urgently needs consulting services to assist with required inspections for 115 South Macquesten Parkway. Additionally, adopting this legislation would support future projects by enabling timely assistance without placing further strain on the department or the city, once qualified projects are identified.

The Department of Buildings will post an RFP for a third-party inspection agency to provide their credentials (attached) to be reviewed by your honorable body in conjunction with this request. If approved by the Mayor and City

Council, this will allow the chosen inspection agency to proceed with the scope of work indicated in the attached documents.

We are proposing that this process is initiated by posting an RFP for qualified third-party, of which three qualified firms/individuals can be chosen to provide this service. If this meets the approval of Your Honorable Body, kindly enact the necessary legislation to move forward with the RFP which will determine the third-party consultant firms, so that the city can then proceed with the necessary Professional Services Agreement to be reviewed by the Law Department.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patrick G. Holder
Commissioner of Buildings

cc: Mayor, Corporation Counsel, City Clerk, The Comptroller