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May 12, 2025

Honorable Members of the City Council  
*Through the Office of the Mayor*  
City Hall – Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

**Subject: Training: FBI Basic Police Sniper School**

Dear Honorable Council Members,

This letter respectfully requests the enactment of legislation authorizing **three (3) Members of Service** to attend the upcoming **FBI Basic Police Sniper School**, scheduled to take place from **October 20, 2025, through October 24, 2025, at Fort Dix, New Jersey.**

This five-day course will provide essential instruction in operational responsibilities, weapon nomenclature and maintenance, rifle marksmanship, use of a data book, basic ballistics, range estimation, and observation and reporting techniques.

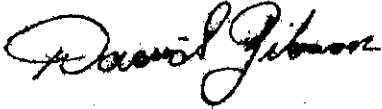
In response to the findings from the most recent Department of Justice investigation, it was recommended that certain training requirements be met to enhance departmental readiness and compliance. Participation in this specialized training will directly support those recommendations and improve the operational capabilities of the attending Members of Service.

**There is no cost associated with this training.** However, the three Members of Service will require authorization to utilize a Department vehicle for transportation to and from the training site and will also need access to departmental equipment during the course.

Cc: Mayor  
Comptroller  
Law Department

Should this request meet with the approval of Your Honorable Body, we respectfully ask that the necessary legislation be enacted to authorize attendance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Gibson".

David Gibson  
Commissioner of Public Safety