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Honorable City Council Members
City of Mount Vernon
One Roosevelt Square
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Re: United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) 2026 94th Winter Meeting

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

This letter comes as a request to the City Council for the enactment of legislation authorizing the Mayor to attend the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) 94th Winter Meeting in Washington, DC from January 28th to January 30th, 2026.

This year's meeting will bring together hundreds of mayors from across the country. Throughout the meeting, I will have the opportunity to network with fellow mayors, exchange best practices and build on what's working in America's cities. I will be representing the city on three (3) panels. Panel 1 will be about Public Safety, Panel 2 is on Climate Best Practices, and Panel 3 is on Health Equity and the Vital Roles of Municipal Government. I will also be testifying before the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources round table on electricity prices and energy affordability. In addition, I will assume the Chair of USCM Task Force on Aging. **Agenda:** [Agenda - 94th Winter Meeting](#)

The registration fee for Member Mayors is \$1,750.00. The entire trip including transportation, incidentals, and hotel should not exceed \$3,000.00 (Three Thousand dollars). The cost of the travel, hotel fees, and incidentals will be expensed from budget *A1030.402 – BOE Education and Travel*.

In Service,

Shawyn Patterson-Howard
Mayor

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