



Friends of Mount Vernon Arts, Recreation & Youth Programs (FMVARYP)

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To: Members of the Mount Vernon City Council

Subject: Continued co-sponsorship between the Mount Vernon Recreation Department, Youth Bureau, and the Friends of Mount Vernon Arts, Recreation & Youth Programs, Inc.

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council,

The Mount Vernon Recreation and Youth Bureau Departments are respectfully submitting a request for your consideration regarding an agreement between the Mount Vernon Friends of Arts, Recreation & Youth Programs, Inc., which allow us to accept monetary donations to continue funding special events hosted by the Recreation and Youth Bureau Departments.

Due to current budget constraints, our ability to fully fund community programming has become increasingly challenging. This continued co-sponsorship will provide much-needed financial support to sustain and enhance special events that serve residents of all ages throughout our community.

Through this partnership, funds contributed by Friends of Mount Vernon Arts, Recreation & Youth Programs, Inc. will directly support initiatives that promote educational enrichment, wellness and fitness activities, arts and cultural programming, and engaging recreational opportunities. These programs play a vital role in strengthening community connections, supporting youth development, and enhancing the overall quality of life in Mount Vernon.

This collaboration reflects a shared commitment to delivering exciting, vibrant, and impactful programming despite financial limitations. By approving this agreement, the City Council will help ensure that our residents including our youths continue to benefit from meaningful events and services like City Fest that foster growth, health, fun, and community pride.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the residents of Mount Vernon and for your consideration of this important partnership. Commissioner Pinckney-Walker and Executive Director, Debbie Burrell-Butler are available to provide any additional information you may require. We can be reached via email at Kwalker-pinckney@mountvernonny.gov, Dburrell@mountvernonny.gov or by cell at 914-359-1470 or 914-359-1601.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Walker-Pinckney,

Commissioner

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