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September 11, 2025

Honorable City Council Members
City of Mount Vernon
1 Roosevelt Square
Mount Vernon, New York 10550
(through the Office of the Mayor)

RE: Request to enter into a MOU between Westchester County and the City of Mount Vernon to participate in the Mutual Aid and Rapid Response Plan for the Police Departments of Westchester County, New York from July 31, 2025, to July 30, 2030

Dear Council Members:

It is requested that legislation be enacted authorizing Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard to execute the revised Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA), pertaining to the Westchester County Mutual Aid and Rapid Response Plan (the Plan) for the Police Departments within Westchester County, New York. We have had prior Inter-Municipal Agreements, and this would extend our long-standing agreement and relationship with the various Police Departments of Westchester County.

It is the policy of the Police Departments of Westchester County to promptly provide Mutual Aid and Rapid Response in the form of manpower and equipment under the County Mutual Aid and Rapid Response Plan, upon the request of any participating agency. Therefore, the purpose of this Plan is to formalize Operational Procedures for Law Enforcement assistance to participating agencies.

Attached please find the Grant Agreement/ Draft Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Westchester and the City of Mount Vernon.

David Gibson
Commissioner of Public Safety

Attachment:
-Draft agreement between the County of Westchester and the City of Mount Vernon for the Mutual Aid and Rapid Response Plan for the Police Departments of Westchester County, New York