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March 9, 2026

Honorable City Council Members
City Of Mount Vernon
1 Roosevelt Square
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Subject: Request to Return Escrow Remaining on Deposit. – 256-260 East 3rd Street

This letter respectfully requests that the City Council approve legislation authorizing the Office of the City Comptroller to return the full remaining outstanding escrow balance, totaling \$7,769.61 as of March 9, 2026, provided that the City is not aware of any outstanding outside consultant fees.

In the attached letter dated February 17, 2026, Brad Schwartz, Esq., of Zarin & Steinmetz LLP, confirmed that the firm has no outstanding invoices related to this project.

If this request meets with the City Council's approval, kindly enact the necessary legislation to authorize the release of these funds. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Legislative Assistant to the
Mount Vernon City Council

Attached: Z&S letter 2/17/2026

Cc: Comptroller's Office

February 17, 2026

Via Email

Derrick Thompson, President
Mount Vernon City Council
City of Mount Vernon
1 Roosevelt Square
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Re: 256-260 E. 3rd Street

Dear President Thompson and Members of the Mount Vernon City Council:

The applicant (Mr. Novica Prekpala) for the above-referenced premises has requested that the City return the escrow remaining on deposit in the amount of \$ \$7,667.17.

Our firm is not owed anything on this matter and has no objection to the escrow funds being released to the applicant (provided that the City is not aware of any other outside consultant having an outstanding balance).

Very truly yours,

ZARIN & STEINMETZ LLP

By: Brad Schwartz
Brad Schwartz

cc: Dr. Darren M. Morton, Ed.D., CPRP, CMFO, Comptroller
Jean E. Apollon, Sr., 2nd Deputy Comptroller
Mr. Novica Prekpala (applicant)