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City Council
Mount Vernon City Hall
1 Roosevelt Square N
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Referral Request for Use of City Hall Plaza – “Purple City Lights: Mount Vernon Stands Against Domestic Violence”

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

I am writing to respectfully request the use of Mount Vernon City Hall Plaza on Friday, October 10, 2025, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, for an event titled:

“Purple City Lights: Mount Vernon Stands Against Domestic Violence”

(Honoring all who’ve been impacted by Domestic Abuse)

In observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, this event will serve as a powerful evening of unity, remembrance, and hope, honoring the lives of victims and survivors of domestic violence and reaffirming our collective commitment to ending abuse in all forms.

Hosted by the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, in partnership with The Social Butterfly Organization and the Youth Shelter Program of Westchester, the program will run from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, with setup beginning at 4:00 PM.

Program Highlights Include:

- Candlelight & City Illumination Ceremony: Mount Vernon landmarks lit purple in solidarity
- Musical Performances: Featuring the Mount Vernon High School Choir and local artists
- Keynote Speakers:
 - Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard, City of Mount Vernon
 - Senator Jamaal Bailey, New York State Senator
 - Joanne Dunn, Executive Director, Youth Shelter Program of Westchester
 - Dr. Priscilla Echi, CEO & Founder, The Social Butterfly Organization
 - Debbie Burrell-Butler, Executive Director, Youth Bureau
 - Representatives from NAMI Westchester, My Sister’s Place, Westchester County Office for Women, and National & NYS Domestic Violence Coalitions
 - Survivor Testimonial by Alyssa Rose Valentin
 - Youth Leader and Community Advocate

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Special Features:

- “Say Their Names” Tribute: Honoring the lives lost to domestic violence
- Moment of Silence & Survivor Acknowledgment
- Resource Fair: Local DV service providers, counseling services, and legal aid information
- Community Call to Action: A pledge wall for community members to commit to action and support

Presented By:

City of Mount Vernon • Senator Jamaal Bailey • The Social Butterfly Organization • Youth Shelter of Westchester • NAMI Westchester • My Sister’s Place • Westchester County Office for Women • Kindred Solutions • Community Partners

In the event of inclement weather, we respectfully request the use of the City Hall Rotunda as an indoor backup location.

Kindly note, this event will be hosted at no cost to the City and no post event cleanup is needed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tajeau Turnier

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Director of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement
City of Mount Vernon

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