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Honorable City Council Members,
Through the Office of the Mayor, City Hall
One Roosevelt Square
Mount Vernon, New York 10550

Re: The Annual Pumpkin Fest

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

This letter requests that the City Council enact legislation allowing the Department of Recreation to sponsor the 8th Annual Pumpkin Fest and Carving Event. This event will take place on the fourth Saturday of October every year, with a rain date on the Sunday, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This event will take place at Hartley Park.

The entire community eagerly anticipates this extraordinary event. There will be games, pumpkin carving contests, and a variety of other activities for all ages.

We respectfully request authorization for the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Mount Vernon Police Department to assist with the event. Specifically, we ask the deployment of auxiliary police to patrol the event, support from DPW for post-event clean-up, including the provision of garbage trucks to remove hay and pumpkins.

The funding for this event will come from the Budget Code A7310.447, which provides $2,500 for additional materials and supplies.

Respectfully,

Kathleen Walker-Pinckney, Commissioner
Department of Recreation