



## CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.

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Honorable City Council Members  
City of Mount Vernon  
One Roosevelt Square  
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### **Re: United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) 2026 94<sup>th</sup> Winter Meeting**

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

This letter comes as a request to the City Council for the enactment of legislation authorizing the Mayor to attend the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) 94<sup>th</sup> Winter Meeting in Washington, DC from January 28<sup>th</sup> to January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

This year's meeting will bring together hundreds of mayors from across the country. Throughout the meeting, I will have the opportunity to network with fellow mayors, exchange best practices and build on what's working in America's cities. I will be representing the city on three (3) panels. Panel 1 will be about Public Safety, Panel 2 is on Climate Best Practices, and Panel 3 is on Health Equity and the Vital Roles of Municipal Government. I will also be testifying before the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources round table on electricity prices and energy affordability. In addition, I will assume the Chair of USCM Task Force on Aging. **Agenda:** [Agenda - 94th Winter Meeting](#)

The registration fee for Member Mayors is \$1,750.00. The entire trip including transportation, incidentals, and hotel should not exceed \$3,000.00 (Three Thousand dollars). The cost of the travel, hotel fees, and incidentals will be expensed from budget *A1030.402 – BOE Education and Travel*.

In Service,

Shawyn Patterson-Howard  
Mayor

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