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April 10, 2025

Honorable Members of the City Council  
Through the Office of the Mayor  
City Hall  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

**Re: Annual Juneteenth Celebration and Interfaith Health Fair**

Dear Honorable Members:

This letter requests that the city enact Legislation enabling Mount Vernon Recreation to co-sponsor the Annual Juneteenth Walk and Celebration and the Interfaith Health Fair with the Yusuf Shah Islamic Center on Saturday, June 7, 2025, 10 am- 5 pm. The walk will begin at City Hall at, proceed down Stevens Avenue to Gramatan Avenue, and end at Hartley Park. We will raise the official Juneteenth Flag in Hartley Park. Following the event, we request the Juneteenth Flag be raised at City Hall Plaza.

In partnership with the Interfaith Health Fair and the Yusuf Shah Islamic Center, the Annual Juneteenth Walk and Celebration is a powerful expression of community unity, cultural pride, and health awareness in Mount Vernon. The walk symbolizes the ongoing journey toward freedom, justice, and equity, and the raising of the Juneteenth Flag honors the legacy and resilience of African Americans. At the same time, the Interfaith Health Fair brings together diverse faith communities to promote wellness and mutual support.

We respectfully request that the Juneteenth Flag continue to be on display at City Hall Plaza following the event as a tribute to the significance of the celebration.

Additionally, we request the MVPD's valuable assistance in crossing streets and patrolling, if available. Your involvement in this collaborative effort is greatly appreciated.

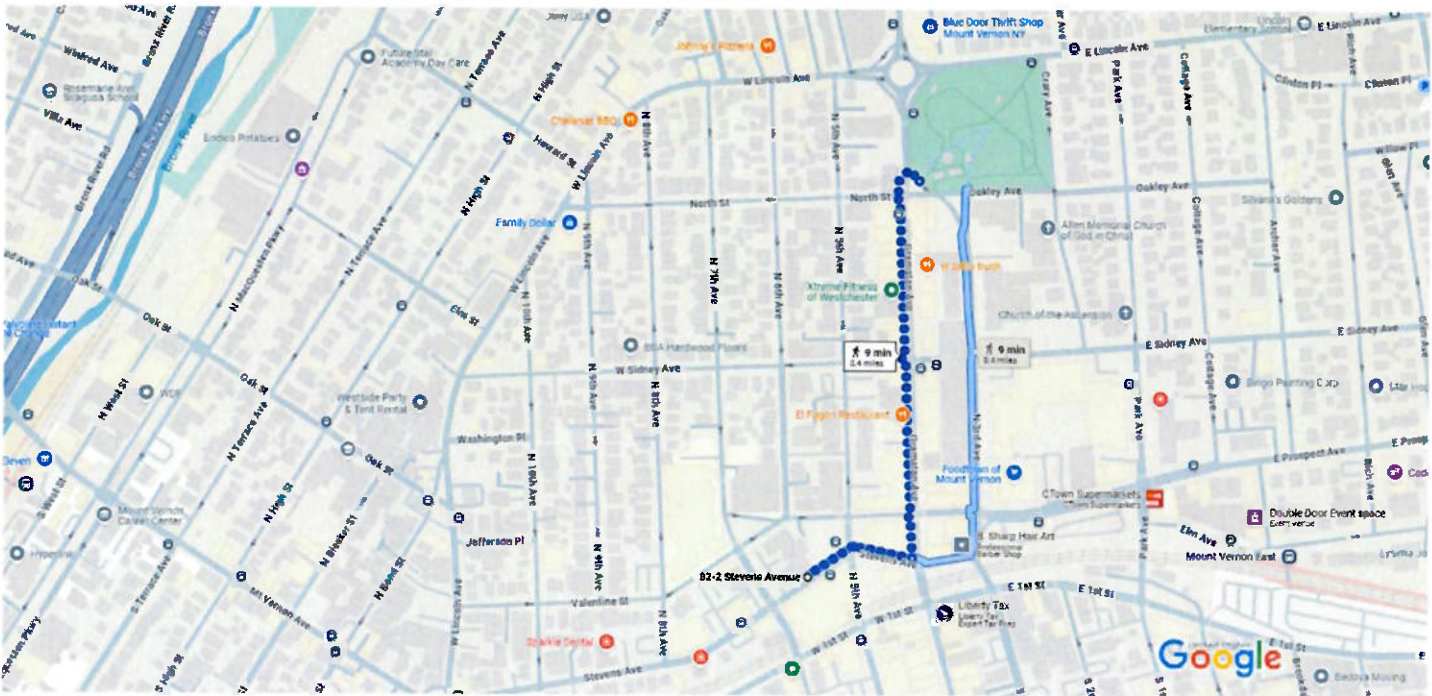
Funds for this event will be reflected in Budget Code A7620.457 not to exceed \$1500. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
André G. Early  
Deputy Commissioner

cc: Office of the Mayor  
Office of the Comptroller  
Corporation Council  
File

82-2 Stevens Ave, Mt Vernon, NY 10550 to Hartley Park, 144 N 5th Ave, Hartley Ave, Mt Vernon, NY 10550  
Juneteenth Walk



Map data ©2025 Google 200 ft



Use caution—walking directions may not always reflect real-world conditions

82-2 Stevens Ave  
Mt Vernon, NY 10550

- ↑ 1. Head northeast on Stevens Ave toward S 5th Ave  
463 ft
- ↶ 2. Turn left onto Gramatan Ave  
0.3 mi
- ↷ 3. Sharp right  
66 ft
- ↶ 4. Turn left  
13 ft

Hartley Park  
144 N 5th Ave, Hartley Ave, Mt Vernon, NY 10550