

Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK

JUNE 2025



Dear Mount Vernon Resident:

On Tuesday, June 24, a pivotal election is on the table, and you have the power to set Mount Vernon up for success. On the ballot there are three city councilmembers, a Comptroller and Judge who can shift Mount Vernon in a forward direction, not backwards into chaos like we see in Washington DC every day.

Over the past five years we have navigated everything from a global pandemic which reached our doorsteps, a financial crisis spawned from ineffective leadership, and crumbling infrastructure that plagued our city for more than 30 years.

While we are still dealing with our list of challenges, we've emerged from this chaotic period with a new comprehensive plan for development, \$350 million in public and private investments, \$60 million renovation of Montefiore Mount Vernon Hospital, paving 40% of our roads, newly built Memorial Field and newly built sewer and water pipes and a stable government that each day progresses towards a better Mount Vernon.

This is all possible by having good, hardworking and competent leaders in government, that is evidenced by our collective partnership with our County Executive Ken Jenkins and Governor Kathy Hochul. Mount Vernon deserves good actors like Denzel Washington, not bad actors who want to turn our city into our current Congress in Washington DC.

On June 24, the Democratic Primary Election Day gifts you the opportunity to avoid that chaos and confusion of the past and to select candidates that will work with all of us to reach our full potential. To place Mount Vernon on the level we rightfully deserve as homeowners, parents, business owners and hardworking people who want the best for their families. That's why I'm supporting these five Democrats on June 24:

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| Darren Morton | 2A for Comptroller |
| Cathlin Gleason | 4A for City Council |
| Elvira Castillo | 6A for City Council |
| Cynthia Turnquest-Jones | 7A for City Council |
| Danielle Browne | 10A for City Judge |

Darren is in the process of cleaning up the financial mess he inherited, restoring our bond rating, completing overdue audits, resolving an outdated union contract, strengthening fiscal stability to improve investment trust, and implementing strong financial safeguards and policies.

Cathlin as a former planning board member, she made completing the city's first Comprehensive Plan in over 50 years her top priority. Her passion for public safety and family history in both police and fire has shown in her commitment to securing funding for critical life safety equipment, including the brand-new AWARE room, focused on increasing our public safety network.

Elvira is a homeowner, real estate broker, community leader and has served on both Zoning and Planning Board in our city. As a real estate broker, the very success of her business is dependent on a thriving Mount Vernon. Her immense background in community organization and serving as a small business owner brings economic development knowledge to the council.

Cynthia is a second-generation homeowner dedicated to serving our community and who created public private partnerships to boost literacy among Black girls. Her advocacy around gun violence and her background in education makes her an asset in reaching our youth and dealing with public safety. Additionally, as a Union President she brings a unique perspective in developing our workforce and in holding them accountable.

Danielle is the current City Council President, a practicing local attorney and a strong advocate for justice for all our communities. She is committed to ensuring equity while holding everyone to the law. Her even tempered and legislative experience gives her a unique perspective on the judicial bench.

I support these five candidates because I strongly believe that they are forward-thinking, independent, solution-oriented, mature and emotionally intelligent professionals who can get the job done in our city.

We can't afford to take any steps back to a time of chaos and confusion where we fought each other and not the problems. This isn't about voting for a designated slate this is about voting for solutions.

So, join me on Tuesday, June 24th and support these five Democrats working towards a brighter future for our families and our community.

In Service and Gratitude,

Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard


VOTE MOUNT VERNON DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY






TUESDAY, JUNE 24 Early Voting June 14-22

Polls are open 6:00am – 9:00pm

THIS IS A SAMPLE BALLOT

Vote in the Mount Vernon DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY



| OFFICE | CITY COMPTROLLER (Vote for ONE) | CITY COUNCIL (Vote for THREE) | | | | CITY JUDGE (Vote for ONE) | |
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| | 2A ● Darren Morton  | | 4A ● Cathlin Gleason  | | 6A ● Elvira Castillo  | 7A ● Cynthia Turnquest-Jones  | 10A ● Danielle Browne  |

(PLEASE CUT AND TAKE WITH YOU TO VOTE)