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To: Richard Thomas
Mayor

Dear Mr. Thomas:

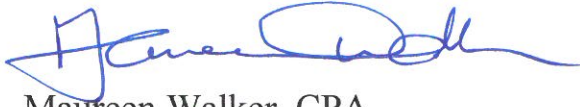
On September 13, 2017 one day after the Democratic primary elections, you approached the banks that the City does business with and demanded that you, Mayor Thomas, Corporation Council Lawrence Porcari, and Management Services Commissioner Thomas Rajala be allowed to access all the city's financial accounts.

These bank accounts are under the sole custody of the City Comptroller's Office. As the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Mount Vernon, I find these demands very disturbing, as a result of the timing and also the individuals who you are seeking to provide access to taxpayers' funds.

While I will be leaving this office in three months' time, I believe that it is my duty and obligation to continue to protect taxpayers' money right up until I turn off the lights and leave the Comptroller's Office for good.

Through this letter, I am warning you to cease and desist from trying to gain access to the City's bank accounts for yourself and those who report directly to you and whose duties and responsibilities have absolutely nothing to do

with the city's bank accounts. Your questionable and dubious actions raise serious ethical questions about your intentions.



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CC: Mayor
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Department Heads