

# Mount Vernon REPORT

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## IMPROVING THE C.O.P.S. PROGRAM TO MAKE LIVES SAFER

Legislation co-sponsored by Congressman Eliot Engel to put 50,000 more police officers on our nation's streets – including an estimated 3,000 new police officers for our Congressional District – has passed the House of Representatives

Calling the Community Oriented Police Services (C.O.P.S.) program an “unqualified success,” Engel pointed out that in the last few years, Mount Vernon has received over \$2 million in C.O.P.S. grants to combat crime and to hire additional police officers. The new C.O.P.S. legislation would mean more funds for Mount Vernon, additional police officers on our streets and new technology.

## \$2.7 MILLION IN GRANTS FOR MOUNT VERNON

Congressman Eliot Engel worked to obtain \$2.7 million in Housing and Urban Development grants and Community Development Block Grants for Mount Vernon. These grants will be used to develop new affordable housing, provide for emergency shelter, and expand affordable housing for low-income families.

## SPECIAL LANGUAGE TEACHING GRANT FOR MOUNT VERNON

The Mount Vernon School District received a special three-year grant totaling \$710,000 to teach Chinese in grades 3, 4 and 5 at the Grimes Performance Arts Magnet Elementary School.

“Learning a second language gives students an advantage in school and in life. This grant will provide excellent preparation for our children to compete in the emerging global economy, where China is of increasing importance,” Engel stated.

## ENGEL NAMED A “BEST REPRESENTATIVE” FOR CHILDREN

The Children's Defense Fund named Congressman Eliot Engel as one of the “Best Representatives for Children” based on his voting record in Congress.

Children's Defense Fund President Marian Wright Edelman said, “Congressman Engel voted to make the health and well-being of children his priority. He is a dedicated advocate for children and has truly earned the distinction of being one of the best Representatives for Children.”

## STOPPING “SPOOFING,” THE USE OF FAKE CALLER IDS

The Truth in Caller ID Act introduced by Congressman Eliot Engel to stop the use of fraudulent caller IDs by criminals trying to con people out of their personal information was recently passed by the House of Representatives.

Criminals are using “spoofing” technology to pretend, for example, to be calling from a bank to persuade people to give their Social Security or credit card numbers and other personal information and use it for identity theft.

“This is another example of technology being misused by the unscrupulous to scam the unsuspecting,” Engel stated. He reminded people once again never to provide their personal information over the phone.



**Congressman Eliot Engel discussing the issues facing Mount Vernon with County Legislator and Mayor-elect Clinton Young. Engel has secured millions in federal funds for Mount Vernon. He will work with Clinton Young on obtaining new federal funds.**

**The federal funds that Mount Vernon received prior to this year included over \$10 million in 2006 to improve Mount Vernon's schools, the Library and to construct affordable housing.**

**“I look forward to working with Clinton Young and other city officials to bring more federal funds back from Washington, DC to make Mount Vernon a better, safer city in which to live,” Congressman Eliot Engel stated.**

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