



CITY of NAPA

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Sent via email and USPS

Re: Request for Section 106 Consultation, United States Post Office 1351 Second Street, Napa, CA

Dear Mr. Delahaye:

As you know, the United States Post Office Building located at 1351 Second Street in Napa, California was damaged as a result of the South Napa Earthquake on August 24, 2014. Please know that the Post Office Building is a significant part of the Napa's and the surrounding region's heritage. It is designated as a Landmark Property on City's Historic Resources Inventory and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Post Office Building was commissioned in 1933 by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) to provide employment during the depression and is one of only a few post offices built in the entire state with such strong "Art Deco" design elements. The building has been documented as possessing considerable aesthetic value and contains one of the most flamboyantly, well-decorated post office lobbies in California.

In addition to its significant local and regional historic value, the Post Office Building has provided, until the earthquake, an invaluable service to area residents and businesses. Many residents and business owners are impacted by the loss of postal services in the City's downtown area and have expressed a strong interest in seeing the Post Office Building restored and reopened. The Post Office Building is quite simply stated a icon that should not be allowed to be lost as a result of an already devastating event to our community.

It is my understanding that a consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act has been, or will be initiated in the near future as the United States Postal Service develops a plan to address the damage to the building. As a representative of the City responsible for the economic sustainability of the Downtown and the larger community, please include the City in its review of alternatives to addressing the Building's damage. This request for consultation is provided in accordance with the following regulations:

36 C.F.R. 800.2(c)(3): Representatives of local governments. A representative of a local government with jurisdiction over the area in which the effects of an undertaking may occur is entitled to participate as a consulting party

36 C.F.R. 800.3(f)(1): The agency official shall invite any local governments or applicants that are entitled to be consulting parties under § 800.2(c)

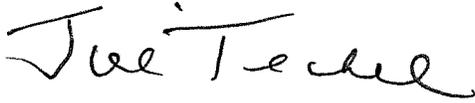
Please direct meeting requests, all public notices and any documents circulated for comment to:

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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jill Techel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke extending from the top of the "i" across the top of the word "Techel".

Jill Techel
Mayor

cc: Congressman Mike Thompson
State Office of Historic Preservation
Rick Tooker, City of Napa Community Development Director