



## CITY of NAPA

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RE: Section 106 Consultation  
Napa Franklin Station  
1351 Second Street  
Napa, Napa County, CA 94559-9991 (the "Property")  
National Register Information System #85000133

Dear Mr. Delahaye:

Thank you for your correspondence dated June 26, 2015, advising that the United States Postal Service (USPS) is initiating a Section 106 process for the above-referenced property. The City of Napa appreciates the recognition as a consulting party pursuant to 36 C.F.R. 800.3(f)(1) and looks forward to serving in this capacity throughout the Section 106 process. As you are aware, the Napa Franklin Station is a significant part of Napa's heritage. Centrally located, the building is a vital part of the historic downtown and one of the crown jewels in a rich and diverse inventory of historic resources that the City and community have worked hard to preserve. The Napa Franklin Station has been documented as possessing considerable aesthetic value, containing one of the most flamboyantly, well decorated post offices in California. It is one of only a few post offices built in the entire state with such strong "Art Deco" design elements and is an iconic building worthy of preservation.

We are deeply concerned that the USPS is considering demolition as an undertaking. The information provided with the June 26, 2015 correspondence does not support the conclusion that demolition is justified. We respectfully request copies of all documentation, reports and analyses that lead the USPS to conclude demolition is an appropriate undertaking. This information will allow the City to understand and assess the conclusion that's been made and provide more fully informed and meaningful comments in our role as a consulting party. We also request that the City be provided

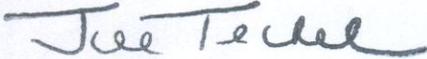
with copies of the views of the public, other consulting parties and the California SHPO that are received during the consultation process.

Please direct this information and any future correspondence, meeting requests, public notices and documents circulated for comment to:

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Given the historic significance and irreplaceable value of the subject property, we assume that this Section 106 consultation will be a deliberative and transparent process with serious consideration given to the viewpoints provided by all consulting parties and the citizens of Napa.

Respectfully,



Jill Techel,  
Mayor

cc: Senator Barbara Boxer  
Senator Diane Feinstein  
Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi  
Congressman Mike Thompson  
State Office of Historic Preservation  
John M. Fowler, Executive Director, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation  
Rick Tooker, City of Napa Community Development Director