



CITY of NAPA

July 20, 2015

Senator Barbara Boxer
70 Washington Street,
Suite 203
Oakland, CA 94607

Re: United States Post Office
1351 Second Street
Section 106 Consultation
Napa, Napa County, CA 94559-9991 (the "Property")
National Register Information System #85000133

MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL
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Dear Senator Boxer:

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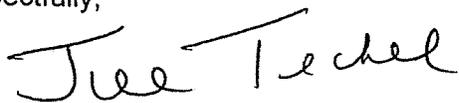
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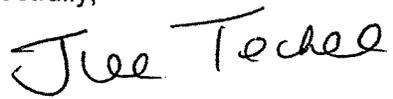
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July 16, 2015

Reply In Reference To: USPS_2015_0629_001

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Washington, DC 20260-1862

RE: Proposed Demolition of Napa Franklin Station, 1351 Second Street, Napa, Napa County, CA

Dear Mr. Delahaye:

Thank you for your letter dated June 26, 2015 initiating consultation regarding the proposed undertaking at the Napa Franklin Station in Napa. The United States Postal Service (USPS) is consulting with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in an effort to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470f), as amended, and its implementing regulation at 36 CFR Part 800. The Napa Franklin Station was listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in 1985 and the nomination was updated in 2015. The building was damaged in the August 2014 South Napa Earthquake.

Included with the letter were copies of both the original nomination and the 2015 update. USPS has also identified the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for this project as the footprint of the post office property and nine neighboring buildings, as depicted on the accompanying map. Two of these buildings, the Uptown Theater and the Robert Sterling House, are eligible for listing on the NRHP.

A list of consulting parties, to include Ken McNab, Planning Manager for the City of Napa; Rick Tooker, Community Development Director for the City of Napa; the Napa County Landmarks Commission's Board of Directors; and Brian R Turner, the Senior Field Officer and attorney for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, was provided.

As the undertaking involves demolition of a historic property, USPS proposes a Finding of Adverse Effect. I have reviewed the information submitted and provide the following comments.

36 CFR 800.6 Resolution of Adverse Effect, (a) directs:

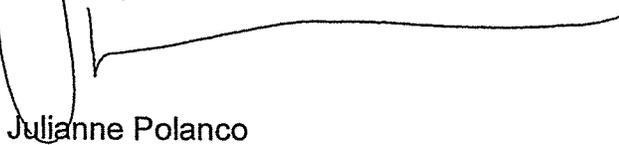
"Agency official shall consult...to develop and evaluate alternatives or modifications to the undertaking that could avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects on historic properties."

This is a critical step when considering adverse effect and possible demolition of a historic resource. The correspondence received contained no explanatory information, such as structural reports, economic analyses, existing condition assessment, in order to derive such a determination. Please provide this information at your earliest convenience.

Public involvement is an important part of the consultation process. Due to the local significance of this property, and the permanence of the proposed action, I highly recommend that at least one public meeting be held as part of the plan to involve the public. At minimum, I am unable to provide further comment until all written responses to the posting of the consultation letter have been considered.

I look forward to continuing consultation on this undertaking. Please feel free to contact me, or Mr. Tristan Tozer of my staff at (916) 445-7027 or email at tristan.tozer@parks.ca.gov, with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Julianne Polanco
State Historic Preservation Officer

cc:

Ken McNab, City of Napa Planning Department
Rick Tooker, City of Napa
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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

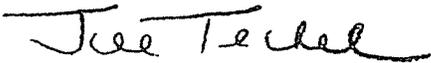
with copies of the views of the public, other consulting parties and the California SHPO that are received during the consultation process.

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

Rick Tooker, Community Development Director
City of Napa
1600 First Street
Napa, CA 94559
(707) 257-9530
rtooker@cityofnapa.org

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,
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cc: Senator Barbara Boxer
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Megan J. Brennan
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Dear Postmaster General Brennan:

I write today to express my strong support for the United States Postal Service (USPS) to re-open its facility located at 1351 2nd Street in Napa, California.

As you may be aware, the building suffered structural damage in the August 2014 earthquake which rendered it uninhabitable. Last week, the USPS submitted a letter to the State Historic Preservation Officer requesting a permit to demolish the building. My staff has been informed that the decision to pursue demolition was made because the USPS cannot afford to renovate and retrofit the building.

This building is of historical importance to our local community and to our country. Built in 1933 in the art deco style, the building is a rare and treasured architectural gem in Napa. Further, this facility has been named for former Judge Tom Kongsgaard, a veteran and selfless public servant beloved by our community.

I have heard from many constituents who are opposed to the USPS's plan to pursue demolition of this long-standing landmark and I am deeply concerned by the lack of communication between the USPS, the local community and my office. A decision to pursue demolition of our local post office should be made with the full participation of all stakeholders in a transparent manner.

My office has been told that it would cost the USPS \$2.7 million to renovate the building and an additional \$5 million for seismic retrofitting. Please forward to me a detailed cost estimate that demonstrates how you came to this number. It is important that we base our decision on factual data and that this data be transparent and available to my office and the state.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you. Please contact me should you need additional information.

Sincerely,

MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress