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**Re: Proposed Demolition of the Napa Franklin Station Post Office,
Napa County, California**

Dear Mr. Delahaye and Ms. Mates,

On behalf of California Preservation Foundation (CPF), I am writing in response to the proposal by the United States Postal Service (USPS) to demolish the Napa Franklin Station Post Office located at 1351 Second Street, Napa, CA 94559.

CPF is the only statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of California's diverse cultural and architectural heritage. Established in 1977, CPF works with its extensive network to provide statewide leadership, advocacy and education to ensure the protection of California's diverse cultural heritage and historic places.

We are deeply concerned about the USPS proposal to demolish the Napa Franklin Station and do not support your finding that demolition is the only action the USPS can take. The USPS has not provided documentation that supports this position, including documentation on the structural integrity of the building, design documents and supporting calculations by qualified historical design firms, testing documentation, alternatives to demolition, peer review and public input.

The Napa Franklin Station was designed by William H. Corlett and was built in 1933 with funding from the Public Works Administration.

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This Art Deco building is unique in Napa. The Napa Franklin Station Post Office is central to this community, not only to the city in terms of location and convenience, but to residents' lives and connection to this community. The suggestion that it should be demolished without presenting any other alternatives or consideration of the effect on this community is an affront to the people of Napa.

The California Preservation Foundation respectfully requests copies of all structural investigations; plans, calculations and other correspondence regarding the condition of the structure; any proposals for stabilization, repair and/or strengthening; and future disposition of the building.

I thank you in advance for your effort to provide this information. Please feel free to contact me at 415-495-0349 or by email at cheitzman@californiapreservation.org. We look forward to further discussion to develop an appropriate preservation solution.

Sincerely,



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