

September 15, 2015

Mr. Dean Cameron
United States Postal Service
1300 Evans Avenue, Suite 200
San Francisco, CA 94188-8200

RE: Napa Franklin Station
1351 Second Street
Napa, Napa County, CA 94559-9991
National Register Information System #85000133

Dear Mr. Cameron:

This letter is in response to the notice of undertaking by the United States Postal Service (USPS) to identify a suitable location for long-term relocation of retail postal services. The City believes the decision to pursue relocation is premature and that the relocation process should not advance without due and full consideration of options that may negate the need to relocate retail postal services out of the Napa Franklin Station.

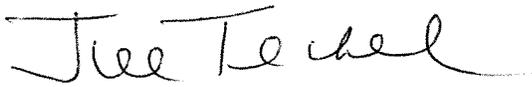
The need to permanently relocate retail postal services has not been publically substantiated. Detailed information on the extent of damage to the building and costs to repair and reoccupy the building has not been provided to the City or the public. Without this information it is impossible to understand the nature and extent of damage that has occurred or the feasibility of repair options that would eliminate the need for permanent relocation. No final decision on long-term relocation should be made until the City and public have been allowed adequate time to review and evaluate the details of the damage assessment.

The City also notes that the USPS has initiated a process to sell the Napa Franklin Station property. If the property is sold, the USPS has indicated that it will impose a preservation covenant requiring that the subject building be preserved, rehabilitated and restored as a means of resolving adverse effects to this historic property (see attached correspondence from Daniel B. Delahaye dated September 9, 2015). Rehabilitation and restoration of the Napa Franklin Station could potentially accommodate the return and resumption of retail postal services at this location - an option that the City believes would be preferable to permanent relocation. Until it is known if the property will be sold to a purchaser would be interested in leasing back all or a portion of the facility to the USPS for resumption of retail service operations no final decision on long-term relocation should be made.

The City believes that the Napa Franklin Station is the best location for delivery of retail postal services in downtown. While it is understood that the building has been significantly damaged as a result of the South Napa Earthquake, the City cannot support the conclusion by

the USPS that relocation of retail services is necessary because it has not had the opportunity to review the detailed technical information that serves as the basis for this position. In addition, the City believes that sale of the property could potentially eliminate the need to relocate retail postal services, particularly when the USPS will be requiring that the building be repaired and restored as a condition of sale. For these reasons, we urge the USPS to refrain from making final decision on relocation at this time.

Respectfully,



Jill Techel
Mayor

Attachment

cc: Congressman Mike Thompson
Tom Samra, Vice President, USPS Facilities
Julianne Polanco, California SHPO
Mike Parness, City Manager, City of Napa
Rick Tooker, Community Development Director, City of Napa