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Representing California's 5th Congressional District

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THOMPSON: USPS CALLS FOR BIDS FOR DOWNTOWN NAPA POST OFFICE

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-5) today announced that the United States Postal Service (USPS) is again calling for bids for the Franklin Station Post Office in downtown Napa.

At Thompson's urging, the USPS listed the Franklin Station Post Office for sale in October 2015. Bids were submitted and the USPS entered into negotiations with a prospective buyer. However, the prospective buyer is no longer pursuing the sale, and the USPS is again calling for bids. According to the USPS, the identity of the former bidder and reasons for the withdrawal of the bid will not be made public. Previous bidders must resubmit their bids if they would like their offer to be considered. The USPS will also be accepting new bids.

Bids are due by May 3, 2016. Interested buyers should contact Andrew Reeder, with the CBRE Brokerage at (415)772-0162/andrew.reeder@cbre.com. The official listing can be viewed [here](#).

"I'm determined to see the Franklin Station Post Office remain standing for future generations," said Thompson. **"I recently met with USPS officials to discuss the sale moving forward, and I'm pleased that the USPS will continue to work with me and our state and local partners to pursue the sale of the post office."**

The USPS originally proposed to demolish the building due to the cost of repairing damage caused by the August 2014 earthquake. In August, the USPS agreed at Thompson's urging to stop pursuing the demolition of the Historic Franklin Station Post Office in downtown Napa and instead pursue the sale of the earthquake-damaged building and property with the stipulation that the buyer repair the building in accordance with all applicable laws and protective covenants intended to preserve the architectural integrity of the building. The Franklin Station Post Office is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Franklin Station Post Office was commissioned in 1933 by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration (WPA), a federal agency tasked with carrying out public works projects which employed millions of out-of-work Americans. The ornate post office was built in the art deco architectural style.

Congressman Mike Thompson is proud to represent California's 5th Congressional District, which includes all or part of Contra Costa, Lake, Napa, Solano and Sonoma Counties. He is a senior member of the House Ways and Means Committee. Rep. Thompson is also a member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition and chairs the bipartisan, bicameral Congressional Wine Caucus.

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