

Office of the Mayor

February 9, 2011

Kerry Wolny District Manager, United States Postal Service Sierra Coastal Customer Service & Sales District 28201 Franklin Parkway Santa Clarita, CA 91383

Dear Mr. Wolny:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Pasadena in regard to the possible closure of the Washington Station postal facility, following extensive consideration of this matter at our Council meeting on Monday evening. Following pointed and emotional testimony by more than 20 persons who oppose the closure, and no one speaking in favor, the Council determined that it is imperative that a public meeting be held as soon as possible for you and other representatives of the Postal Service to hear questions and concerns that have arisen and to answer questions that are important to constituents of this City and required to comply with the administrative provisions that pertain to postal facility closures.

Accordingly, we request your prompt response as to when you are available for such a public meeting, along with any special facility requirements that are needed to allow your participation in the meeting to be successful. You can expect the full cooperation of the City of Pasadena.

During the testimony on Monday, several points of confusion and question arose that we want to have answered. For example, there was testimony that a 50-year lease was entered in 1981 and testimony that the lease had expired last year and was currently operating on a month-to-month basis. Depending on the true facts, it seems difficult for the Postal Service to achieve any savings in connection with this closure.

There is concern about the lack of parking in the proposed new service facility and the lack of ADA compliance for several persons who have special needs based on disability. It is hard for us to accept that a federal agency is allowed, on short notice and without any meaningful

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consideration of the facts and circumstances, to force patrons of the facility to another location without parking and ADA compliance.

There are many other points that require attention in this matter, and I want to incorporate U.S. Representative Adam Schiff's letter of January 11 into this letter to provide many of such questions and concerns.

We are concerned that the Postal Service might proceed with a closure before the various questions have been addressed and, therefore, we request that closure be delayed to accommodate this investigation on the part of the City. If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact either me (626.744.7210) or Assistant City Manager Julie Gutierrez (626.744.7371).

We await your communication, we appreciate the efforts to date to explain this action, and we hope to hear from you shortly.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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cc: Hon. Adam Schiff

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Hon. Margaret McAustin

Michael Beck, Pasadena City Manager

Julie Gutierrez, Pasadena Assistant City Manager