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Dear Jody,

I am writing in regards to the public notice posted at the post office located at 1025 Nevin Avenue, Richmond, CA 94801. The notice states that this “property has been determined by the Postal Service to be excess and is no longer necessary for Postal operations”.

I respectfully do not agree with this finding. **This post office location is a crucial asset for the community** and the residents and businesses that it serves. This office is centrally located for the majority of Richmond residents and is consistently busy throughout the week.

The City of Richmond and many other stakeholder groups are in the process of revitalizing the downtown area. The post office is essential to the health of Downtown. The post office serves residents and local businesses in the heart of Richmond and is in close proximity to the transportation hub at the Richmond BART Station.

If this office were to close, residents would be forced to travel excessive distances in order to reach other post offices in the area, which are smaller, not easily accessible by all modes of transportation, and have minimal parking. **Closing this post office would create a burden for the residents and small businesses** who rely on this location to conduct their mailing needs in a timely and economically sensible manner.

**It is vital to maintain postal operations at 1025 Nevin Avenue.** The Richmond community has already dealt with the closure of the Station A Post Office at 200 Broadway. The closure of a second post office will cause a significant hardship to seniors and those with limited access to transportation or the Internet. **Access to a retail Post Office Downtown is necessary** for nearby residents, visitors and businesses for the purposes of accessing post office boxes, mail-box drop-off, passport applications and other retail postal service.

It is also a landmark and central to the historic fabric of the Downtown district. In addition, Richmond is woefully underserved in many aspects, closing the main post office in the city will add to this unfortunate trend.

**Please do not close the post office at 1025 Nevin Avenue, Richmond, CA 94801.**

Sincerely,