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I am writing in regards to the public notice posted at the USPS Post Office located at 1025 Nevin Avenue, Richmond, CA 94801. The notice states: "This property has been determined by the Postal Service to be excess and is no longer necessary for Postal operations."

I challenge the finding that this post office is not necessary, and feel strongly that the location be neither relocated nor closed. This post office location is a crucial asset for the community, our 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 is in the process of revitalizing the downtown area, and the post office is a landmark that is central to the historic fabric of the Downtown district. The location also has significant historical value which is irreplaceable and any relocation of services by USPS would diminish the appeal of our downtown district. The location is also in close proximity to the multi-modal transportation hub at the Richmond BART Station as well as key community assets.

Should this relocation or closure take place it would cause a significant hardship to seniors and those with limited access to transportation or the internet. Closing this post office would also create a burden for the residents and small businesses that rely on this location to conduct their mailing needs in a timely and economically sensible manner.

No one in our City leadership had been made aware of this proposed disposal action and the public notice did not indicate any timeline for decision making or a public input process. Additionally, the posted notice contained no information about plans for relocation of services and no contact information for questions was shared. The alarming nature of the proposed action combined with the lack of relevant information has left our community panicked and concerned about the potential loss of the post office.

We will be actively seeking updates and correspondence from USPS regarding the future of this post office and I hope you strongly consider the comments being shared with you.

Sincerely,

Tom Butt, Mayor  
City of Richmond

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