



June 26, 2017

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

RE: Richmond Main Post Office, 1025 Nevin Avenue, Richmond, CA 94801

Dear Mr. Cameron,

The Richmond Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) opposes closing the Richmond Main Post Office. The HPC finds Richmond's Main Post Office at 1025 Nevin Avenue historically significant in its function and in its form. Built in 1939, it served as the registration point for two important events during World War II: young men enlisted into the armed forces there and, a bit later, the local Japanese families were required to report there and then sent to internment camps.

Richmond is the home of the 'Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park' and the Post Office is one of the key contributing elements of this National Park. But unlike many of the buildings that are recognized as part of this National Park, this one remains vital and valuable as a Post Office and a key destination on our recovering downtown.

In its form, this building is a beautiful example of Art Deco architecture. A survey performed in 2009 by Page & Turnbull, the City's consultant, identified this property as a contributor to the Macdonald Avenue Historic District, designated by the Richmond City Council in November 2016.

In addition, that same study determined that the Richmond Main Post Office is eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

During the early days of urban renewal much of our historic downtown was lost. Please help us retain this important part of our history.

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

Sincerely

Rosemary M. Corbin
Chair

And the members of the Commission:

Sandi Genser-Maack, Vice-Chair

Kimberly Butt

Robin A. Cawelti

Michael Hibma

Joann Pavlinec

Paul Scolari

Enclosures:

Completed DPR 523A Form

Project PRISM Historic Resource Survey Report-Accessible online at

<http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/documentcenter/view/7083>