May 30, 2017
United States Postal Service
Attn.: Dean Cameron
1300 Evans Avenue, Suite 200
San Francisco, CA 94188

Dear Mr. Cameron,

I’m writing to oppose the U.S. Postal Service’s proposal to close the main Richmond Post Office at 1025 Nevin Ave.

This post office location is a crucial asset for the community and the residents and businesses it serves. This office is centrally located for the majority of Richmond residents and has a long history of service to the City.

The City of Richmond and many stakeholder groups, including Contra Costa County, 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, which also serves as an Amtrak Station.

If this office were to close, residents would be forced to travel increased 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 economical manner. It would also contribute to increased traffic and emissions.

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. 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 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.

Very Truly Yours,

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