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Postal Service Approves Relocation of Berkeley Post Office

BERKELEY, CA — The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) announced today that it has approved the relocation of the Berkeley Post Office, located at 2000 Allston Way, to a yet-to-be-determined location as close to the current site as possible.

USPS plans to sell the building on Allston Way after operations are relocated. An alternative to maintain the retail lobby in its current location for a potential sale/lease back will be included in the marketing strategy. A date for the move has not been established at this time. There will be no change in ZIP Code, and our goal is to retain all Post Office Box numbers.

Postal Service representatives held a community meeting at Berkeley Council Chambers on February 26, 2013, and a written public comment period was open from February 5 through March 13 to gather public comments. The relocation proposal and all public input received were then forwarded to USPS Headquarters in Washington, D.C., where the final decision was made.

The Berkeley Post Office relocation and building sale is part of a nationwide response by the Postal Service to generate revenue, reduce costs and operate more efficiently in the face of dramatic decreases in mail volume, congressional mandates and other economic factors that have caused net losses of over \$25 billion in the past five years. The Postal Service does not receive tax dollars to fund its operations and facilities.

This decision may be appealed within 15 days to:

Vice President, Facilities
Facilities Implementation – Pacific Area
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