



February 5, 2013

Dear Berkeley Post Office Box Customer,

The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) is proposing the relocation of the Berkeley Post Office, located at 2000 Allston Way.

If the move is approved, the ZIP Code will remain the same, and our goal is to retain all PO Box Numbers. Post Office Box customers who use the optional street address format under Enhanced PO Box Service would have to change to using the address of the new location.

Customer input on this proposed relocation is welcome. A public meeting will be held to explain the proposal and hear comments from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at the Berkeley Council Chambers located on 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Berkeley.

Written comments are also being accepted until March 13, 2013. Please submit written comments to:

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The reason behind the proposal is the realignment of USPS infrastructure to a 26-percent drop in total mail volume over the past three years, brought about by the diversion to electronic communication and business transactions. USPS does not receive tax dollars for its operations or facilities, but covers costs solely through the revenue received from the sale of its products and services.

The Postal Service is in a very serious financial situation and is facing insolvency. Every opportunity to reduce expenses and generate revenue is being considered in order to maintain universal service to our customers. If this relocation is approved, USPS anticipates selling the current Berkeley Main Post Office building.

Sincerely,

Ray L. Davis
Postmaster