


Office of the City Manager

October 29, 2012

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
From: Christine Daniel, City Manager 
Subject: Notice of Public Meeting on Berkeley Main Post Office

I'm forwarding for your information the attached notice of a public meeting from the United States Postal Service (USPS) regarding the proposed relocation of the Berkeley Main Post Office. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Berkeley High School Auditorium, at 1980 Allston Way.

Attachment

cc: William Rogers, Deputy City Manager
Ann-Marie Hogan, City Auditor
Mark Numainville, Acting City Clerk
Mary Kay Clunies-Ross, Public Information Officer

October 24, 2012

Notice of Public Meeting and Comment Period for Proposed Relocation of Berkeley Post Office

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, there would be no impact on letter carrier delivery to the City's residents and businesses, and no change to Post Office Box numbers or ZIP Codes, and our goal is to retain all PO Box numbers.

Public 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, November 20, 2012**, at the Berkeley Public High School, 1980 Allston Way. The meeting will be held in the High School Auditorium.

Written comments are also being accepted until December 7, 2012. Please submit written comments to:

Diana Alvarado
Facilities Implementation – Pacific Area
U.S. Postal Service
1300 Evans Ave. Ste. 200
San Francisco CA 94188-8200

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 Post Office building.