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Date May 7, 2012

Request from Mayor T. M. Franklin Cownie, to discuss proposed closure of the Capital Square Post Office.

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I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

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Mayor

City Clerk

From: "Peggy Chong" <peggychong@earthlink.net>

Date: April 19, 2012 8:16:28 AM CDT

To: <fcownie@dmgov.org>

Subject: Save the Capitol Square Post Office

Hello:

You may remember me from last fall. A moratorium on closures of post offices helped keep the Capitol Square office open another five months. But the Moratorium will be lifted on May 15. I have asked Deb Woodrum if the Capitol Square office has been removed from the closure list or the date scheduled for closure. So far, no answer, at all!!!

So, on May 14, one day before the lifting of the moratorium, the National Federation of the Blind, the Postal Union and the Iowa Alliance of Retired Persons are planning a rally, once again. Much as it was in November. Our focus will be to get as many people to sign post cards to Postmaster Deb Woodrum, asking to keep this post office open.

Last fall, you and the city council let us use your name as supporters of the rally. I would ask you once again, if we can add your name, Mayor Cownie and the City Council of Des Moines to our flyer and press releases.

If we hear from Deb Woodrum before the event, but long after we have started to promote the event, that the post office is removed from the list of offices to be closed by that time, then it will become a celebration of sorts.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Peggy Chong
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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1501

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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Mr. Richard A. Clark
 Office of the City Manager
 400 Robert D. Ray Drive
 Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Dear Mr. Clark:

This is in further response to your communication regarding the potential closures of the Capitol Square Mall and the Highland Park Stations in Des Moines. The United States Postal Service has responded to my inquiry on your behalf. Enclosed please find a copy of the reply.

I hope that this information proves to be helpful to you. Please feel free to contact my office if I may be of further service.

Please keep in touch.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Grassley
 United States Senator

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Committee Assignments:

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February 24, 2012

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-1501

Dear Senator Grassley:

This responds to your recent letter on behalf of Des Moines City Manager Richard A. Clark, further referencing the Capitol Square and Highland Park Stations.

Thank you for sharing Mr. Clark's additional comments. I appreciate your continued interest in ensuring that all of your constituents continue to have convenient access to essential postal services.

We again contacted Hawkeye District postal officials who confirmed that after careful consideration, a final determination was made to close the Highland Park Station, effective October 21, 2011. Delivery and retail services are provided by the Des Moines Post Office, and Post Office box customers had the option of establishing carrier delivery or renting a Post Office box at the Des Moines Post Office.

A final determination has also been made to close the Capitol Square Station; however, as you are aware, on December 13, 2011, the Postal Service announced a moratorium on the closing or consolidation of Post Offices and mail processing facilities until May 15. The Postal Service will continue all necessary steps required for the review of these facilities during the interim period, including public input meetings. The Postal Service hopes this period will help facilitate the enactment of comprehensive postal legislation. Given the Postal Service's financial situation and the loss of mail volume, we must continue to take all steps necessary to reduce costs and increase revenue.

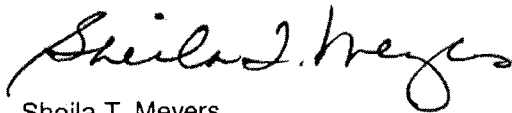
With regard to Mr. Clark's concerns about access to postal facilities for persons with disabilities, I would note that there are currently 7 Post Offices and more than 60 retail outlets that sell postage stamps within a 5 mile radius of the Capitol Square Station. Customers may find these locations at our new website at www.uspseverywhere.com or by calling 1-800-ASK-USPS. In addition, customers can buy stamps online through our website at www.usps.com, by phone at 1-800-STAMP24, or by mail. Our Click-N-Ship service on www.usps.com enables customers to print shipping labels with postage for Express Mail and Priority Mail and request that the items be picked up via our Carrier Pickup program. Customers also can place their mail on hold, file a change-of-address order, or request the redelivery of an item for which a notice was left by calling 1-800-ASK-USPS or visiting www.usps.com.

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The Postal Service understands the extent to which local communities rely upon and appreciate our organization. Please be assured that district officials are devoting considerable attention and effort to help ensure that our customers continue to receive regular and effective service well into the future.

Thank you for writing. If I can be of assistance in other postal matters, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheila T. Meyers". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Sheila T. Meyers
Manager, Government Liaison