

Don't Let This Happen to Our Post Office!



Save The Venice Post Office!

Which Post Office Do You Want?

- Our historic post office with an equally historic mural inside.
- or
- A barn of a building (the annex) that was falling apart when Safeway abandoned it 30 years ago.

By Jim Smith - June Beachhead

Why would anyone want to sell our 72-year-old historic post office? The officials at the US Postal Service claim that it is because the quasi-public organization is in deep financial trouble. The USPS currently is \$8 billion in debt. It estimates the sale of the Venice Post Office could bring in \$4.8 million, a drop in the debt bucket.

The USPS wants to close 2,000 of its more than 31,000 post offices, and cut mail delivery to five days per week. A major part of the problem, like many businesses, is employee health care. This could easily be eliminated by implementing single-payer health care, which is not employer based. In addition, the postal service says it over-contributed \$75 billion to federal retirement. A reversal of this account could save the post office for the foreseeable future, while it comes up with a plan to deliver vital communication services such as first-class mail, and to reclaim more of

the lucrative overnight mail and package express market, which critics say it gave away because of political pressure.

The Postal Service, as it now exists, is Nixon's parting shot to an ungrateful nation. It is neither public nor private, but incorporates the worst features of each. It has an impossible mission of delivering mail to a large part of the globe while making a profit. Its current deficit is made worse by a lasting economic depression that has cut its business significantly. In addition, it gave away most of its most lucrative business — overnight mail — to corporations. The Postal Service doesn't have a business plan to speak of and is taking its deficit out on the public by cutting services and selling off valuable property, like the Venice Post Office.

A rational business plan for the postal service may include getting rid of many of its brick and mortar post offices, but it makes little sense to begin with the highly visible "legacy" post offices that are historic. The Venice Post Office is a symbol of our community. Its looming

Ask Janice Hahn to help

As our likely next Congress-member, she will have the power to stop the sale of our historic post office.

Email or call Janice Hahn. She will likely win the runoff election, July 12, for Congress.

Send an email to!Elaine@JaniceHahn.com.

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Call Janice Hahn at 323-338-4441

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