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March 28, 2011

To: Mayor Mark D. Boughton
Members of City Council

From: Dennis I. Elpern 

Re: Closure of the Main Street Post Office

Attached for your review and approval is a resolution stating opposition to the closure of the post office on Main Street and authorizing Mayor Mark D. Boughton to petition state and federal officials, legislatures and participating agencies, including the USPS, to cancel further consideration on closure of this vital facility, and to contact any and all such representatives, officials and legislative bodies and public agencies in the furtherance of this goal.

We believe that the Main Street post office is critical to the well-being of our community and downtown for the following reasons:

1. The post office reinforces the image and identity of the downtown as the center of the City.
2. The post office provides convenient services to downtown businesses and serves as a recruitment tool for downtown revitalization.
3. The post office provides service to residents of the downtown and adjacent neighborhoods, many of whom are low/moderate income people who will find getting to the Backus Avenue site for full postal service impossible.
4. The closing of the post office does not guarantee its replacement by a suitable substitute.
5. Closing of the post office runs counter to federal policy of strengthening downtowns.
6. The Main Street post office is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Sale to a private entity could jeopardize its future existence as we have no means to prevent its destruction.
7. The closing would be interpreted as an abandonment of the downtown by the federal government.

Loss of the post office would be seen by many as another indication of the decline of downtown Danbury. We don't need that. What we do need is for the federal government to cooperate with us in our efforts to revitalize downtown Danbury.



RESOLUTION

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service is considering the closure of the Main Street post office facility; and

WHEREAS, in the event of such closure, efforts to revitalize the downtown area could and would be negatively impacted; and

WHEREAS, such closure does not appear consistent with federal policy encouraging the growth and revitalization of communities and downtown areas generally; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of not only the City of Danbury, but its citizenry, its businesses and industry, as well as the State and nation at large, that this postal facility remain open and operational at its present downtown location.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mark D. Boughton, Mayor of the City of Danbury, and the City Council of the City of Danbury be authorized to hereby petition and request officials of the Federal, State government, including the Legislatures thereof, as well as participating agencies at the highest level to forebear on closure of this vital facility, and to contact any and all such representatives, officials and bodies in the furtherance of this goal.