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Dear residents of Foster City:

In recent months, residents of Foster City have contacted city staff and my office to inquire about plans for the post office. Lack of a post office has been a burden to many and increases the costs of shipping for residents and small businesses alike. I realize that this situation is a hardship and the fact that the San Mateo post office on Delaware is open is a modest accommodation. Foster City should have its own facility.

I recently spoke to the senior, national, executive in charge of real estate for the postal service. I insisted that he redouble his efforts to find a solution to the longstanding absence of the post office. He indicated that negotiations are ongoing regarding two sites and that the post office remains open to other locations. I indicated that city staff and my staff had provided possible sites to the post office, and he agreed to review these as well to ensure that his local staff had considered all possibilities. While he was unable to offer a firm timeline as to when a new facility is likely to open, because negotiations are inherently unpredictable, I repeated my insistence that the post office work hard to get the new location identified and open.

We all know that the economy is booming and that this makes it difficult for the post office or any business to find retail space. Nonetheless, the post office is an essential public service and I am committed to doing everything that I can to get the postal service to open a new facility in Foster City as soon as practicable.

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I want to thank you for your patience as the postal service goes through this transition. City staff have been remarkable in their assistance and have made significant efforts to assist the post office in contacting property owners and brokers. We are working together so that the post office may find and then open its new location in Foster City.

All the best,

Jackie Speier