

SELL BERKELEY'S MAIN POST OFFICE? NO WAY!



The U.S. Postal Service wants to put a “For Sale” sign on our downtown Post Office at 2000 Allston Way.

On July 31, 2012 every Berkeley City Councilmember voted to fight against this sale of our public treasure for private profit.

*3700 Post Offices nationwide are “under study for closing.”
And 70 are “For Sale” today. Many anchor historic downtown districts.
Most are the pride of their community for their New Deal works of art.
And some have locations of immense commercial value.*



The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses.
The Postal Service is not “going broke.”

USPS Hearing 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 20, 2012

Berkeley High School Auditorium, 1980 Allston Way

USPS will hear public comment on the relocation of Berkeley's Downtown Post Office.
If the relocation is approved, Berkeley's Main Post Office will be sold.

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A few of the 70 Post Offices listed for sale by CBRE:

380 Hamilton Ave	Palo Alto	CA	20 Palmer Square	Princeton	NJ
910 D St	San Rafael	CA	95 Cherokee Road	Pinehurst	NC
340 Main Street	Norwich	CT	335 Walnut St	Yankton	SD
320 6th St	Charleston	IL	440 NE 5th Ave	Camas	WA
321 E Kenilworth Ave	Villa Park	IL	603 Main Street	Racine	WI
860 Penniman Ave	Plymouth	MI	421 Atlantic St	Stamford	CT
14 Bridge Square	Northfield	MN	180 Kellogg Blvd E	St. Paul	MN
2421 13th St	Gulfport	MS	200 South George St	York	PA

*"....an old fashioned
19th century land grab
of the 21st century"*

—Gray Brechin

*Real Estate giant CBRE (Coldwell Banker Richard Ellis)
is advising the Postal Service on the sale
of post offices as well as serving as listing agent.*

*Richard Blum is the Chairman of CBRE.
Blum is a Regent of the University of California.
He is married to Senator Dianne Feinstein.*



*On June 6, 2012,
the National Trust for Historic Preservation named
America's Historic U.S. Post Office Buildings
to its 2012 list
of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places.*

Is the Internet to blame? Or is the U.S. Congress bankrupting our Post Office?

The pre-funding of future retiree health benefits..."seems to make no sense, and, as many have noted, it is something that is demanded of no other company or government agency. So why does it exist? It turns out to be one of those things that only Congress could cook up."

—Joe Nocera, columnist for the New York Times, 7/30/12

The December 2006 law to prefund future retiree health benefits takes over \$5 billion each year from Postal revenues of about \$66 billion. It is one of many laws from Congress that hurt our Postal Service.

The USPS has sought redress from Congress. But Congress is not fixing the mess that it made.

Instead the Postal Service is desperately stripping assets, cutting costs and services. **In the last four years the USPS has slashed the number of career Postal Service employees by almost 130,000**, reducing the Postal Service career workforce from 669,000 on June 30, 2008 to 540,000 on June 30, 2012. The rate at which Post Offices and distribution centers are closed and our historic buildings are sold off is rapidly increasing.

While Congress turns a deaf ear to the needs of the Postal Service, the USPS in turn fails to listen to us when citizens and their communities decry the loss of service and of their heritage of vital and beautiful public buildings.

*In communities across the nation a grassroots fight is growing to stop service cutbacks
and preserve living wage postal jobs.*

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