

**Postmaster General John E. Potter
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza, Southwest
Washington, D.C. 20260-2202**

My Dear General Potter,

It has come to my attention that, once again, the Postal Service has decided to close our little branch post office, the Bryte Station at 1548 Lisbon ave., Bryte, Ca. 95605 (we share the same zip code with the Broderick Branch), despite the promisses we believed were faithfully made to our community on your behalf by the Western Regional Director, some 12 to 15 years ago to keep it open in perpetuity. He in fact made those promises to us at a community meeting of some 50 or 60 residents which was held in the auditorium of our Golden State Middle School.

After that, the open window hours were changed - cut from 8:30 a.m./5:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m./12:00 noon by the West Sacramento area manager. Then, the policy regarding stamp quotas was changed in such a manner as to cause the clerk to run out of stamps more quickly by penalizing he or she (there's only one) for selling too many stamps by deducting the overage from the next fixed allotment, thereby forcing more and more customers away from the branch due to a lack of stamps, causing decreasing revenues as a reason to close it. Now, in fact, a decision has been made to close it in 2010.

Our neighborhood is full of older immigrants who depend greatly on our postal branch to conduct postal business with their relatives "in the old country". Their children, and/or grandchildren have moved away, they don't speak English very well, they're not on the internet, and, most importantly, after their experiences in the land of their birth, they're not going to invite government employees into their homes to pickup packages. They sometimes gather in two's or three's in order to help one another communicate with the clerk, and exchange greetings and news from the home they left behind, as ever a part of the culture of this community. This branch is an integral, vibrant part of this community's life. It has been so for far longer than most can remember, and should remain so in perpetuity. As promised.

Our community is hoping you will give us a fair and equitable chance to retain our postal history by instituting at least a three year trial period in

which our hours are returned to their former full day status, stamp and all product quota restrictions are lifted, and this branch may be allowed to return to it's rightful place of being a close knit, walkable community once again. We were considered to be a vibrant, vital to the postal service part of this community, until the construction of a rail road underpass apparently deemed us superfluous, and a decision, we believe, was made to reduce us into obscurity because of it. We hope you will see the unintended disconnect that we feel has been committed upon our community and move to reverse it.

With All Due Respect,
