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## USPS

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OPERATIONS PROGRAMS SUPORT

ATTENTION:  
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Dear Friends,

To My Fellow Residents and Postal Customers of the Bryte Postal Annex, located at 1548 Lisbon Avenue, Bryte, California. I am asking you to take a few moments out of your busy lives to, once again, contact the United States Postal Service by writing "My Dear Ms. Tuosto, (and Whomever This May Concern)" letters. As can be seen by the response just received by box holders to the survey the postal service recently conducted within a 15 day period, the only answer by them to our concerns that seems to be "We have free carrier service ... [and it's just wonderful for everyone - implied]".

I'm afraid I must also ask you to do more by contacting our city council, our county supervisors, our state assembly and senate, as well as the governor's office. In addition, our congressman Thompson and both of California's senators, Feinstein and Boxer, as well as the Postmaster General Potter, would be our last and greatest line of defense to prevent this great loss to our community. We only have, due to the "low key approach" used by the postal service [some would call it "under the radar"], a very, very limited timeframe to do this. If you really care about this community's older residents and our sense of community and history, I hope you can find the time to make the effort to help undo this wrong before it's committed. A wrong that will never be undone, once they ring the bell of closure.

We have asked them to return to the methods of operation that were so successful and profitable in the days that they were open for a full day - 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, with the P.O. Boxes accessible on Saturday. Their response has been to cut the hours - 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., repost the regular clerk to the Industrial Blvd.

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facility, and have fill in clerks who have to open the branch after they finish their regular assignments. This means that sometimes the branch may open as late as 9:50 a.m., or (more and more often) not at all. They still close it at noon, regardless of when they open. They keep the branch under stocked, on purpose, because "It's going to close in March", according to the West Sacramento Post Mistress, and seem to be using the declining revenues of that worsening service as the reason to close it. Not that anybody's mind in charge is already made up, of course. After all, they value our input and want to address our concerns to our satisfaction. We do, after all, pay their salaries, provide for their retirement and, most importantly, still are held captive to their constitutionally mandated monopoly on the service they provide - no matter how well they provide it.

Which is the reason I'm addressing you now. We have a community of many generations, including a very significant number of older, foreign born, foreign language seniors to whom this historic branch is their lifeline to where they came from and their community gathering place of support for one another's ties to the world they left behind so their children and grandchildren would have a better life. You may have noticed or heard, that there are a great number of Russian and Russian sounding names on several of the 17 pages of petitions we gathered and turned in last summer, and again a few months ago. That would be because we have the largest settlement of Russian and Russian language emigrants in the United States. Many of them are older, English language deficient and unwilling to invite uniformed government officials to their homes after a lifetime of experiences in the Soviet Union they fled for a chance at freedom for their families. there are also many Spanish and Portuguese Language emigrants who, while having not fled Communism, otherwise find themselves in quite similar situations.

If, once again, you can see your way clear to voluntarily making the effort to help our community, your efforts will be well remembered and greatly appreciated.

*Sincerely,*

*John Besharian*

**P.S.:** Please see our website <[bryteandbroderick.org](http://bryteandbroderick.org)> for further information.