

Senate Joint Resolution No. 12

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 37

Senate Joint Resolution No. 12—Relative to the sale of the Berkeley, California, Main Post Office.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 12, Hancock. Berkeley, California, Main Post Office.

This measure would urge the United States Postal Service to rescind its decision to sell the Berkeley, California, Main Post Office.

WHEREAS, The Berkeley Main Post Office, located at 2000 Allston Way in Berkeley, California, was built in 1914, and has many significant historical features, including two Works Progress Administration (WPA) murals; and

WHEREAS, The Berkeley Main Post Office was designated as a City of Berkeley Landmark in 1980; and

WHEREAS, The Berkeley Main Post Office was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980, and was listed on the National Register as a significant contributor to Berkeley's Civic Center Historic District in 1998; and

WHEREAS, The Berkeley Main Post Office serves over 100,000 people a year at its central downtown location, less than one block from one of the Bay Area's major transit hubs; and

WHEREAS, The sale of the Berkeley Main Post Office would have an adverse effect on the current residents of Berkeley, and would put at risk a significant historic asset; and

WHEREAS, The proposed sale of the Berkeley Main Post Office has been met with overwhelming public opposition; and

WHEREAS, The Berkeley City Council has adopted a resolution opposing the sale of the Berkeley Main Post Office; and

WHEREAS, Hundreds of community members voiced their opposition to the sale at a public hearing; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the Senate and the Assembly urge the United States Postal Service to rescind its decision to sell the Berkeley Main Post Office; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer and the Postal Regulatory Commission and to the author for appropriate distribution.