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RE: Sorrento Valley Post Office

Dear Mr. Kuo:

I am writing today to urge the United States Postal Service to carefully consider, in a manner consistent with all applicable law, rules, and regulations, replacing the now-closed Sorrento Valley Post Office rather than simply merging its operations with those of the Mira Mesa Post Office, effectively eliminating the Sorrento Valley Post Office.

On Saturday, August 6th, 2022, retail and delivery operations for the Sorrento Valley Post Office, located at 3974 Sorrento Valley Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92121, temporarily relocated to the Mira Mesa Post Office, located at 9051 Mira Mesa Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92126. According to the WestPac Area-California 6, relocation discussions began in May when the landlord of the current Sorrento Valley facility notified USPS that its lease would not be renewed due to their plans to redevelop the property. Since then, USPS has explored various options for new locations to re-site the Sorrento Valley Post Office. So far, no adequate permanent location has been identified.

Since the morning of Monday, August 8th, constituents who were served by the Sorrento Valley Post Office have been required to seek those services from the Mira Mesa Post Office. If these service patterns continue, they could cause access challenges for elderly, disabled, or otherwise transportation-disadvantaged constituents seeking to collect their mail regularly. This could create more barriers for Mira Mesans seeking to collect lifesaving medications, important legal, documents, or even their social security checks. Moreover, my office has received reports that higher traffic levels around the Mira Mesa Post Office and in its parking lot have caused more motor vehicle congestion.

As the United States Postal Service continues to consider the future of the Sorrento Valley Post Office, it is my hope that you will give full and fair consideration to the possibility of rehousing operations at a facility separate from the Mira Mesa Post Office, consistent with all applicable law, rules, and regulations, rather than proceeding with the status quo.

If my staff can answer any further questions you may have, please contact Sophia Garcia in Washington, DC (Sophia.Garcia@mail.house.gov) and Cairo Williams (Cairo.Williams@mail.house.gov) in San Diego. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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