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Reviewed By: City Manager City Attorney Finance Other *(Specify)*

DATE: January 26, 2011

TO: City Council

FROM: Martin R. Erickson, Special Assistant to the City Manager
City Manager's Office

SUBJECT: **United States Postal Service's (USPS) Area Mail Processing (AMP) study proposing consolidation of the Oxnard Processing and Distribution Facility to the Goleta Processing and Distribution Facility**

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council execute a letter to the City's Congressional delegation concerning the negative impact the AMP proposal may have on mail delivery, job losses, and increased traffic and air quality degradation in the City of Oxnard.

DISCUSSION

On January 25, 2011 City Council received a report from staff on the USPS latest AMP study of mail processing at the Oxnard Processing and Distribution Facility for possible consolidation of operations into the Goleta Distribution Center. City Council directed staff to return with a letter expressing concerns over this proposal.

The Postal Service maintains it is conducting this study due to a continual decline in single-piece First-Class Mail volumes over the past decade, which has been exacerbated by the current economic decline. An AMP study involves a review of mail processing and transportation operations of a postal facility. While it is important for operations of any governmental organization to adapt to changing economic conditions, closing the Oxnard AMP could potentially negatively impact the delivery of mail, create further job losses in the area, and cause increased truck traffic and air quality degradation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no direct financial impact on the City of Oxnard as this is a proposed action.

Attachment #1 – Letter expressing concerns over potential impacts of closing U.S. Postal Service's Oxnard Processing Facility.

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February 1, 2011

The Honorable Lois Capps
United States House of Representatives
2231 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Capps:

We are writing to express our concerns over the U.S. Postal Service's consideration to possibly close the Oxnard Processing and Distribution Facility and the effect this would have on our community, particularly the negative impact on mail delivery, loss of local jobs, and increased traffic and air pollution. The City of Oxnard represents nearly 200,000 residents, nearly one-quarter of Ventura County's population.

On January 20, 2011 the U.S. Postal Service held a community meeting in the City of Oxnard to discuss their Mail Processing (AMP) proposal, potentially consolidating the Oxnard Processing and Distribution Facility into the Goleta Processing and Distribution Center. The Oxnard Processing facility currently processes all incoming mail from the zip code area 930. All mail is then trucked out to various destinations. Mail coming into the 930 area from all over the world is currently processed in Oxnard.

The Postal Service maintains it is conducting this study due to a continual decline in single-piece First-Class Mail volumes over the past decade, which has been exacerbated by the current economic decline. While it is important for operations of any governmental organization to adapt to changing economic conditions, closing the Oxnard AMP could potentially negatively impact the delivery of mail, create further job losses in the area, and cause increased truck traffic and air quality degradation. The elimination of the mail processing operation in Oxnard would require a letter mailed in Oxnard to be taken to Oxnard Main Post Office at 1961 North C Street and from there by truck to Goleta, Santa Clarita or Los Angeles for processing.

For these reasons we ask that you work to ensure that your constituents in Oxnard are not negatively affected by this proposal. If you have any further questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Martin R. Erickson, Special Assistant to the City Manager at 805.385.7870.

Sincerely,

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Mayor Pro Tem

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