

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 316, THE POSTAL SERVICE PROTECTION ACT OF 2013

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, the Postal Service Protection Act of 2013 would sustain the United States Postal Service and avert unnecessary closures that hurt communities; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service's financial issues are due to unnecessary requirements and regulations imposed on it. The Postal Service Act of 2013 would remove burdensome regulations, so the United States Postal Service can manage its budget more effectively and be more competitive with other delivery service providers; and

WHEREAS, the Postal Service Protection Act of 2013 would prohibit cuts to Saturday delivery, thus protecting rural communities, small businesses, and senior citizens, as well as reducing the need for customers to seek other delivery options; and

WHEREAS, the Postal Service Act of 2013 would consider and give serious consideration to the employment status of the second largest civilian workforce in the country, made up of over a half million people living and working in all of our communities, with over 22 percent veterans, many with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Postal Service Protection Act of 2013 would reinstate overnight delivery standards to speed mail delivery, prevent shutdowns of mail sorting centers, and protect voting by mail throughout California, which is now commonplace and remains essential to our democracy; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors urges urges US Senator Barbara Boxer and US Senator Dianne Feinstein to pass the Postal Service Protection Act of 2013, Senate Bill 316, sponsored by Senator Bernard Sanders, that would ensure the modernization and preservation of the United States Postal Service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors urges US Senator Barbara Boxer and US Senator Dianne Feinstein to oppose any postal reform legislation that does not end the mandate requiring the USPS to pre-fund future retiree health benefits, does not continue the mandate for 6-day delivery service, does not protect door to door delivery as it currently exists, and does not provide additional oversight and transparency to the United State Postal Service's plan to close, relocate, or sell 3,270 post offices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to US Senator Barbara Boxer, US Senator

Dianne Feinstein and to the United States Postmaster General.

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