

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy told Congress in February 2021, that the United States Postal Service (USPS) is weighed down by \$188.4 billion in liabilities, and that he expects the Postal Service to lose \$160 billion over the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS, in March 2021, DeJoy revealed the largest rollback of consumer mail services in recent history as part of a 10-year plan that includes longer first-class delivery windows, reduced post office hours and higher postage prices; and

WHEREAS, the USPS currently aims to deliver local first-class mail in up to two days, and nonlocal mail in three to five days, but DeJoy's plan extends the service standard for first class mail by at least one more day; and

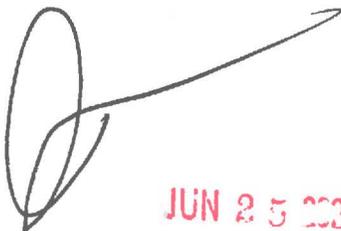
WHEREAS, the USPS's Office of Inspector General found that the agency expanded lunch breaks in certain post offices beginning July 2020 and often sought to match consumer demand with operating hours by closing post offices early, a policy which was suspended shortly after its implementation due to public protest - DeJoy's proposed strategy would resume that policy; and

WHEREAS, DeJoy also discussed an "imminent" postage rate increase tied to a new ruling from the Postal Regulatory Commission that created a new pricing system; and

WHEREAS, industry officials warn that substantial service cuts could drive away business and worsen the USPS's financial situation; and

WHEREAS, the Postmaster General's plan could spell the eventual end of the USPS as a public service, push all business to private companies and drastically increase the cost of postal delivery;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 Federal Legislative Program SPONSORSHIP and/or SUPPORT of any legislation and administrative action which would remove from office the U.S. Postmaster General, Louis DeJoy.



JUN 25 2021

PRESENTED BY:   
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