

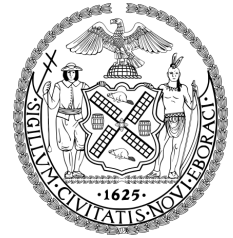


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December 5, 2023

The Honorable Louis DeJoy
Postmaster General
United States Postal Service
45 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Room 10300
Washington D.C. 20260-1000

Dear Postmaster General DeJoy,

Re: USPS Letter from CB14 and CB15 -11230 Post Office Relocation

We are writing in support of our communities who ardently oppose any plans to relocate the current Midwood Station Post Office from 1288 Coney Island Avenue, in the 11230-zip code to 954 Kings Highway in the 11223-zip code. This proposed relocation takes the 11230 post office out of its current community district and transitions it to a totally new community district that already has 5 existing post offices servicing its residents. This proposed site is well over a mile from the current location and already overwhelmed with existing traffic delaying the East/West bus routes along King Highway. A large supermarket is expected to open soon, and a post office such as this, with delivery trucks and visitors will only add an unnecessary additional congestion burden to an already congested area, bringing traffic to a halt.

Note that there are 91,789 residents in 11230, making it the 15th most populated zip code in the state of New York out of 1,775 zip codes. These community members have a higher percentage of older community members, a greater number of households below the median income, and a concentration of individuals with disabilities than in Brooklyn overall. In fact, in proximity to the current post office is the Belsky House, which is a residence for mobility impaired residents who use wheelchairs.

It is beyond irrational that USPS would choose this as the post office to move from its current district.

Given that the proposed location is not within the confines of the 11230-zip code, where it should remain to properly service its community, we are disturbed by the relocation and have serious

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doubts that an acceptable level of service would be provided. The substation in proximity to the Coney Island Avenue post office is at Newkirk Avenue and East 16th street and the Community Board 14 District Office receives frequent complaints about the level of service including long wait times and unexpected closures in the middle of the day. There is no way this substation will be able to handle an uptick in residents needed postal services due to the closure of the 11230 station.

And yes, this plan is in fact closer to an actual closure, than a relocation. When a post office serving over 100,000 community members closes and USPS directs the individuals who they are supposed to serve to a station outside of the zip code or to an already overburdened substation also in a different zip code, it cannot be dressed up as a “relocation”.

The removal of dozens of on-street mailboxes in the community and the failure of USPS to ensure that these mailboxes are “fishing” proof creates a greater reliance on access to brick-and-mortar post offices. To then remove the post office, is an abdication of your responsibility and an affront to our community.

Please reconsider the re-location of this post office or find a more suitable location within the confines of 11230 zip code to better service its community residents.

Thank you,

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