

**CITY OF OJAI
RESOLUTION NO. 20-47**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF OJAI, CALIFORNIA, CALLING ON THE U.S.
CONGRESS TO PASS FUNDING TO ENSURE
UNHINDERED FULL FUNCTIONING OF THE UNITED
STATES POSTAL SERVICE (USPS)**

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service has delivered mail since 1775, when Benjamin Franklin was named the first postmaster general and still performs this vital service, delivering 472.1 million mail pieces a day, which amounts to half the amount of mail delivered worldwide; and

WHEREAS, people throughout the United States, including the residents of Ojai, rely on the USPS as a lifeline for communication, sending letters, packages, and goods to people near and far, and for receiving relief checks, medicine, food and other items for their economic, physical and mental health, especially during this pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the USPS employs 500,000 career employees, including 97,000 veterans, making it one of the largest employers of veterans of any government agency; and

WHEREAS, since the start of stay-at-home orders across the country in response to the Coronavirus pandemic, the USPS's daily package volume has jumped 60 to 80 percent, as people send more items by mail; and

WHEREAS, an unprecedented number of Americans have requested mail-in ballots for the upcoming election, and such ballots are expected to account for 50% of all votes cast, and.

WHEREAS, any policy changes that hamper the USPS's ability to perform its crucial function endangers not only people's health but our economy and even our democracy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Ojai, California, that:

SECTION 1. That the City Council does hereby recognize the vital, central importance of the public postal service to our democracy and to all individual Americans, and the need for the USPS to fully function now during this pandemic, during the upcoming election and in perpetuity.

SECTION 2. That the City Council calls upon the Postmaster General to in no way impair the USPS' ability to carry out its duties, reduce its standards of service or prevent individuals, businesses and communities from sending and receiving mail expediently and predictably.

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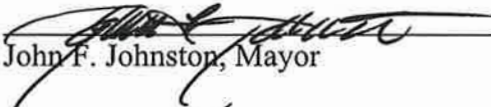
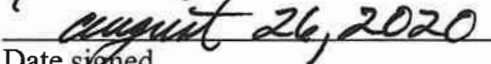
SECTION 3. That the City Council calls upon the United States Congress to pass the Postal Service Funding Bill in aid to the USPS to ensure its proper functioning during the current public health crisis.

SECTION 4. That the City Council calls upon the Federal Government to immediately reverse all USPS operational changes implemented this year at the direction of the Postmaster General that are causing delays in deliveries across the country; this includes full and immediate re-installation of all mail sorting equipment; full and immediate restoration of public access to all mailboxes and post offices and full, timely pick-up and delivery of all mail.

SECTION 5. That the City Council encourages all residents of Ojai to contact their elected officials and state their support for the same.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Ojai at the regular meeting of said Council held on this 25th day of August, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: Blatz, Francina, Haney, Johnston, Weirick
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None


John F. Johnston, Mayor

Date signed

ATTEST:


Gail Davis, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Matthew T. Summers, City Attorney