

RESOLUTION NO. 2046

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOLDEN CITY COUNCIL
REQUESTING SUPPORT FROM GOLDEN'S CONGRESSIONAL
DELEGATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE HISTORIC
DOWNTOWN GOLDEN POST OFFICE**

WHEREAS, the Downtown Golden Post Office is a remarkably well-preserved historic structure located in a historic downtown; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Golden Post Office provides convenient, walkable, postal services to the residents, businesses, and tourists of downtown Golden, thereby simultaneously furthering the established municipal goals of strengthening the downtown community, and reducing vehicles miles travelled and carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service has listed the Downtown Golden Post Office for sale, which sale could result in the destruction of the building; and

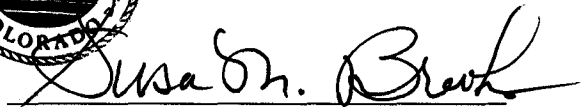
WHEREAS, for the above reasons, the City of Golden and the Golden Urban Renewal Authority have an interest in purchasing the building or assisting in its purchase for the purpose of preserving it, but cannot do so at its listed price.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDEN, COLORADO:


That the City Council of the City of Golden authorize the Mayor to formally request, via the letter attached to this Resolution 2046, the assistance of Golden's Congressional delegation in convincing the United States Postal Service to require the preservation of the Downtown Golden Post Office by offering a reduced purchase price in exchange for a commitment to preserve the building.

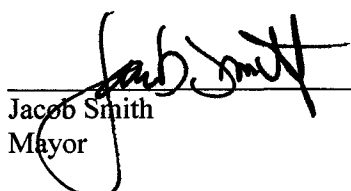
Adopted this 8th day of April, 2010.




Susan M. Brooks, MMC
City Clerk

Approved as to form:


David S. Williamson
City Attorney


Jacob Smith
Mayor

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I, Susan M. Brooks, City Clerk of the City of Golden, Colorado, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a certain Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Golden, Colorado at a regular business meeting thereof held on the 8th day of April, A.D., 2010.



ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan M. Brooks", written over a horizontal line.

Susan M. Brooks, City Clerk of the City of Golden, Colorado

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April 8, 2010

The Honorable Mark Udall
SH-317 Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Michael F. Bennet
702 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ed Perlmutter
415 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Udall, Senator Bennet, and Representative Perlmutter:

As you may be aware, the U.S. Postal Service has just put the historic post office in downtown Golden up for sale as part of its nation-wide divestiture program.

The City of Golden and its redevelopment agency, the Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA), are actively seeking partners to purchase this old building in such a way as to both effectively use and preserve this important part of Golden's historic downtown fabric.

Purchasing and renovating this property is certainly going to be a challenge for anyone who wishes to preserve this wonderful old building. Not surprisingly, these physical and economic challenges make undertaking the purchase and preservation of the building a major problem for Golden's historic downtown.

We understand that the USPS is also facing more than a few economic challenges and is very interested in maximizing the return on its assets as it seeks to consolidate and update operations. That said, the historic nature of the downtown Post Office, its convenience to downtown residents, and its role as a community meeting place, all suggest equally important benefits to either continuing the current use, or at minimum, preserving the historic structure.

With the USPS' request for five-day service, we would like to suggest a *quid pro quo* approach to resolve these issues.

We suggest that, in return for approval of the suspension of Saturday delivery, the USPS would make the downtown Golden Post Office and other historic USPS properties for sale at a substantial discount to entities that will preserve these properties. At minimum, new owners should be required to agree to a historic preservation easement held by the city in which the post office is located.

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The economic and social value of historic preservation is well-documented. Our scenario would allow the USPS to pursue its real estate strategies while simultaneously helping communities such as Golden transition from the loss of its post office.

Thank you for your assistance,

**Jacob Smith, Mayor
City of Golden**

**Annette Burke Lyttle, Chair
Golden Urban Renewal Authority**