



*City of*  
**WAYNE**

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August 12, 2009

Nancy Rettinhouse  
Chief Executive Officer  
United States Postal Service  
1401 West Fort Street  
Detroit, MI 48233-9715

Re: United States Post Office  
3716 Newberry Street  
Wayne, MI 48184

Dear Ms. Rettinhouse,

This letter is to request a meeting with you, as soon as possible, to discuss the possible discontinuance of the Wayne Post Office as set forth in the communication to the City, dated July 29, 2009, from Carol Zarek, Post Office Review Coordinator.

From William D. Wescott, the first postmaster in 1835, to Kevin T. Brandon, the 39<sup>th</sup> and current postmaster - a period of 174 years - Downtown Wayne has been the site of a post office to serve the people of Wayne and its surrounding area. Different from other post offices, the current building, dedicated on June 30, 1938, is owned by the Postal Service.

While the City will submit more specific development information to Ms. Zarek per her request, you should know that future planning for Downtown Wayne, as recently as 2006, cited the Post Office block and its strategic flanking blocks on Newberry Street as the "New Main Street" for Downtown Wayne. Even now, the Planning Commission is continuing its work, begun in late 2008, on a new Downtown Master Plan to encourage land uses such as the Post Office. Data readily available from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) shows that Wayne will continue to be a job center in the coming decades.

We look forward to meeting with you.

Very truly yours,

Abdul "Al" Haidous  
Mayor