

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

MAIL PROCESSING NETWORK
RATIONALIZATION SERVICE
CHANGES, 2011

Docket No. N2012-1

**RESPONSES OF WITNESS MICHAEL HORA (NPMHU-T1)
TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION
TO NATIONAL POSTAL MAIL HANDLERS UNION WITNESS HORA
(USPS/NPMHU-T1-1 – 7)
(June 6, 2012)**

Attached are the responses of witness Michael Hora (NPMHU-T1) to the Interrogatories of the United States Postal Service (USPS/NPMHU-T1-1-7) filed May 23, 2012. Each interrogatory is stated verbatim and followed by the response.

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USPS/NPMHU-T1-1: On page 1; line14 through page 2, line 5 of your testimony, you state:

[b]ased on my review of these documents, my conversations with NPMHU members and officers from around the country, and my years as a Postal employee working in mail processing facilities, I am concerned that the Postal Service has over-estimated the savings associated with the proposed consolidations, under-estimated the effects it will have on the efficient delivery of the mail, and has generally failed to consider adequately the concerns of employees and mailing customers.

- a. Please identify “these documents” (including all page citations) that you reviewed and the individuals with whom you conversed to form the basis of your opinion.
- b. Please provide copies of all non-publicly available documents identified in your response to subpart (a) or relating to the referenced conversations with the individuals identified in subpart (a).

RESPONSE:

- a. I have reviewed the testimony of the Postal witnesses in this docket and attended or listened via webcast to most of the testimony that has been offered in this case. I also reviewed certain of the AMP studies, or portions of those AMP studies, and the Postal Service announcements and press releases regarding this docket. I have spoken with a variety of NPMHU officers and employees, including Tim Dwyer in the NPMHU Contract Administration Department, the NPMHU officers who have offered testimony in this case, the NPMHU officers listed in response to USPS/NPMHU-T1-6, NPMHU Local 321 President Don Gonzales, NPMHU Local 322 President Michael McIntyre and NPMHU Local 302 President Ernie Grijalva.
- b. None.

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USPS/NPMHU-T1-2: On page 3, lines 11 through 14 of your testimony, you state:

based on my experience working in Postal facilities and my discussions with Mail Handlers working across the country, the Postal Service is drastically over-estimating the amount of productivity increases it will be able to achieve.

Please describe, in detail, all evidence you rely upon in support of your statement.

RESPONSE:

I am relying on the testimony of Mr. Neri, and the productivity improvement estimates contained in Mr. Neri's testimony for my assessment that the Postal Service is over-estimating the amount of productivity increases it will be able to achieve. I am also relying on my common sense and my observations of mail processing.

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USPS/NPMHU-T1-3: On page 4, lines 22 through 24 of your testimony, you state “[i]n other facilities where mail processing has stopped and the facility is now used as a hub, we typically see a need for anywhere from three to two dozen Mail Handlers to staff the cross-dock operations.” In addition to mail handlers, describe, in detail, what other Postal Service employees and contractors support hub operations, among other tasks, removing containers from trucks and moving containers throughout Postal Service facilities, including but not limited to Function 4 facilities.

RESPONSE:

The work described is typically core Mail Handler work, and the NPMHU position is that such work should be performed by Mail Handlers in the ordinary course. One or more supervisors or “expeditors” may also support hub operations. Contract drivers, maintenance and custodial may also be involved in support activities, however Article 32.2 of the National Agreement between the Postal Service and the NPMHU provides that where a Mail Handler is assigned and on-duty at the time a star route vehicle is being loaded or unloaded by a star route driver, one or more Mail Handlers will assist in loading and unloading the star route vehicle, unless such requirement delays the scheduled receipt and dispatch of mail or alters the routing or affects the safety requirements provided in the star route contract. In practice, palletized loading and unloading is typically done by a Postal-owned forklift, motorized pallet-jack or similar powered industrial equipment, which is normally operated by a Mail Handler. Other Mail Handler duties may include the requirement to consolidate and containerize mail by type, and/or to make simple separations for downstream operations.

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In addition, under Section II.B of the February 16, 1979 Mail Processing Work Assignment Guidelines (as amended and contained at pages 153 through 175 of the National Agreement), if there are not four or more hours of continuous work consisting of one or more functions in one or more operations designated to the primary craft, the Postal Service may assign the work to an employee outside of that primary craft. Page 172 contains the primary craft assignments for Platform Operations.

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USPS/NPMHU-T1-4: On page 5, line 4 of your testimony, you state “the AMPs do not seem to adequately budget for the relocation costs.” Please describe, in detail, all evidence (including page citations) you rely upon in support of your statement.

RESPONSE:

I relied upon the “Employee Relocation Costs” line item under “One-Time Costs” in the Space Evaluation and Other Costs section of each AMP, which is typically the last page of each AMP for my assessment of what the AMPs budgeted in terms of relocation costs. For my assessment of what actual relocation costs would be, I multiplied the Postal Service witness Kevin Rachel’s interrogatory response, stating that the average relocation cost for each craft employee in 2011 was \$5,831 [APWU/USPS-T8-2], by the Total Difference number for the Gaining Facility from the Staffing-Craft section of the AMP (typically between pages 32 and 37 of the AMP), which would appear to represent the number of employees exceeded from other facilities that will be offered “landing spots” in the gaining facility.

In order to respond to this question, a spreadsheet was compiled comparing the AMP-budgeted relocation costs with the number of craft employees that the AMP states will need to be added in the gaining facility. The spreadsheet based upon the spreadsheet submitted by Postal witness Williams as an attachment to his March 30, 2012 Response to the Question Posed by Commissioner Taub, but with the following modifications: a) a “CRAFT GAINS” column was added to show the craft employee additions at the gaining facility (as reported in the relevant AMP study); b) an “EST. RELOC COST” column was added showing the relocation costs budgeted in the relevant AMP; c) the spreadsheet was limited to only those consolidations where the gaining facility was 50 or more miles from the losing facility, in order to ensure that the

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reassignment of craft employees would require employees to relocate their residences and incur relocation expenses; and d) those facilities removed from consideration for consolidation (according to the Response filed by Postal Service Witness Rosenberg on June 4, 2012 to PRC/USPS-4(a)) were deleted from the spreadsheet. This resulting spreadsheet, which is attached as Attachment 1, shows that, according to the AMPs, 8,275 employees will need to be moved to these gaining facilities. Based upon the Postal Service's average relocation costs, the relocation cost for these employees would be \$48.25 million. Yet, the Postal Service has only budgeted \$6.182 million for relocation of employees in these facilities – meaning that the Postal Service has under-budgeted by more than \$42 million for employee relocation costs.

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USPS/NPMHU-T1-5: On page 6, lines 4 through 5 of your testimony, you state “[i]n my experience, the machines break down more often the more they are run.”

- a. Please describe, in detail, your experience, education, or training related to the maintenance procedures, routines or operating parameters of mail processing equipment used by the Postal Service.
- b. Please produce any documents or data that you relied upon in support of your statement.

RESPONSE:

- a. My experience is detailed in the first paragraph of my testimony. My testimony is based upon my many years of experience as a Mail Handler and my years of experience representing Mail Handlers. During my Postal career, I have personally held numerous bid jobs in 010/020 operations and have had the occasion to operate several generations of cancellation equipment, including the AFCS machines (pre and post BDS technology) and received the training required to operate those machines. I do not have any formal education or training in the technical fields referenced.
- b. None.

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USPS/NPMHU-T1-6: On page 6, lines 22 through 24 of your testimony, you state:

I heard many complaints from members and officers across the country that the public hearings were not conducted in such a way as to enable the public to provide meaningful input.

- a. Please identify the names of members and officers from whom you heard complaints that the public meetings did not provide a means for the public to provide meaningful input.
- b. For each individual identified in subpart (a) above, please identify the specific public meeting(s) that the individual attended.
- c. Please identify what, if any, public meetings you attended.
- d. Please provide any documents that you prepared relating to any meetings you attended or any complaints you received from members and officers regarding the public meetings.

RESPONSE:

- a. See below answer to (b).
- b. These complaints were made to me by and to other employees of the NPMHU Contract Administration Department by various members and officers over the course of months in the fall, winter and spring of 2011-2012. I did not compile a list of these complaints at the time they were made. However, following is a compilation of some of those complaints that I have made in order to respond to this Interrogatory.
 - i. Tim Dwyer, the former President of NPMHU Local 301, attended the Springfield, Massachusetts and Meriden, Connecticut public hearings, among other public hearings. He reported that, in Springfield, public speakers were limited to two minutes of comments and that the hearing was held on election day,

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at a polling place, and therefore not in a time or place conducive to wide participation. There was much confusion between those in arriving to vote and those arriving for the public meeting. He reported that in Meriden, speakers were limited to two minutes, and the meeting was held at a facility that was too small, and therefore interested people were turned away at the door. In addition, the meeting was held at an inconvenient time (5:30 p.m. on a Wednesday), about which many people complained to Mr. Dwyer. In addition, Postal management was unable to answer questions about the numbers in the presentation.

ii. Tom Ruther (the New England Regional Representative for the NPMHU) attended the Stamford public hearing. He reported to me that speakers were limited to two minutes, the meeting was held at a time not conducive to wide participation (at 5:30 p.m. during the week before Christmas); the Mayor of Stamford was not notified on the meeting; and the Notice of the Meeting was sent to the wrong NPMHU Local (Local 300, instead of Local 301).

iii. Rudy Santos, NPMHU Western Region Vice President and Local 320 President, attended the meeting in Tucson, AZ. He reported that speakers were limited to two minutes, that the building was too small to accommodate interested persons (with approximately 100 people forced to wait outside), that the meeting was held on an inconvenient date (December 28), and that the meeting was abruptly ended at 7 p.m. Attached to this response is the December 2011 newsletter from Richard Fimbres, Councilmember Ward 5, City of Tucson, also criticizing the public hearing process in Tucson. His newsletter reported that, despite requests by Congresswoman Giffords and Congressman Grijalva, the

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Postal Service refused to move the meeting to a different date; rented a smaller facility even though larger ones were available; failed to ask for a waiver of the parking fee; split the meeting into two, one for businesses and one for the general public; and limited time for public comments at both meetings.

v. Robert Broxton, current President of NPMHU Local 301, attended the public hearings for White River, Southern Connecticut, Wareham Annex, and Northwest Boston, Central Massachusetts, and Springfield MA. He reported that all presentations began with a lengthy introduction, video and Powerpoint presentation that consumed much of the hearing time, leaving little time for public questions and comments. Many of the rooms were not big enough to accommodate interest—in White River, people were standing; in Southern Connecticut, there was not enough space and some people had to leave; was standing room, in Southern Connecticut. When questioned regarding the numbers contained in the Powerpoint presentation, the Postal representatives were not able to answer how the Postal Service arrived at the numbers.

c. None.

d. None.

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USPS/NPMHU-T1-7: On page 7, lines 9 through 13 of your testimony, you state that for those facilities identified in footnote 2 of your testimony “[t]here was essentially no process by which the Postal Service solicited and received public input.” Please describe, in detail, any evidence to support your position that the Postal Service must conduct a public hearing pursuant to USPS Handbook PO-408.

RESPONSE:

The question mis-characterizes my testimony. I did not state that USPS Handbook PO-408 is applicable to the facilities referenced.

Attachment 1

LOSING	GAINING	TYPE	DISTANCE	CRAFT GAINS	EST. RELOC COST
Abiene TX CSMPC	Austin TX P&DC	Originating & Destinating	228	27	\$0
Abiene TX CSMPC(2)	Midland TX P&DF	Originating & Destinating	153	72	\$84,000
Alamogordo NM CSMPC	EI Paso TX P&DC	Originating & Destinating	88	10	\$48,000
Alamosa CO CSMPC	Denver CO P&DC	Originating & Destinating	240.8	0	\$0
Albany GA CSMPC	Tallahassee FL P&DF	Originating & Destinating	98.2	93	\$114,000
Alliance NE CSMPC	North Platte NE CSMPC	Originating & Destinating	177	2	\$10,000
Annisston AL CSMPC	Birmingham AL P&DC	Originating & Destinating	65	3	\$0
Ashville NC P&DC	Greenville SC P&DC	Originating & Destinating	63	164	\$0
Athens OH CSPMC	Columbus OH P&DC	Destinating	81	1	\$0
Augusta GA P&DF	Macon GA P&DC	Originating & Destinating	125	54	\$72,000
Augusta GA P&DF(2)	Columbia SC P&DC	Originating & Destinating	71.6	26	\$0
Bakersfield CA P&DC	Santa Clarita CA P&DC	Originating & Destinating	81	167	\$192,661
Bemidji MN CSMPC	Minneapolis MN P&DC	Destinating	220	0	\$0
Bend OR CSMPC	Portland OR P&DC	Originating & Destinating	175	23	\$40,000
Binghamton NY CSMPC	Syracuse NY P&DC	Destinating	81	52	\$0
Bloomington IL P&DF(2)	Champaign IL P&DF	Originating & Destinating	50.8	73	\$0
Bloomington IN MPA	Indianapolis IN P&DC	Destinating	50.4	34	\$0
Bowling Green KY P&DC	Nashville TN P&DC	Destinating	66	36	\$0
Bryan TX CSMPC	Austin TX P&DC	Destinating	97.29	2	\$6,000
Buffalo NY P&DC	Rochester NY P&DC	Originating & Destinating	70.5	404	\$748,000
Butte MT CSMPC	Great Falls MT P&DF	Destinating	155	17	\$0
Campton KY CSMPC	Louisville KY P&DC	Originating & Destinating	135	0	\$0
Canton OH P&DF	Cleveland OH P&DC	Destinating	56.6	87	\$0
Cape Girardeau MO P&DC	Saint Louis MO P&DC	Originating & Destinating	126	23	\$0
Carbondale IL CSMPC	Evansville IN P&DF	Originating & Destinating	104	6	\$0
Carroll IA CSMPC	Des Moines IA P&DC	Originating & Destinating	99	3	\$0
Central Mass MA(2)	Middlesex Essex MA	Originating & Destinating	52	61	\$0
Centralia IL CSMPC	Evansville IN P&DF	Destinating	113	6	\$0
Chattanooga TN P&DC	Nashville TN P&DC	Originating & Destinating	144	0	\$0
Chattanooga TN P&DC(2)	Atlanta GA P&DC	Originating & Destinating	126	247	\$302,500
Chillicothe OH CSMPC	Columbus OH P&DC	Originating & Destinating	54.9	2	\$0
Clarksburg WV P&DF	Charleston WV P&DC	Destinating	127	50	\$0
Clarksburg WV P&DF(2)	Pittsburgh PA P&DC	Originating & Destinating	110	39	\$39,270
Clovis NM Northwest Sta	Lubbock TX P&DF	Originating & Destinating	103	0	\$0
Colby KS CSMPC	North Platte NE CSMPC	Destinating	134.2	0	\$0
Colorado Springs CO P&DC	Denver CO P&DC	Originating & Destinating	81.7	95	\$0

Columbus GA CSMPC	Montgomery AL P&DC	Destinating	84	52	\$0
Corpus Christi TX P&DC	San Antonio TX P&DC	Originating & Destinating	150	107	\$150,000
Creston IA CSMPC	Des Moines IA P&DC	Originating & Destinating	79	0	\$0
Cumberland MD CSMPC	Johnstown PA P&DF	Originating & Destinating	67.2	27	\$0
Dakota Central SD P&DF	Sioux Falls SD P&DF	Originating & Destinating	124	27	\$75,000
Dayton OH P&DF	Columbus OH P&DC	Destinating	77	229	\$403,719
Devils Lake ND CSMPC	Grand Forks ND CSMPC	Originating & Destinating	91	2	\$0
Dodge City KS CSMPC	Wichita KS P&DC	Originating & Destinating	148.8	6	\$0
Dothan AL CSMPC	Montgomery AL P&DC	Destinating	100	8	\$0
Duluth MN P&DF	St Paul MN P&DC	Originating & Destinating	158.7	51	\$0
Durango CO CSMPC	Albuquerque NM P&DC	Originating & Destinating	213	0	\$0
East Texas TX P&DC	North Texas TX P&DC	Originating & Destinating	119	16	\$0
East Texas TX P&DC(2)	Austin TX P&DC	Originating & Destinating	283	0	\$0
East Texas TX P&DC(3)	Shreveport LA P&DC	Originating & Destinating	85.5	27	\$0
Eastern Maine ME P&DC	Southern Maine ME P&DC	Originating & Destinating	134	103	\$0
Eau Claire WI P&DF	St Paul MN P&DC	Originating & Destinating	93.9	49	\$0
Effingham IL CSMPC	Champaign IL P&DF	Originating & Destinating	75	7	\$0
Elko NV CSMPC	Salt Lake City UT P&DC	Originating & Destinating	227.1	2	\$0
Erie PA P&DF	Rochester NY P&DC	Originating & Destinating	167	5	\$0
Erie PA P&DF(2)	Pittsburgh PA P&DC	Originating & Destinating	134.5	100	\$154,000
Eugene OR P&DF	Portland OR P&DC	Originating & Destinating	108	91	\$100,000
Eureka CA CSMPC	Medford OR CSMPC	Originating & Destinating	195	17	\$45,000
Farmington NM CSMPC	Albuquerque MN P&DC	Originating & Destinating	180	0	\$0
Fayetteville NC P&DC	Charlotte NC P&DC	Originating & Destinating	143	227	\$0
Florence SC P&DF	Columbia SC P&DC	Originating & Destinating	84.4	110	\$0
Gainesville FL P&DF	Jacksonville FL P&DC	Destinating	76	34	\$84,000
Gaylord MI PO	Traverse City MI P&DF	Originating & Destinating	63.4	35	\$0
Grand Island NE P&DF	Omaha NE P&DC	Originating & Destinating	151	39	\$170,000
Grenada MS CSMPC	Jackson MS P&DC	Originating & Destinating	113	29	\$0
Gulfport MS P&DF	Mobile AL P&DC	Originating & Destinating	59.4	57	\$0
Harrison AR CSMPC	Fayetteville AR CSMPC	Originating & Destinating	139	12	\$0
Hattiesburg MS CSMPC	Mobile AL P&DC	Originating & Destinating	101.8	35	\$0
Hays KS CSMPC	Wichita KS P&DC	Destinating	189	5	\$0
Hazard KY P&DF	Knoxville TN P&DC	Originating & Destinating	160	4	\$0
Helena MT CSMPC	Great Falls MT P&DF	Destinating	89.4	18	\$0
Hot Springs Natl Park AR	Little Rock AR P&DC	Destinating	61	0	\$0
Huntsville AL P&DC	Birmingham AL P&DC	Destinating	96	109	\$150,000

Hutchinson KS CSMPC	Wichita KS P&DC	Destinating	50.6	10	\$0
Iron Mountain MI P&DF	Green Bay WI P&DC	Originating & Destinating	98.4	21	\$0
Jackson MI CSMPC	Detroit MI P&DC	Destinating	72	0	\$0
Jackson TN P&DF	Memphis TN P&DC	Destinating	91.7	64	\$25,000
Johnson City TN CSMPC	Knoxville TN P&DC	Originating	111	16	\$50,000
Jonesboro AR CSMPC	Memphis TN P&DC	Originating & Destinating	66	23	\$15,000
Kalamazoo MI P&DC	Grand Rapids MI P&DC/P	Destinating	51.6	164	\$0
Kinston NC P&DF	Raleigh NC P&DC	Destinating	91.9	81	\$0
Kokomo IN P&DF	Indianapolis IN P&DC	Originating & Destinating	50	53	\$0
LaCrosse WI P&DF	St Paul MN P&DC	Originating & Destinating	145.4	19	\$0
Lafayette IN P&DF	Indianapolis IN P&DC	Originating & Destinating	62.2	**	**
Lafayette LA P&DF	Baton Rouge LA P&DC	Originating	62	7	\$0
Lansing MI P&DC	Michigan Metroplex MI P&DC	Originating & Destinating	68	19	\$0
Lansing MI P&DC(2)	Grand Rapids MI P&DC/P	Originating & Destinating	72.3	164	\$0
Lexington KY P&DC	Louisville KY P&DC	Originating & Destinating	73.1	228	\$236,500
Lexington KY P&DC(2)	Knoxville TN P&DC	Originating & Destinating	176	21	\$33,000
Liberal KS CSMPC	Amarillo TX P&DF	Originating & Destinating	167.5	3	\$0
London KY P&DF	Knoxville TN P&DC	Destinating	99.4	20	\$0
Lufkin TX CSMPC	Beaumont TX P&DC	Destinating	112	5	\$0
Lynchburg VA P&DC	Greensboro NC P&DC	Originating & Destinating	127	102	\$0
Mankato MN CSMPC	Minneapolis MN P&DC	Originating & Destinating	81	39	\$0
McAlester OK CSMPC	Oklahoma City OK P&DC	Originating & Destinating	140	3	\$0
Mid Hudson NY P&DC	Albany NY P&DC	Originating & Destinating	96	103	\$0
Mirot ND CSMPC	Bismarck ND P&DF	Originating & Destinating	112	17	\$30,000
Muncie IN P&DF	Indianapolis IN P&DC	Originating & Destinating	56	60	\$0
New Castle PA P&DF	Pittsburgh PA P&DC	Destinating	54	87	\$0
New Orleans LA P&DC	Baton Rouge LA P&DC	Originating & Destinating	75	295	\$0
Norfolk VA P&DC	Richmond VA P&DC	Originating & Destinating	84	307	\$0
Northfolk NE P&DF	Omaha NE P&DC	Originating & Destinating	117	37	\$155,000
Olympia WA P&DF	Seattle WA P&DC	Destinating	58	44	\$0
Paducah KY P&DF	Evansville IN P&DF	Originating & Destinating	112	27	\$0
Panama City FL P&DF	Pensacola FL P&DC	Destinating	106	26	\$0
Parkersburg WV CSMPC	Charleston WV P&DC	Destinating	84	0	\$0
Pasco WA P&DF	Spokane WA P&DC	Originating & Destinating	133	31	\$0
Pendleton OR CSMPC	Portland OR P&DC	Originating & Destinating	211	2	\$0
Petersburg WV CSMPC	Johnstown PA P&DF	Destinating	124	0	\$0
Plattsburgh NYC CSMPC	Albany NY P&DC	Originating & Destinating	157	6	\$0

Pocattello ID CSMPC	Salt Lake City UT P&DC	Originating & Destinating	168	26	\$0
Provo UT CSMPC	Las Vegas NV P&DC	Originating & Destinating	378	15	\$0
Provo UT CSMPC(3)	Grand Junction CO P&DC	Originating & Destinating	238	32	\$0
Quincy IL P&DF	Columbia MO P&DF	Originating & Destinating	123	51	\$0
Rawlins WY CSMPC	Cheyenne WY P&DC	Originating & Destinating	154	0	\$0
Reading PA P&DF	Harrisburg PA P&DC	Destinating	62	77	\$165,000
Reading CA CSMPC	West Sacramento CA P&DC	Originating & Destinating	161	40	\$51,781
Roanoke VA P&DC	Greensboro NC P&DC	Originating & Destinating	97	182	\$0
Rochester MN P&DF	St Paul MN P&DC	Originating & Destinating	72	46	\$0
Rock Springs WY CSMPC	Salt Lake City UT P&DC	Originating & Destinating	179	15	\$0
Rocky Mount NC P&DF	Raleigh NC P&DC	Originating & Destinating	67	125	\$0
Roswell NM CSMPC	Lubbock TX P&DF	Originating & Destinating	178	6	\$0
Saginaw MI P&DF	Michigan Metroplex MI P&DC	Destinating	71	39	\$0
Saint Cloud MN CSMPC	Minneapolis MN P&DC	Originating & Destinating	71	63	\$0
Salen OR P&DF	Portland OR P&DC	Originating & Destinating	50	80	\$70,000
Salida CO CSMPC	Denver CO P&DC	Originating & Destinating	152	3	\$0
Salina KS CSMPC	Wichita KS P&DC	Originating & Destinating	94	12	\$0
Savannah GA P&DF	Jacksonville FL P&DC	Originating & Destinating	133	36	\$84,000
Savannah GA P&DF(2)	Charleston SC P&DF	Originating & Destinating	122	64	\$0
Scranton PA P&DF	Lehigh Valley PA P&DC	Originating & Destinating	73.3	129	\$198,000
Socorro NM CSMPC	Albuquerque MN P&DC	Originating & Destinating	77	0	\$0
Somerset KY CSMPC	Knoxville TN P&DC	Destinating	113	0	\$0
South Bend IN P&DC	Fort Wayne IN P&DC	Originating & Destinating	90	102	\$0
Southern Conn CT P&DC	Springfield MA P&DC	Originating & Destinating	52	137	\$0
Springfield MO P&DF	Kansas City MO P&DC	Originating & Destinating	167	212	\$465,000
Stockton CA P&DC	West Sacramento CA P&DC	Destinating	59.1	176	\$343,706
Swainsboro GA CSMPC	Macon GA P&DC	Originating & Destinating	93.3	3	\$0
Terre Haute IN P&DF	Evansville IN P&DF	Originating & Destinating	109	28	\$0
Terre Haute IN P&DF(2)	Indianapolis IN P&DC	Originating & Destinating	72	16	\$0
Toledo OH P&DC	Detroit MI P&DC	Destinating	59	21	\$0
Toledo OH P&DC(2)	Columbus OH P&DC	Originating & Destinating	139.6	45	\$187,232
Toledo OH P&DC(3)	Michigan Metroplex MI P&DC	Originating	89	15	\$0
Topeka KS P&DF	Kansas City MO P&DC	Originating & Destinating	71	60	\$150,000
Truth or Consequences NM CSMPC	Albuquerque NM P&DC	Originating & Destinating	148	0	\$0
Tucson AZ P&DF	Phoenix AZ P&DC	Originating & Destinating	112	160	\$0
Tucumcari NM CSMPC	Albuquerque NM P&DC	Originating & Destinating	177	0	\$0
Tulsa OK P&DC	Oklahoma City OK P&DC	Originating & Destinating	114	326	\$644,398

Tupelo MS P&DF	Memphis TN P&DC	Originating & Destinating	108	23	\$0
Tuscaloosa AL CSMPC	Birmingham AL P&DC	Originating & Destinating	59	7	\$0
Valdosta GA CSMPC	Jacksonville FL P&DC	Originating & Destinating	121.3	0	\$0
Waco TX P&DF	Austin TX P&DC	Originating & Destinating	97	141	\$252,000
Wareham MA CSMPC	Providence P&DC	Originating & Destinating	53	0	\$0
Wausau WI P&DF	Green Bay WI P&DC	Originating & Destinating	89.7	71	\$0
Waycross GA CSMPC	Jacksonville FL P&DC	Destinating	78.4	0	\$0
Wenatchee WA CSMPC	Spokane WA P&DC	Originating & Destinating	156	20	\$0
Wheatland WY CSMPC	Cheyenne WY P&DC	Originating & Destinating	71.3	0	\$0
Williamsport PA P&DF	Harrisburg PA P&DC	Originating & Destinating	87.9	28	\$38,500
Wolf Point MT CSMPC	Billings MT P&DF	Originating & Destinating	315	1	\$0
Youngstown OH P&DC	Cleveland OH P&DC	Originating & Destinating	73.9	19	\$0

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\$6,182,267

Attachment 2



Richard Fimbres
Councilmember
Ward 5

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PHONE NUMBERS**

Emergency Services
TPD & TFD
DIAL 911

Permits 791-5550
Housing Assistance
791-4739

TCC - 791-5522

**Code Enforcement &
Graffiti removal**
792-CITY (2489)

**Trash Pick up &
Environmental
Services 791-3171**

**Transportation &
Street Maintenance**
- 791-3154

Tucson Water
Billing - 791-3242
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A LETTER FROM COUNCILMEMBER FIMBRES

Dear Friends:

I want to thank you all for your help and support through 2011. For the past two years, we have faced some of the worst budget cycles this City have ever faced since the Great Depression. We have had to make some very difficult decisions, but I feel these decisions were fair and didn't eliminate entire departments like other communities have.

We have had to think "outside the box" to kick start our economy. This Mayor and Council are working hard to get our citizens back to work, and to improve the quality of life for all. Our economy will start to improve in 2012, but we must keep the momentum going. Thank you again and may you all be blessed with a safe, healthy and prosperous 2012. We do live in one of the greatest cities in our nation.

Normally, this issue would be solely about the past year in review for your Councilmember and office to report back on what has been accomplished. However, another issue has arisen which requires your help and importantly, your feedback.

CHERRYBELL POST OFFICE PROCESSING CENTER CLOSURE THREATENED

I want to thank all of you who attended the public meeting about the potential closure of the Cherrybell Post Office processing and distribution center held December 28 at the Leo Rich Theater.

This meeting was scheduled by the United States Postal Service (USPS) at this date and time. Despite requests from both Congresswoman Giffords and Congressman Grijalva to move the date to one, not during the holiday season, but the USPS would not do so.

The USPS rented the smaller Leo Rich Theater, despite two venues, the TCC or the TCC Music Hall, bigger facilities, were available at the same time.

In addition, USPS didn't ask for a waiver for the parking fee, so people who had to park at the TCC, had to pay for parking. USPS officials said they were not going to do so, when asked by the Ward 5 Council office.

To add to it further, the USPS split the meeting into two – with little notice, with businesses and nonprofits meeting earlier and the general meeting held afterward. Even more, the USPS limited time for public comment for both meetings.

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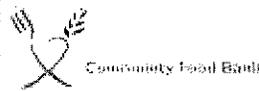
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Even with all these hurdles, Tucson and Southern Arizona turned out for both meetings, with close to 600 present for the general meeting, visibly surprising USPS officials with the turnout – the biggest for these hearings held across the country this year on this topic. We showed that Tucson and Southern Arizona are strongly opposed to closing the Cherrybell Post Office processing and distribution center.

Here is what is at stake for Tucson and Southern Arizona, in addition to the 300 potential jobs lost from the plant. Here are some of the many examples:

Costs to mail packages, letters or otherwise would rise dramatically. Social Security checks and other similar financial measures would be delayed. Prescriptions would be delayed. Vote-by-mail would be affected.

Government costs to mail their various items would increase. Overnight, two day or quicker delivery for First Class postage would cease. More than 23,000 of our local businesses in Tucson and Southern Arizona, who use mail order and had used Cherrybell, would have to pay more for shipping and postage.

Local mail houses would have to charge more for the services. Relocation of businesses could happen, resulting in further job losses. Potential businesses will not relocate to a city that doesn't have a processing or distribution center.

This is more than just a post office closing; it involves Tucson and Southern Arizona's livelihood. If you could not have attended this meeting, you can still comment on this, by mail. Comments will be accepted and postmarked by January 12, 2012.

Written comments may be sent to: Management, Consumer and Industry Contact, Arizona District, P.O. Box, 21628, Phoenix, Arizona 85036-1628. A decision will occur in May, but we must speak up now, for Cherrybell, Tucson and Southern Arizona.

YEAR IN REVIEW

This year has been one of triumph, as well as tragedy. Our community began the year with the shootings of January 8, killing six, including Judge John Roll, Christina Taylor Green and Gabe Zimmerman, injuring 13, including our Congresswoman, Gabrielle Giffords.

Our community came together in support and prayer after this and we watched our Gabby begin to comeback from her injuries, related to the attack. President Obama came to Tucson to help us, as well as the nation heal from the tragic events of January 8.

Despite this tragic event, the work for all continued, especially for me and my office. From December 2010, through August 2011, I had the honor to serve as your Vice-Mayor, running the Council meetings on nine occasions, as well as representing our City at various functions, including the formation of the U.S.-Mexico Border Mayor's Association.

Several town halls and business forums were held by the Ward 5 office, most recently, the Tucson Means Business Forum, held at the Fred G. Acosta Job Corps Center.