



# CITY OF ORLANDO

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Office of  
**Commissioner Patty Sheehan**  
Orlando City Council, District 4

August 5, 2009

Mr. Dan G. Blair  
Chairman  
U.S. Postal Regulatory Commission  
901 New York Avenue NW, Ste. 200  
Washington, DC 20268-0001

Dear Mr. Blair:

I recently read the announcement of United States Postal Service stations and branches that were identified for potential closure across the United States. Included in this list was the Colonialtown Station in Orlando in the Suncoast PFC District. I am proud to represent this U.S. Post Office branch as part of my Orlando City Council district. I was dismayed to hear it is included on this list.

Within the downtown area of Orlando, half of which I represent, this is only one of two post office branches which serve my constituents and is a fixture in our community. The Colonialtown Station is truly a convenience to the residents of various neighborhoods in the downtown core – Colonialtown South, Colonialtown North, Lake Eola Heights, Thornton Park, South Eola. While we also have the Downtown Orlando location, the convenience and personal rapport with the staff is not the same as we have all grown accustomed to at the Colonialtown office. We love our “local” post office and support it completely; it is a landmark and an integral part of our community.

As a government leader, I understand firsthand the sacrifices that we are forced to make due to the severe economic downturn in which our great country is gripped. I understand the difficult task of evaluating the dozens of offices identified for potential closure on the report. Making the hard decisions with which you are faced is assuredly even more difficult. However, the loss of this established community partner would truly be a detriment to our local residents and economy. Therefore, I strongly urge you to keep our neighborhood Post Office open and ensure your customers will continue to experience the convenience we all enjoy at the Colonialtown Station.

The Honorable Dan G. Blair  
August 3, 2009  
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Thank you for your consideration in this important and wrenching decision. In the end, I am sure you will do what is right for Orlando and the United States. Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to call or email my office or me at (407) 246-2004 or [patty.sheehan@cityoforlando.net](mailto:patty.sheehan@cityoforlando.net).

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patty Sheehan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Patty" being more prominent than the last name "Sheehan".

Patty Sheehan  
Commissioner, District 4  
Orlando City Council

Cc: The Honorable Bill Nelson, U.S. Senator, Florida  
The Honorable Alan Grayson, U.S. Representative, 8<sup>th</sup> District, Florida  
The Honorable Nanci Langley, Vice Chairman, U.S. Postal Regulatory Commission  
The Honorable Mark Acton, Commissioner, U.S. Postal Regulatory Commission  
The Honorable Ruth Goldway, Commissioner, U.S. Postal Regulatory Commission  
The Honorable Tony Hammond, Commissioner, U.S. Postal Regulatory Commission  
The Honorable John (Jack) E. Potter, Postmaster General & CEO, U.S. Postal Service  
Ms. Cathy Galgano, President, Colonialtown South Neighborhood Association  
Mr. David Martens, President, Lake Eola Heights Historic Neighborhood Association  
Mr. Leo Hunt, Jr., President, Thornton Park Neighborhood Association  
Ms. Ann Berendzen, President, Colonialtown North Neighborhood Association