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Dear Local and State Presidents and National Officers:

As part of our ongoing struggle to save the Postal Service, numerous locals and state organizations have expressed interest in fighting the sale of postal facilities that are listed (or eligible to be listed) on the National Register of Historic Places. At the June 2013 National Presidents' Conference, discussion occurred about protests against the Postal Service's decision to sell the historic Post Office in Berkeley CA and other locations. These protests coincide with our efforts to stop consolidations, excessing and reductions in service standards.

The attached one-page summary, developed by the Legislative & Political Department, briefly describes the process the Postal Service must follow prior to selling historic buildings. Of significance, the Postal Service must consult with interested parties within the community. It must provide the public with information about the effects of its undertaking on the historic property and seek public comment prior to the sale, disposition or other action affecting the historic post office. The National Register of Historic Places has currently designated 2,530 postal buildings as historic. The historic preservation review process requires the Postal Service to complete five key tasks prior to selling a historic postal building. These tasks are listed on the attached sheet.

Local unions and state organizations that wish to pursue this option should familiarize themselves with the required processes. The sale of a historic postal building may be prevented through a collaborative effort between the union and local interested parties, such as elected officials at the federal, state and municipal level, labor unions, preservation groups, neighbors, friends, etc.

The attached information is posted on the APWU's website with links to the identified resources for your convenience. Please address any questions you may have regarding this matter to Legislative & Political Director Gary Kloepper.

Thank you.

In union solidarity,

Gary Kloepper
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