

Nine Questions

for USPS Deputy Post Master General Ronald Stroman

Since **USPS Business Mail Customers** and the citizens of the United States who collectively own the United States Postal Service have a right to know, **we respectfully request clear, unequivocal answers to the following questions:**

1. Since the Postmaster General has already closed the Salem, Oregon mail sorting facility and has announced the impending closure of sorting facilities in Springfield/Eugene, Bend and Pendleton, **how many additional days of delay can we expect** for the delivery of first class and standard mail in Oregon?
2. **Are not such delays in direct violation of the law** which states that “in determining all policies for postal services, the Postal Service shall give the highest consideration to the requirement for the most expeditious collection, transportation, and delivery of important letter mail” and that “programs designed to achieve **overnight transportation to the destination of important letter mail to all parts of the Nation shall be a primary goal** of postal operations.” (US Code, Title 39, Part 1)?
3. What is the rationale for proposing to close up to 82 sorting facilities and 13,000 full service local post offices across the U.S., and otherwise to degrade or diminish current postal services when, according to the Postal Service’s most recent Financial Reports, **USPS revenues have exceeded operating expenses** for the past 6 quarters?
4. **Does USPS plan to increase its revenues by offering public postal banking** at its 33,000 local post offices across the United States, as recommended by the USPS’s own Office of Inspector General, and further promoted by U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren and others? If not, why not? If so, when can we expect this new service to begin?
5. Why does USPS pay a private contract trucking outfit \$59/hour to move mail in the Portland area while **USPS truck drivers are already available to perform the same duties** at a much lower cost (USPS truck drivers earn a starting wage of \$13.51/hour)?
6. The USPS currently has plans to locate post office facilities in Staples stores throughout the country, while at the same time closing, or shortening the hours of currently operating public post offices. **Does USPS plan to keep public post offices in the approximately one-third of the 41,000 Zip Code areas where there is no Staples store?**
7. In response to concerns raised by the public about Post Offices in Staples stores, is USPS planning to **maintain current standards of mail security, service, and staffing** by placing **sworn, career Postal Service employees** in Staples stores, or is USPS planning to put low-paid, high turnover Staples employees in charge of the US Mail?
8. Is it true that the increasing curtailment and degradation of postal services by the leadership of the USPS is a part of **a plan being pushed by USPS competitors** to prepare for the eventual break-up and **privatization of the people’s Postal service?**
9. Is the fact that there are currently **5 vacancies** on the 11-person USPS Board of Governors, part of a plan by Congress, abetted by USPS competitors and the Postmaster General and Deputy Post Master General, to **limit the people’s participation** in the governance of the Postal Service?



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