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Salt Lake County Council Agenda Item Request Form

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Date of Request	4/24/17
Requesting Council Members	Jenny Wilson / Arlyn Bradshaw
Requested Meeting Date	4/25/17
Topic/Discussion Title	Council letter in support of maintaining downtown passport office.
Description	The US Postal Service is considering closing The downtown postal office, passport service. Out of consideration for the already at-capacity passport service in Salt Lake County's own Clerk Office, we are asking the council to support a recommendation to the United States Postal Service to maintain operations at the downtown passport office.
Requested Action¹	Discussion/decision
Presenter(s)	Councilmember Wilson
Time Needed²	5 minutes
Time Sensitive³	No
Specific Time(s)⁴	No
Contact Name & Phone	Weston
Please attach the documentation you plan to provide for the packets. Deadline for documentation is 10 am the Friday morning prior to the COW agenda your item is on. Items without documentation may be moved forward to another.	

¹ What you will ask the Council to do (e.g., discussion only, appropriate money, adopt policy/ordinance) – in specific terms.

² Assumed to be 10 minutes unless otherwise specified.

³ Urgency that the topic to scheduled on the requested date.

⁴ If important to schedule at a specific time, list a few preferred times.



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April 24, 2017

To whom it may concern,

Steven L. DeBry, Chair
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As members of the County Council, Mayor, and Clerk of Salt Lake County, we respectfully ask you to reconsider the potential closing of the Salt Lake City main post office passport office, located at 230 West 200 South.

Our concerns are related to both the utilization by the public as well as the impact its closure would create on County passport operations.

Due to its location, the downtown office is a vital resource to people who rely on public transportation services. That location is the most serviced by rail and bus and closure would place a significant hardship on those looking to obtain passports without personal transportation options.

Additionally, closure of this office would have a negative impact on the operations at Salt Lake County as we would absorb the higher demand into a system that is already at capacity, thus providing a lower level of service countywide to passport customers. It is our understanding that our passport office already takes overflow from the downtown office indicating to us that the demand for service at that location is already high.

The downtown passport office and our location are the only offices that offer walk-in service in the region. The increased demand will likely hasten the need to give up our walk-in service in order to continue providing the service in a manner that the citizens deserve by going to an appointment only system.

As representatives of the residents of Salt Lake County and the administrators of passport services, we ask that you reconsider any potential closure of the downtown Salt Lake City Main Post Office Passport Office.

Sincerely

Mayor Ben McAdams
Council Chairman Steve DeBry
Council Member Sam Granato
Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw
Council Member Richard Snelgrove
Council Member Aimee Newton

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County Clerk Sherrie Swensen