

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2020

EXPRESSING Cincinnati City Council's belief that the United States Congress must provide the United States Postal Service sufficient funding for operations, and that United States Postal Service Postmaster General Louis DeJoy must reverse disastrous policy and administrative directives designed to delay mail processing and delivery; and further **OPPOSING** the removal of United States Postal Service boxes from the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service's mission is to "provide the nation with reliable, affordable, universal mail service"; and

WHEREAS, for over 200 years the United States Postal Service has executed that mission diligently; and

WHEREAS, over 600,000 United States Postal Service employees work every day to ensure our nation's mail is delivered safely, securely, and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service is a key partner for families, businesses, nonprofits, and local governments in delivering letters, goods, medicine, paychecks, and social security checks; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service has historically ensured Americans have an opportunity to participate in the electoral process, by receiving and delivering absentee ballot applications and absentee ballots; and

WHEREAS, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the United States Postal Service will play an enhanced role in facilitating the safe and timely casting of ballots during the 2020 General Election, due to the ongoing concerns related to in-person gathering; and

WHEREAS, in typical election cycles, nearly 25 percent of Ohioans choose to cast their ballots via the absentee ballot process, and with the onset of COVID-19 pandemic, those numbers can be expected to be dramatically higher in the 2020 General Election; and

WHEREAS, United States Postal Service Postmaster General Louis DeJoy has implemented new policy and administrative directives causing significant delays in mail processing and delivery, including the shutdown of mail processing equipment, the understaffing of USPS personnel, and removal of postal drop boxes in communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, if the United States Congress fails to sufficiently fund United States Postal Service operations, and Postmaster General DeJoy refuses to reverse disastrous policy measures, voters in Cincinnati may be disenfranchised in the 2020 General Election, and the continued delay

of letters, goods, and medicine will further harm the health and well-being of Cincinnatians; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That City Council expresses its belief that the United States Congress must provide the United States Postal Service sufficient funding for operations, and that United States Postal Service Postmaster General Louis DeJoy must reverse draconian policy measures designed to delay mail processing and delivery.

Section 2. That City Council opposes the removal of United States Postal Service boxes within the City of Cincinnati.

Section 3. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that the office of Councilmember P.G. Sittenfeld will transmit copies of this resolution to Senator Rob Portman, Senator Sherrod Brown, Representative Steve Chabot, Representative Brad Wenstrup, and the Consumer Affairs Division of the United States Postal Service.

Passed: _____, 2020

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember P.G. Sittenfeld