

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 20-0251R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: President Scott, Councilmembers Clarke, Henry, Bullock, Dorsey, Burnett,
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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Save the United States Postal Service

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2 FOR the purpose of calling on our U.S. Senators and Congressional representatives to continue
3 supporting the emergency appropriation of funds to sustain the United States Postal Service
4 and to ensure the Postal Service continues to function as a universal public service.

Recitals

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6 **WHEREAS**, The Postal Service is enshrined in the United States Constitution "to bind the
7 country together through the correspondence of the people";

8 **WHEREAS**, Due to the COVID-19 economic collapse, the Postal Service projects that it will
9 run out of liquidity by March 2021;

10 **WHEREAS**, The Postal Service is an essential service to the American people, especially
11 veterans, seniors, and small businesses – the Postal Service delivers millions of prescriptions
12 (nearly 170 million in 2019), stimulus checks, census forms, ballots, and medical supplies
13 (including test kits and, in the future, possibly a vaccine for COVID-19);

14 **WHEREAS**, The Postal Service guarantees universal delivery to nearly 160 million delivery
15 points at a fixed cost to everyone, ensuring affordable communication and delivery as a basic
16 right;

17 **WHEREAS**, The Postal Service is one of the most diverse workforces in the United States,
18 providing good, living wage jobs to all employees, including historically disadvantaged groups
19 such as women, veterans, and communities of color;

20 **WHEREAS**, It is important to preserve these jobs and fight for more decent jobs in light of the
21 Black Lives Matter movement;

22 **WHEREAS**, The Postal Service provides equitable wages and benefits to all workers
23 regardless of race or gender;

24 **WHEREAS**, The Postal Service will be critical in ensuring that every citizen has the right to
25 vote during the November 2020 General Election; and

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1 **WHEREAS**, The four major postal unions and the Postal Board of Governors, the bi-partisan
2 governing body of the United States Postal Service, have called on Congress to appropriate \$25
3 billion immediately and sufficient additional funds over time to sustain the service.

4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
5 Baltimore City Council calls on our U.S. Senators and Congressional representatives to continue
6 supporting the emergency appropriation of funds to sustain the United States Postal Service and
7 to ensure the Postal Service continues to function as a universal public service.

8 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
9 Honorable Members of the Baltimore City Congressional Delegation, the Baltimore City
10 Postmaster, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.