



City of Seattle

Mayor Bruce Harrell

June 2, 2023
Hand Delivered

Acting Postmaster Bermot Tuohy
United States Postal Service
2406 4th Avenue South, Room 304
Seattle, WA 98134

Dear Postmaster Tuohy,

The City of Seattle would like your permission to paint murals and/or attach wall banners at our expense on the west and north walls of the Post Office building located at Third Avenue and Union Street in the heart of downtown Seattle.

This summer, we have major events in Seattle, including baseball's All-Star game and the APEC ministerial conference. The City wants to make sure our downtown looks clean and feels safe. However, the current condition of the Post Office is inconsistent with our goal. There are photographs attached of the building that show the current conditions.

Further, the Post Office building is in an area with elevated levels of crime and street disorder. Environmental changes like the ones we are proposing will help us—USPS and the City of Seattle—improve conditions on the street. These changes will also create a better environment for your customers as they come and go from the building.

The City will pay all costs associated with the murals or wall banners. You will have the opportunity to review and approve the designs.

I have asked Gael Tarleton, Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Relations (gael.tarleton@seattle.gov), and Tim Burgess, Director of Strategic Initiatives (tim.burgess@seattle.gov) in my office to spearhead this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce C. Harrell".

Mayor Bruce Harrell

Cc: Gael Tarleton, Director, OIR
Tim Burgess, Director, Strategic Initiatives
Barbara Biondo, Crime Prevention Coordinator, Seattle Police West Precinct
Sarah Smith, Strategic Advisor, Office of the Mayor

Photographs Attached

