



February 21, 2024

Karen Ferlito  
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Dear Karen Ferlito,

I am writing to you as the Address Management System Manager for California 3, in response to the questions you recently raised concerning the implementation of street addressing by USPS for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea. I am pleased to inform you that I have analyzed your queries and prepared responses to address them.

Please be assured that my team and I have conducted a thorough review of the matter, and our findings are as follows:

- **Will the local Post Office be required to close and /or will the City's mail delivery system change?**  
-Local Post Office will not close; mail delivery system will remain as is.
- **Is USPS the deciding authority for street address system incorporation into street address management systems that are used for government address verification purpose.**  
-Yes, USPS is the authority for street address systems. Other entities and mailers use our mailing products to determine valid addresses.
- **If Carmel-by-the-Sea develops and implements a street address system approved by the USPS, will USPS be the authority that relays that new address system for GPS findability, address verification databases, and address databases, and address databases most widely used for legal "physical addresses"?**  
-USPS does not relay the new address for GPS findability as we do not have any products with that data linked. We are the authority for address verification.

The USPS offers address verification through Address Information System (AIS) products. Before an address can be certified as deliverable (CASS™ certified), it must first be standardized. Address correction software fixes spelling errors, corrects abbreviations, and standardizes capitalization so each address in a mailer/government list complies with the USPS® official format. The USPS definition of a standardized address is "one that is fully spelled out, abbreviated using the

Postal Service™ standard abbreviations . . . or as shown in the current Postal Service ZIP+4 file."

The Postal Service is committed to excellence in everything we do. Using all the correct elements in addressing, especially the **STE/APT/UNIT** number will help us continue to provide the outstanding service that is relied on each day.

I hope that these responses address your concerns satisfactorily.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Moreno". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "D".

Denise Moreno  
Address Management System Manager  
California 3