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**Introduced by Senator Hancock**  
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Skinner)

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 12—Relative to the sale of the Berkeley, California, Main Post Office.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SJR 12, as introduced, Hancock. Berkeley, California Main Post Office.

This measure would urge the United States Postal Service to rescind its decision to sell the Berkeley, California, Main Post Office.

Fiscal committee: no.

1       **WHEREAS**, The Berkeley Main Post Office, located at 2000  
2 Allston Way in Berkeley, California, was built in 1914, and has  
3 many significant historical features, including two Works Progress  
4 Administration (WPA) murals; and

5       **WHEREAS**, The Berkeley Main Post Office was designated as  
6 a City of Berkeley Landmark in 1980; and

7       **WHEREAS**, The Berkeley Main Post Office was listed on the  
8 National Register of Historic Places in 1980, and was listed on the  
9 National Register as a significant contributor to Berkeley’s Civic  
10 Center Historic District in 1998; and

11       **WHEREAS**, The Berkeley Main Post Office serves over 100,000  
12 people a year at its central downtown location, less than one block  
13 from one of the Bay Area’s major transit hubs; and

14       **WHEREAS**, The sale of the Berkeley Main Post Office would  
15 have an adverse effect on the current residents of Berkeley, and  
16 would put at risk a significant historic asset; and

1           **WHEREAS**, The proposed sale of the Berkeley Main Post Office  
2 has been met with overwhelming public opposition; and

3           **WHEREAS**, The Berkeley City Council has adopted a resolution  
4 opposing the sale of the Berkeley Main Post Office; and

5           **WHEREAS**, Hundreds of community members voiced their  
6 opposition to the sale at a public hearing; now, therefore, be it

7           ***Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of***  
8 ***California, jointly***, That the Senate and the Assembly urge the  
9 United States Postal Service to rescind its decision to sell the  
10 Berkeley Main Post Office; and be it further

11           ***Resolved***, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
12 this resolution to the Postmaster General and Chief Executive  
13 Officer and the Postal Regulatory Commission and to the author  
14 for appropriate distribution.