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## Protest over Postal Service in Orinda

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Photo provided

About 50 people showed up at the Orinda post office Aug. 22 to protest recent cuts to the funding and level of service by the United States Postal Service. The event was one of over a thousand events in all 50 states organized to show support for the USPS, its services and its workers, and to object to recent cuts in the level of service. Attendance was limited to 50 to ensure adequate social distancing. Attendees wore masks. The events were facilitated by MoveOn.org, but organized by local organizers.

Speakers included local organizer Chad Curran. One woman told how her mother in her 80s relies on medicine to maintain her eyesight. The medicine must remain cold, so it ships in a cold pack. Due to the recent delays in postal service, the cold pack arrived thawed and the medicine was spoiled, so the service cuts are directly affecting her health.

Other speakers talked about how the cuts may affect mail-in balloting. The USPS sent notices to 46 states warning that mail-in ballots may not be able to be processed in time.

Where's My Ballot is a California program for voters, where they can sign up to track their ballots, see when it is mailed out to them and when it is received back by their county elections department. The link is:

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-status/wheres-my-ballot/?fbclid=>

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