

Dear Friends:

Tomorrow the Dallas City Council will be presented with four Love Field food and beverage contract options, only one of which (Option 2) has been recommended by the city's professional staff and adequately reviewed. **Option 2** has been unanimously approved by the City Council's Transportation Committee, which includes council members Koop, Kadane, Allen, Adkins, Davis, Hunt, Jasso, Medrano, Natinsky, and Hill.

### **Options 1, 3 and 4**

Option 1 was presented by city staff in June, 2007, without the benefit of national consultants, and was rejected by the City Council's Transportation Committee. Options 3 and 4 were devised by our mayor and City Councilman Ron Natinsky, not the City's professional staff. If the mayor can arbitrarily discard the work of city staff and its consultants, Dallas has evolved into a strong mayor form of government, which voters rejected because Dallas does not want a political "boss" to control the business of the city.

### **This is why so many people distrust the government.**

Why is the mayor so personally invested in the contract process? It's not the "no-bid" issue. On the contrary; the mayor has been a proponent of many true no-bid contracts and contract extensions during his tenure, including the Love Field parking contract extension and, as a member of the DFW International Airport Board, the Papadeaux, Papasitos and Natalie Candies leases, among others at DFW International Airport.

It's not the quality of services. On the contrary; current concessionaires have won national quality awards, and the mayor's newest plan (Option 4) involves keeping the current providers at the airport for the next thirteen or fourteen years.

The mayor has made this a political issue when it should be about what is best for Dallas and Love Field.

Please take the time to know the facts and do something for Dallas. If you want the Mayor to stop playing politics, please click the Dallas City Council members email addresses below and tell them to vote for **Option 2**, the plan recommended by city staff and approved by the Dallas City Council Transportation Committee.



Thank you for your support.

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