

November 16, 2006

Dear Neighbors and Supporters:

Because of your support, we have achieved a historic victory. Here's what's happened:

Beginning on **November 12, 2004** and for the next 23 months up to **October 13, 2006**, the Love Field Citizens Action Committee achieved our goal to protect our neighborhoods from the adverse environmental impact caused by anticipated future growth at Love Field. This success was not cheap.

What is the importance of these two dates, almost two years apart? On November 12, 2004, Southwest Airlines, announced their intention to pursue complete repeal of the Wright Amendment – counter to the Love Field Master Plan, *approved only three years earlier*, which assumed the continuation of the Wright Amendment. The Love Field Citizens Action Committee responded immediately.

On October 13, 2006, the President signed into law the Congressional bill that phases out the Wright Amendment over the next eight years and **established a 20-gate maximum at Love Field**. This is a reduction of 12 gates from the 32 gates allowed by the 2001 Love Field Master Plan, and a total reduction of 35 gates from the 55 gates at Love Field *before* DFW opened.

How does Impact Neutral protect the neighborhoods?

LFCAC developed the “impact neutral” concept, which resulted in the reduction to 20 gates. Absent the Wright Amendment, a 20 gate maximum will create no greater environmental impact (measured in aircraft noise, traffic, and air pollution) than what would have been created with the maximum use of 32 gates under the original Master Plan with the Wright Amendment in place. This removal of the Wright Amendment will be environmentally **impact neutral** by reducing the total number of gates from 32 to 20 and, thereby, limiting the number of daily takeoffs and landings.

What else did LFCAC do between November 12, 2005 and October 13, 2006?

- Launched a new web site on which it published key documents and articles about the Wright Amendment debate
- Gave countless television interviews
- Pressed “The Dallas Morning News” to cover the neighborhood side of the Wright Amendment issue
- Researched and analyzed the potential neighborhood impact of removing the Wright Amendment
- Advocated the neighborhood position with Mayor Miller and the Dallas City Council
- Held community meeting to update supporters on the changing status of the debate
- Presented information at neighborhood meetings
- Participated in a panel discussion at the North Dallas Chamber of Commerce
- Advocated continuation of the Wright Amendment to the Greater Dallas Planning Council when it considered (and eventually passed) a resolution to dissolve the Wright Amendment without any protection for the neighborhoods
- Attended and actively participated in regular meetings of the Love Field Environmental Advisory Committee to address environmental impact issues at the airport

- ❑ **Testified in Washington, D.C. before the Senate Subcommittee on Aviation at the invitation of Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison**
- ❑ Maintained constant contact with the press in North Texas with telephone calls, press releases, and transmission of documents
- ❑ Researched the financial condition of Love Field, raised the low landing fee issue, publicly questioned the basis of what appeared to be a “sweetheart deal” for SWA
- ❑ Requested an investigation by the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Transportation into the finances of Love Field
- ❑ Pressed the Dallas City Council to conduct its own investigation
- ❑ Created two major issue papers during the update process for the 2001 Love Field Master Plan and submitted them to Mayor Miller and the Dallas City Council
- ❑ Prepared written testimony for U.S. House of Representatives when the North Texas agreement was introduced as a bill last summer
- ❑ Wrote letters to key committee chairpersons expressing our support of the bill, and
- ❑ Maintained a vigilant watch on Washington until the bill was signed by President Bush

What is left to do?

The LFCAC continues to serve you and the public on many fronts. We will monitor the implementation of the new law and make sure that the focus is on the demolition of 12 gates to bring the total down to 20. We will maintain our focus on airport safety – both in the air and on the ground in our neighborhoods. We will remain actively involved on the airport’s Environmental Advisory Committee to address the day-to-day issues related to noise, traffic, and air pollution. We will keep our eyes and that of the public on the financial management of Love Field. And we will serve as your voice in our role as an ever vigilant “watch dog”.

Please make a contribution today to the Love Field Citizens Action Committee with the enclosed contribution card and self-addressed envelope in support of our continued work to protect our neighborhoods and quality of life. Thank you for your continued partnership.

Pat White
Co-Chair

Rudy Longoria
Co-Chair

Special Note: Please take a moment to express a thank you to the following people who played a key role in the passage of the new law which reduces the number of gates at Love Field from 32 to 20.

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