



DALLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER
John Wiley Price
District 3

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Jack Lowe
President
Dallas Independent School District
3700 Ross Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75204

Dear Mr. Lowe:

Hillwood Development has recently requested that a 112-acre tract that it owns in DeSoto (Parcel #9 on the attached map) be added to the Southport Foreign Trade Zone. Dallas County has recently endorsed this request as has the City of DeSoto.

The DFW Airport Board is presently considering a proposal to expand this zone by including land that is located in Dallas, Lancaster, Wilmer, and Huchins. This proposal has already been endorsed by the Dallas Independent School District, and it is my understanding that the Airport Board can only consider a request to include the Hillwood tract if the Dallas Independent School District also notifies it in writing that it supports the inclusion of this additional parcel.

Dallas County believes that it is very important that the Hillwood property be included in the zone. Hillwood is known globally and has demonstrated repeatedly that it delivers and that it generates high-quality development. The 112 acres that it wishes to have included are located near the Lancaster acreage that is contained in the current proposal before the Airport Board, and it is the only parcel among the ones that are under consideration to be added to the zone that can have new development ready to be occupied within ninety days.

Because of the zone's unique location and the emergence of the Union Pacific intermodal facility, the opportunity to significantly transform this area exists as never before. With an application to expand the boundaries of this zone currently being developed, it is possible, if the Dallas Independent School District were to immediately support the inclusion of the Hillwood property, to create the most optimal zone and to do so without delaying the process whatsoever.

Because of the role that the Hillwood property can play in this effort and the opportunity that now exists, I would greatly appreciate it if the Dallas Independent School District would immediately support the addition of Hillwood's DeSoto property to the Southport Foreign Trade Zone. Should you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,


John Wiley Price
Commissioner, District 3
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