

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE March 22, 2019

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Commemorative Air Force Update**

As you may recall, the City negotiated with Commemorative Air Force, Inc. (CAF) to relocate and expand its headquarters operations to Dallas Executive Airport (DEA) from Midland, Texas. After an intensive one-year nationwide search, the CAF Board selected DEA as the most favorable location in April 2014.

In December 2014, the City Council authorized a thirty-nine-year (39) lease agreement with CAF for approximately 45 acres of improved and unimproved land, aircraft hangar, ramp, and automobile parking by Resolution No. 14-2184.

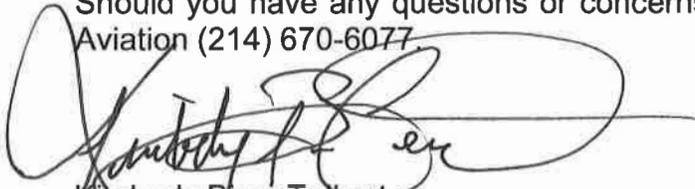
Additionally, the City Council authorized a Chapter 380 economic development grant agreement in the amount not to exceed \$700,000 and a development agreement in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 with CAF for the relocation and expansion of its Headquarters and National AirBase operations to DEA by Resolution No. 14-1940. The City contribution was contingent upon CAF raising \$5,000,000 in private donations. Upon substantial completion of the work and approval of the certificate of occupancy on or before December 31, 2020, the City will contribute \$2,000,000 per the development agreement.

Commemorative Air Force held a ground-breaking ceremony to celebrate the start of construction and the naming of its \$8 million, 47,000-square-foot National Aviation Education Center at DEA on March 1, 2019. To date, CAF has raised \$8,011,925 for the Aviation Education Center, and has met the fund-raising requirement.

The National Aviation Education Center is the first phase of the organization's plans for an aviation campus, called the CAF National Airbase. The facility will include a 30,000 square foot STEM Innovation Hangar, Nose Art Gallery, workshops, classrooms, and display atrium for CAF's extensive collection of WWII focused artifacts. The overall space will allow large student groups to experience hands-on science activities. The facility represents CAF's goal to develop educational programs that teach students about STEM aviation sciences and history to develop leadership skills and generate interest in aviation-related careers. Construction on the facility will begin July 2019, pending permit approval, and the facility is scheduled to open in late 2020.

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