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Fort Worth, Plano Mayors Support NAFTA 2.0

Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price and Plano Mayor Harry LaRosiliere are joining forces with fellow mayors across the country supporting full ratification of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) also known as the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) 2.0.

Bilateral trade between North Texas and Canada totals \$9.47 billion annually, and between North Texas and Mexico it's \$8.95 billion, according to the Brookings Institution. These huge economic figures translate to tens of thousands jobs in our communities. More than 950,000 Texas jobs are supported by trade with Mexico and Canada.

As friends, mayors and advocates for North Texas, Price and LaRosiliere recognize a critical partnership between their cities. Fort Worth and Plano bookend the region, representing one of the country's fastest growing and most successful metropolitan areas in the country. We've capitalized on the state's Open for Business motto that is driving new people and businesses to the region, as well as spurring start-ups and expansions further promoting our economic vitality.

Unlike most issues in politics today, there are voices on both sides of the aisle pleading for Congress to take immediate action this month. This has truly become a bipartisan opportunity to unite Americans and all of North America.

Editor's Note: Read the joint editorial authored by Mayor Price and Mayor LaRosiliere on why passage of the new NAFTA is critical for North Texas on [Dallas Morning News](#).

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About Plano

Plano, Texas, is the largest city in Collin County with a population of 284,070 as of January 2019. Incorporated in 1873, the city is located 20 miles north of Dallas. Niche and AreaVibes recently named Plano as one of the Best Cities to Live in America. Forbes designated Plano one of America's safest cities. The City offers a high quality of life that includes nationally recognized schools, award-winning parks, and sustainability initiatives and a wide variety of multi-cultural neighborhoods appealing to families, young singles and retirees. Plano is home to the headquarters or regional operations of major corporations such as Toyota, Liberty Mutual, JPMorgan Chase, Boeing Global Services, Fannie Mae, FedEx Office, JC Penney, Rent-A-Center, Cinemark Holdings, Denbury Resources and Alliance Data Systems. Our dynamic community features excellent restaurants, vibrant shopping and entertainment venues, a lively historic downtown district and active local arts scene. Easy access to DART light rail and major highways makes Plano a convenient place to live, work and visit. To learn more about Plano, go to our website at plano.gov.

About Fort Worth

The City of Fort Worth (population: 874,168) is the 13th largest city in the U.S. and is one of the fastest growing large cities. A major center for industry, technology, distribution and transportation, Fort Worth offers the very best of Texas — an atmosphere of partnership and progress, coupled with a sky-high quality of life and burgeoning business opportunities. Fort Worth has received multiple accolades, including No. 1 Downtown (Livability), top five commercial real estate markets (Urban Land Institute) and second-best city in the nation for job seekers (Forbes).