Southlake City Council Meeting
Remarks by Carroll ISD Board President Cam Bryan
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Mayor McCaskill, City Council members, and members of our community, thank you for the opportunity to stand before you tonight.

My name is Cam Bryan and as President of the Carroll ISD Board of Trustees, I want to begin by recognizing the importance of the relationship between our school district and our city. Over the past several years, we have worked hard to strengthen that relationship, communicate openly, and find ways to work together for the benefit of our entire community.

I believe we have been good partners, and I want to specifically thank Mayor McCaskill for his willingness to work closely with me, our board, and our district. That spirit of cooperation has made a difference, and I believe our community is stronger because of it.

The responsibility of the Carroll ISD Board of Trustees is to make decisions in the best interests of our students, employees, taxpayers, and school district. That includes responsibly managing district assets and evaluating proposals that can benefit our district and our community.

Our responsibility was to evaluate the opportunity before us and determine whether the Touchmark proposal represented the best path forward for Carroll ISD. We believe it does.

The property has been underutilized for more than a decade. Selling it presents an opportunity to turn an idle asset into a productive one. And importantly, the proceeds

from this sale are intended to be invested in a high-yield account, **with the annual interest earnings dedicated to teacher and staff salary increases.**

That means this transaction is about more than selling property. It is an opportunity to establish a recurring source of revenue to help us invest in the people who make Carroll ISD such a special place. Our teachers and staff are essential to the success of our students, and finding sustainable ways to support them is a top priority for the district.

We believe the Touchmark proposal offers a responsible way to accomplish that objective.

I also want to acknowledge a concern we have heard from members of our community. Some residents are worried that, at some point in the future, this property could become a high-density, multifamily apartment development.

We have heard those concerns, and we take them seriously.
That is why the district has drafted an amendment to the Touchmark contract to include a deed restriction for the City's consideration and approval. **The purpose of this restriction is to prohibit any future multifamily apartment development on this property.** The restriction reads in-part, "no building or portion of the Property shall be converted to, or operated, leased, or marketed as, market-rate multifamily apartments or any other multifamily rental use that is not operated as part of an age restricted senior living and/or assisted living community."

We want to address this concern directly and provide a clear, enforceable safeguard against the property being converted to a conventional apartment complex in the future.

We recognize that City Council must independently evaluate the project and any proposed restrictions. Our hope is that this additional step will help provide clarity and reassurance as you consider the proposal.

We also recognize that City Council has the responsibility to determine what is in the best interest of the City of Southlake and its residents. That means evaluating this proposal against the city's ordinances, planning objectives, infrastructure needs, and the concerns of the surrounding neighborhoods.

Those responsibilities are different than the school board's, but they are not incompatible. In fact, I believe they create an opportunity for us to work together.

Over the past several years, we have demonstrated that the city and school district can work through difficult issues, respect one another's roles, and find common ground. We have a shared interest in protecting Southlake's quality of life, maintaining strong schools, supporting our residents, and making sound decisions for the future.

I also want to recognize something I have observed about this City Council. You have consistently demonstrated a willingness to get to **yes** when a good project is brought before you. That willingness to work through challenges, ask difficult questions, and find solutions is an important part of responsible local leadership.

If there are outstanding concerns about Touchmark's design, height, traffic, drainage, landscaping, or relationship to neighboring properties, I encourage you to communicate those concerns directly tonight so that Touchmark may address them, identify a path forward, if one exists, and give a serious proposal every opportunity to succeed.

The CEO of Touchmark is here tonight. I believe his presence is a testament to the seriousness of this project and the importance his company places on bringing this development to Southlake. This is a substantial commitment by Touchmark, and I know they are excited to potentially bring their product to our city.

Ultimately, we understand City Council must make its own decision, based on the facts, the applicable standards, and what you believe is best for Southlake. We understand and respect that responsibility.

My hope is that we continue the tradition of partnership that has served our community so well. We can respect the concerns of our residents, fulfill our respective responsibilities, and work together to find solutions that benefit the greater Southlake community.

On behalf of Carroll ISD, thank you for your consideration, your partnership, and your continued service and commitment to our community.

Thank you.

Cam Bryan
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Carroll ISD Board of Trustees

You can watch the City Council video of Trustee Bryan's comments **here**.