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NORTHSIDE AFT DEMANDS ACCOUNTABILITY FROM TRUSTEES TAKING MONEY FROM DISTRICT CONTRACTORS

San Antonio, TX – Northside AFT remains committed to upholding truth, transparency, and fairness in every campaign we support. We understand that public education is inherently political—and that in politics, there is always a right side and a wrong side.

Recent campaign finance reports have raised serious ethical concerns regarding the funding behind several incumbent NISD trustees. The reports show that some of the largest campaign donors to current board members are architects and engineers with over **\$93 million in active contracts with Northside ISD**. Among these firms are **DBR Engineering Consultants, Alamo Architects, and Chesney Morales Partners**—companies whose executives and affiliates are now some of the most prominent financial backers of the very trustees who approve their contracts.

These donations raise the specter of a clear conflict of interest—if not outright corruption. The fact that school board trustees are taking money from companies that profit from taxpayer-funded contracts they oversee is unacceptable. These relationships undermine public trust and compromise the integrity of school district governance.

According to public filings, the following school board trustees received the largest donations from individuals tied to these firms:

- [Corrine Saldaña – \\$1,600](#)
- [Carol Harle – \\$1,000](#)
- [Homer Guevara – \\$1,100](#)
- [Karen Freeman – \\$300](#)

Regardless of the amount, the choice to accept these donations shows a lapse in ethical judgment. School board trustees who oversee billion-dollar budgets and approve massive public contracts must be beyond reproach—not financially tied to the vendors whose contracts they are tasked with approving.

Educators, support staff, students, parents and our community across Northside ISD deserve leadership that upholds the highest standards of integrity and puts students and families first—not the interests of donors or contractors.

Northside AFT demands full transparency and accountability from all trustees and candidates. Corruption has no place in our public schools. Our students deserve better. Our community deserves better. And we will continue to fight for the honest, principled leadership our school district needs.

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