

**LAURA MILLER**

**MAYOR**



**CITY OF DALLAS**

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **MAYOR MILLER BETS ON MAVS!**

#### **Dallas & Phoenix Mayors Make Friendly Playoff Series Wager Police & Firefighters to Benefit with Free Breakfast**

(Dallas, TX) - Despite the disappointing 121-118 loss to the Phoenix Suns in game 1 of the Western Conference NBA Finals, Dallas Mayor Laura Miller is confident that the Dallas Mavericks will win the coveted NBA Western Conference title.

Mayor Miller has contacted Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon to place a “friendly bet” on the Western Conference Finals. “I tried to get Mayor Gordon to agree that he would send Steve Nash back to Dallas if the Phoenix Suns lost, but he wouldn’t go for it,” said Mayor Miller. In response Mayor Gordon said, “Our entire city is excited about the Western Conference Finals and I’m confident our Phoenix Suns will be headed to the NBA Finals.”

#### **Battle of the Jerseys!**

Instead, both Mayors have agreed that if their team loses – they will wear the winning team’s jersey at an entire city council meeting. Mayor Gordon will wear a jersey signed by Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki (#41) and Mayor Miller will wear a jersey signed by Suns guard Steve Nash (#13).

“I’ve already contacted the Dallas Mavericks and asked them to have Dirk Nowitzki sign a #41 jersey in Mayor Gordon’s size, because I have no doubt our Mavs can win this one,” said Mayor Miller.

#### **Breakfast for City Heroes!**

In addition to the jersey wager, the Mayors have agreed to buy breakfast for firefighters and police officers in the other Mayor’s city. The losing Mayor buys breakfast – the winning Mayor delivers it to their officers and firefighters!

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If the Mavericks win, Mayor Gordon will buy breakfast for Dallas Firefighters at Station #23 located at 1660 Corinth Street. According to Dallas Fire Rescue, Fire Station #23 won "Hot House" of the year award for being the busiest station of the year. Mayor Gordon will also buy breakfast for Dallas Police Officers who work the second watch at the Southwest Patrol Division. Officers in the Southwest Patrol Division are leading the pack in crime reduction this year, according to the Dallas Police Department.

**Rules: Mayor Gordon pays – Mayor Miller delivers the breakfast on a date to be determined.**

If the Suns win, Mayor Miller will buy breakfast for Phoenix Firefighters at Station #9 located at 4th Street and Fairmont. According to Phoenix Fire Department officials, Station #9 is one of the busiest stations, with ladder, engine and ambulance companies that responded to over 8,000 calls last year. Mayor Miller will also buy breakfast for Phoenix Police Officers who work on the Maryvale Neighborhood Enforcement Team, a squad involved in an intensive effort to reduce crime and revitalize west Phoenix neighborhoods.

**Rules: Mayor Miller pays – Mayor Gordon delivers the breakfast on a date to be determined.**

### **Contact Information:**

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### **Western Conference Schedule:**

Game # 2 – Friday in Dallas – 7:30 p.m. TNT  
Game #3 – Sunday in Phoenix – 7:30 p.m. TNT  
Game #4 – Tuesday in Phoenix – 8:00 p.m. TNT

#### **(\*\*If Needed\*\*)**

Game #5 Thursday June 1 in Dallas – 7:30 p.m. TNT  
Game #6 Saturday June 3 in Phoenix – 7:30 p.m. TNT  
Game #7 Monday June 5 in Dallas – 7:30 p.m. TNT

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