

Chick-fil-A Allowed Back at San Antonio Airport, Says 'No Thanks'

According to several media outlets, it appears the City of San Antonio and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) have agreed to an informal settlement in which the city will offer Chick-fil-A a vendor's spot at the San Antonio International Airport.

The Dallas Morning News reports Chick-fil-A will be offered a lease at the airport after an agreement between the City of San Antonio and the FAA, the federal agency said Monday. However, the fast-food chain said it is not considering a spot at San Antonio Airport after losing its lease last year.

"We are always evaluating potential new locations in the hopes of serving existing and new customers great food with remarkable service," said a statement from Chick-fil-A, Inc. "While we are not pursuing a location in the San Antonio airport at this time, we are grateful for the opportunity to serve San Antonians in our 32 existing restaurants."

As CBN News reported in March of 2019, Councilman Roberto Trevino led the charge for a vote to remove Chick-fil-A from the concessions contract, citing its history of giving to organizations he categorized as anti-LGBTQ. Chick-fil-A's owners have donated to Christian groups like the Salvation Army and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. And critics have accused Chick-fil-A of discriminating against the LGBTQ community by supporting groups that may hold biblical views about sexuality.

The San Antonio council's action drew fire from many conservative groups across the country. Texas Republicans responded to the move by passing the "Save Chick-fil-A" bill,

a law that prohibits the government from taking “adverse action” against an individual or business based on contributions to religious organizations. The law went into effect on Sept. 1, according to *The Dallas Morning News*.

The FAA launched an investigation into the incident after Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and religious liberty watchdog First Liberty Institute asked the US Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao to look into whether the city broke federal law. The agency announced the informal resolution with the city in a letter to Paxton dated Sept. 10.

An FAA spokesman also said the agency will continue to monitor the matter.

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