



# City and County of Denver

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Mr. Guillermo "Bill" Vidal, Manager  
Public Works  
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Denver, CO 80202

Dear Mr. Vidal:

The recent revelation of a proposed agreement between the City and County of Denver and apparently the Democratic National Convention Host Committee to allow Host Committee vehicles and perhaps others to use the City's fuel facility raises some concerns and questions for me.

It is my understanding that fueling and perhaps other maintenance services have been provided to these vehicles by the City since March of this year. That in and of itself is troubling as no services should have been provided without a fully executed contract being in place. I have already expressed my concern about that to the Mayor. And since I have not seen the terms of the contract I don't know what provisions exist; what the city is to provide; to whom; and under what terms.

- Firstly and in general, what controls are in place to prevent unauthorized individuals from using the fuel facility, and what controls are in place to prevent an authorized individual from fueling an unauthorized vehicle – a personal vehicle for instance?
- How are those controls being applied to drivers of the vehicles in question and how is authorization obtained?
- What is the total number of vehicles contemplated under this proposed agreement?
- Are you able to track each individual vehicle's usage of City services?
- How many of these vehicles to date have used City services and how many times?
- How many gallons of fuel and at what cost, to date?
- Are any of the vehicles actually City-owned vehicles?

Again, as I have not seen the terms of the proposed agreement I don't know what provision is made to have the Host Committee reimburse the City for fuel and/or services. Please explain what that provision is and has any reimbursement occurred for fuel and/or services provided to date. If not, why not?

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I appreciate your efforts to provide me answers to these questions. Thank you very much for you time on this. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis J. Gallagher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'D' and 'G'.

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cc: John J. Hickenlooper, Mayor  
City Council Members