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### ON A MISSION ALONG THE DART RAIL

**September 3, 2008- McKinney, TX**— A local politician will put his feet where his mouth is this Saturday, September 6. Victor Manuel, Democratic candidate for Collin County Commissioner is walking 14 miles along the proposed Rail Line from the DART Rail Parker station and ending in Downtown McKinney. Manuel will be joined by a host of supporters for the walk and for the rally being held in downtown McKinney immediately following the walk. Some Manuel supporters are identifying the walk as a dual benefit mission: walking for a cause while enjoying the health benefits.

The walk signifies change and progression for Collin County. Mass transit is a growing issue for Collin County cities north of Plano.

“Transportation bottlenecks will only get worse as Collin County continues to grow. I’m walking to bring focus to the need for community support in the DART Rail northbound development,” said Manuel. Manuel continued to express concern for the transit system and noted that it is vitally important to begin planning for the DART Rail expansion immediately.

“The city budgets have been strained to the brink by our housing slump as they deal with existing expansion issues. The County has to step in with initiatives to kick-start this project if we are ever going to see rail service succeed. If we do not stand together, we will surely fall apart,” added Manuel.

The walk will begin at 6 AM at the DART Rail Parker station at 2700 Archerwood Street in Plano. Walkers are invited to join the walk at any of the stations. The walk is slotted to end at noon in downtown McKinney with a rally and presentation in front of the Saint Mark’s Baptist Church at 1308 Wilcox St. in McKinney.

Aid stations will be set along the route with vehicles ready to transport participants (*see attached map*) and will offer water and snacks for walkers. The aid stations will be located at the corner of Bethany and Greenville Avenue (Hwy 5) and at the corner of Country Club Road and Greenville Avenue (Hwy 5).

To join the walk, please send an email to [votevictor@gmail.com](mailto:votevictor@gmail.com) or call 469.733.3677. Learn more about Victor at [www.victor4collincounty.com/](http://www.victor4collincounty.com/).

### ***About Victor Manuel***

*A devoted husband and father of four; Victor Manuel is a community leader in McKinney and works with the area schools and arts programs. A former Marine and an IT Manager, Victor is dedicated to Collin County and has the vision and drive needed to lead Collin County into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.*

*Victor Manuel will build our future in Collin County by bringing in jobs through economic development, expanding the DART Rail deeper into the County and helping the cities set plans for our water future. Victor will also fight to save our tax dollars at the County level, fix the County’s broken Health Care system, and fight for the rights of all citizens in the County.*

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