



**FAiR Solutions:**  
Neighborhood-based air traffic plan  
Mandatory "Fly Quiet"  
Noise monitoring and abatement  
Environmental Impact Statement  
Use all runways

*FAiR gathers democratically as a citizen led initiative to build community*

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## **Fair Allocation in Runways (FAiR) Demands that the Mayor Respond to His Constituents**

On April 28, 2014, The Fair Allocation in Runways (FAiR) Coalition sent its third letter and seventh constituent request for a meeting with Mayor Rahm Emanuel on the issue of increased noise and air pollution over the northwest side of Chicago due to the new runway utilization patterns at O'Hare that started on October 17, 2013. Since last July, FAiR has sent its requests to meet with the Mayor by U.S. postal service, hand carried to the Mayor's office on the fifth floor of City hall, and even had letters delivered through Alderwoman Mary O'Connor (41). None of these requests to meet with constituents have resulted in even an acknowledgment of the seven requests.

Without any response in sight, FAiR demands the Mayor immediately meet with constituents and wants to know why the Mayor is not responding to residents of the city. *"We are his constituents,"* said FAiR Coalition Leadership Team Member, Jac Charlier, *"What does this say about the functioning of the Mayor's office if they can't manage simple constituent requests? If I were the Mayor I would want to get to the bottom of why my office can't perform such a basic constituent function. This is ridiculous and indicates dysfunction in the Mayor's office."*

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The FAiR Coalition is the leader in securing a voice for residents of the Northwest side of Chicago and near Northwest suburbs impacted by the changes in the runway takeoff and landing patterns at O'Hare. *"We are his constituents and Chicago still is, at least to some degree, a democracy after all,"* Charlier continued, *"As an elected official, the Mayor has an obligation to meet with us. He cannot be the sole arbiter of what issues are important to the city and its residents. He works for us, not the other way around."*

The FAiR Coalition joins the rapidly growing chorus of citizens, civics, elected officials and organizations that are demanding that Mayor Emanuel responds to issues that are affecting the quality of life in Chicago and its surroundings. *"Chicago and near northwest side residents have not been given a substantive voice in the significant increase in air traffic and noise over their homes, parks, schools and businesses,"* said Angie Ferraro, another member of the FAiR Leadership Team. *"And the Mayor continues the policy of shutting us out of the process. We have approached him as pro-O'Hare, pro-community, and have only been met with silence."*

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The Fair Allocation in Runways (FAiR) Coalition is a rapidly growing movement of citizens and civics on Chicago's Northwest side and the near Northwest suburbs. FAiR supports the economic engine that is O'Hare while also seeking a real role in when and where those engines fly over the residents, homes, parks and schools of impacted communities. FAiR recognizes that two more runways are yet to be completed and the problems posed by yet more massive increases in airplane traffic will only become worse. FAiR requests residents report airplane noise complaints throughout the day at 311 or 800-435-9569. Citizens and civic organizations are invited to learn more about and join FAiR at [www.fairchicago.org](http://www.fairchicago.org).

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