



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) Coalition Supports Citywide Conversation on O'Hare Noise but Says It Is Not the Correct Focus

The Fair Allocation in Runways (FAiR) Coalition supports the public conversation that could ensue from the citywide advisory referendum on O'Hare airport residential soundproofing proposed by Alderwoman Laurino (39) and Alderwoman Mary O'Connor (41). According to DNAInfo.com (April 8, 2014) the referendum requires the support of the Chicago City Council to be placed on the November 2014 ballot and would ask voters if Congress should allow more homes to qualify for subsidized soundproofing, such as new attic insulation, air conditioning, exterior doors, storm doors and windows that block all noise. As the leading voice of impacted residents on this issue, FAiR believes soundproofing is only a part of what is needed to properly address the increase in airplane noise over the Northwest side of Chicago and near Northwest suburbs as the result of the October 2013 runway takeoff and landing changes.

At the same time, FAiR says the referendum itself is not the correct focus for our efforts. Said Jac Charlier, a member of the FAiR Leadership Team, "FAiR wants every community to have a real say in how O'Hare uses its runways. This is our core issue and without working towards a means for citizens to be a real part of the decision making process at O'Hare, the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will continue to make decisions on their own,

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sadly without collaborating with impacted residents. This is fundamentally wrong. We live in a democracy.”

FAiR continues to seek a meeting with Mayor Rahm Emanuel. To date, six different letters have been sent to his office without any response. “We’re not sure what to make of the Mayor’s lack of response to his constituents.” said Diane Yost, also a member of the FAiR Leadership Team, “When asked by residents where is the Mayor?, we tell them we do not know as he has not contacted us despite several attempts to meet with him.” FAiR recognizes that Mayor Emanuel did not create the situation but believes that at the same time he needs to be part of the solution.

FAiR is the leader in working to secure a community-based plan to ensure O’Hare runways, east, west and diagonals, are used equitably both day and night, between city and suburbs.

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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.

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