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## Blame for FAA Refusal to Conduct New EIS Lies with Mayor Emanuel; FAiR Again Asks "Where is Mayor Emanuel?"

With the news yesterday that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is refusing to conduct a new Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for O'Hare airport as requested by The Fair Allocation in Runways (FAiR) Coalition and Congressman Duckworth (D-8), Quigley (D-5) and Schakowsky (D-9), the FAiR Coalition states it is not surprised. According to Angie Ferraro, FAiR Leadership Team Member, "The FAA and Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) have already shown they do not care about the community, so the decision comes as no surprise at all to us. O'Hare not being a good neighbor is just business as usual."

FAiR thanks the Congressional representatives who followed FAiR's lead in calling for a new EIS, but believes the blame for the FAA decision falls directly at the feet of the Mayor of the City of Chicago. The City of Chicago owns and operates O'Hare airport and has a major say in what goes on at O'Hare. FAiR also notes that Mayor Emanuel is very close to President Obama and served as his White House Chief-of-Staff. Said Jac Charlier, FAiR Co-Founder and Leadership Team Member, "The voice that continues to be missing here is that of Mayor Emanuel. We have said all along the solution to the O'Hare problem will require federal and local cooperation. It's already clear the Mayor does not regard the taxpayers of the Northwest side of Chicago as important as he has been completely absent on the O'Hare issue. The Mayor's main use for the Northwest side seems to be to go to and from O'Hare airport."

Robert Murphy, FAiR Leadership Team Member went even further adding "It's funny though, you would think Mayor Emanuel would at least not leave three congressional representatives from his own party blowing in the wind. Oh well."

FAiR calls on Mayor Emanuel to immediately meet with FAiR. Eight attempts have been made to secure such a meeting but the Mayor has not even given the residents of the Northwest side the courtesy of a response.

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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 is the leading voice for both city and suburban residents negatively impacted by the new runway takeoff and landing patterns. 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 if citizens do not have a voice in the process.

FAiR requests residents report airplane noise complaints online throughout the day at [www.fairchicago.org](http://www.fairchicago.org) 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). FAiR is also on Facebook.

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