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FAiR's Efforts Again Bring Solutions for Citizens Impacted by October 2013 Changes Made at O'Hare

The Fair Allocation in Runways (FAiR) Coalition is pleased that once again due to the tremendous democratic pressure brought by the citizens of FAiR, Aldermen Margaret Laurino (39), Mary O'Connor (41) and Pat O'Connor (40) are following yet more of our proposed solutions to reduce the number of planes, noise and pollution that has reduced the quality of life of thousands of residents across Northwest side Chicago communities. This is in response to a recent press release from these same Aldermen (dated Friday, 9/6/14 but not released until Saturday, 9/7/14) indicating fewer of the noisier MD 80 American Airlines aircraft would be using O'Hare airport. FAiR has long proposed that airplane technology be part of the overall package of solutions to help citizens regain their former quiet. FAiR is the leading voice for citizens and communities impacted by the October 2013 changes made to O'Hare runway takeoff and landing patterns. FAiR has long known that these changes were made without any real community input.

FAiR states that the reduction in the number of MD 80 aircraft is not new however, and has already been previously discussed. In early meetings over a year ago with Congressman Michael Quigley (D-5), he raised this same possible solution of putting time limits on the pace of decommissioning for the number of noisier and more polluting MD 80 aircraft. Congressman Quigley raised this idea as part of the Silent Skies Act legislation but FAiR notices, rather oddly, that he is not mentioned in the 9/6/14 press release.

Moreover, FAiR notes that American Airlines (AA) already began reducing the number of MD 80s in their overall fleet starting in 2011 (see attached American Airlines Press Release dated May 2012) and that progress has been steady and is almost complete (See Dallas news article, 2014). In fact, FAiR asks exactly when (date and time) AA met with Aldermen Laurino, O'Connor and O'Connor to discuss and ultimately agree to an expedited reduction in their MD 80 fleet into and out of O'Hare airport. What is the exact written agreement as to the number new reductions? How many planes above the already ongoing and nearly complete MD 80 phase-out will happen? How much faster is the time table as a result of the meeting(s) with the listed Alderman? What will be the specific reduction in planes, noise and pollution?

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FAiR demands to see a written copy of the agreement produced immediately. These questions will be helpful in understanding exactly what AA has agreed too, when and with whom.

Finally, FAiR continues to plainly state than any solution for O'Hare must include the community having a real seat at the table. FAiR expresses disappointment when secret, backroom deals are taking place that exclude fAiR and hence the citizens. These types of old style Chicago efforts work to undercut rather than partner with citizens, communities and neighborhoods that have joined with FAiR. FAiR notes also that these "solutions", devised without real substantive community input, offer some of our politicians' nice talking points but do not get at the heart of providing actual relief for impacted families. FAiR continues to work tirelessly for neighborhood-based solutions, solutions that will bring real change and relief for City and suburban residents.

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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 or 800-435-9569. Citizens and civic organizations are invited to learn more about and join FAiR at www.fairchicago.org. FAiR is also on Facebook.

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