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FAiR Expands to Include Midway Airport as Southwest Side Citizens Join Their Northwest Chicago and Suburban Neighbors

The Fair Allocation in Runways (FAiR) Coalition is excited to announce that it has expanded to now include the people around Chicago's Midway Airport. Citizen leaders surrounding Midway contacted FAiR several months ago about joining forces to work together. "It became clear that our neighbors to the South were dealing with the same issue as we were – no real seat at the table in how decisions were made at their local airport. The airport was Midway instead of O'Hare, but that was the only difference." said Lisa Ziems, FAiR Coalition Leadership Team Member. Added Ziems, "They were dealing with the same Mayor, the same Department of Aviation, the same Federal Aviation Administration and most importantly they were getting the same level of cooperation - none."

FAiR has already begun to work with local Midway citizens and civic leaders to build the Coalition. Local Midway leaders, Kevin Robinson and Cori Stankowicz are organizing this new, exciting local effort. They are seeking volunteers and can be contacted through the FAiR website at www.fairchicago.org. "The plane and noise changes really came as a surprise to a lot of the people that live here. Suddenly, there were these really low flying planes over our homes, our parks, our whole neighborhood, and nobody knew why. Our neighbors started asking what we could do about it, and when we went to the Midway Noise Commission meeting, it was clear that they won't do anything. We knew we needed to join forces with other people in Chicago that are working to solve this problem." Said Kevin Robinson.

The Midway airport area runs from xxxx to xxxx toxxxx to xxxx. As part of the effort to fully integrate the concerns of Midway citizens, FAiR expanded its Policy Statement to include the unique situation of the residents around the airport. (See the separately attached FAiR Coalition Policy Statement regarding Midway airport). FAiR members from Midway have also been added to the Leadership Team ensuring that those neighborhoods impacted by the changes at Midway are part of the Coalition's decision making body. According to Cori Stankowicz, new FAiR Leadership Team member, "Midway Airport is going to continue to expand which means more planes, noise and pollution for the communities around Midway.

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It's time to get organized and make sure that the citizens who could be impacted by these changes have a real voice when these discussions happen and before any other changes occur."

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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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