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FAiR Coalition Asks "Where is the Mayor?"

On Thursday, October 30 at 4:45pm the Fair Allocation in Runways (FAiR) Coalition received notice from a local news source that on Friday, October 31, 2014 at 10am at the Chicago City Council Budget Hearings questions would be posed to the Chicago Department of Aviation regarding the massive increase in planes, noise and pollution resulting from the October 2013 changes made to O'Hare runway and takeoff patterns affecting tens of thousands of city residents. These changes were made without any real community input and the hearings on Friday, October 31 seem to be much of the same, no real community input. While FAiR welcomes yet another platform through which this issue can be discussed, the exclusion of FAiR, the leading voice for residents in both the city and suburbs impacted by the changes made at O'Hare at Midway, is troubling.

"We're disappointed to learn about this hearing at the last minute, but not surprised. Unfortunately many things that have impacted our quality of life have been announced at the last minute with little or no input from the very people that these actions impact, including the insane levels of loud, low-flying aircraft flooding the skies over our neighborhoods. We're pleased that Alderwoman Laurino is speaking

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on the matter but as a trusted ally of Mayor Emanuel, she needs to get him (the Mayor) to meet with FAiR immediately." Said Kevin Robinson, FAiR Leadership Team member.

FAiR also notes the ongoing absence of the only missing voice from the discussion FAiR started and continues to lead in order to find solutions to the airport noise issues: Mayor Emanuel.

Jac Charlier, FAiR Coalition Co-Founder and Leadership Team Member said, "Conspicuously absent once again from all of this is Rahm Emanuel. FAiR has requested to meet with the Mayor nine times. Where is the mayor on an issue that impacts so many taxpaying Chicagoans? At this point, the better question might be 'Where is our democracy?'" Noting that the seriously late and almost secretly announced hearings are being held on October 31, he added, "Seeing that it is Halloween, FAiR is working to bring back to life from the dead democracy in Chicago."

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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 and Twitter @fairchicago.

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