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## FAiR Coalition Calls for the Resignation of Chicago Department of Aviation Commissioner Rosemarie Andolino

In the wake of rapidly growing resident anger over the ceaseless airplane noise and added pollution resulting from the October 2013 runway takeoff and landing pattern changes imposed at O'Hare International Airport without real community input, mounting frustration over the lack of response from Mayor Emanuel, and the newly discovered changes in traffic patterns at Midway again imposed without any real community input, the Fair Allocation in Runways (FAiR) Coalition calls for Rosemarie Andolino to immediately step down as Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA). If she will not step down, FAiR calls upon Mayor Emanuel to immediately remove her from her post.

Residents of Northwest side Chicago neighborhoods and near Northwest suburbs impacted by round-the-clock, unceasing, and increased airplane noise have repeatedly demanded that elected and appointed officials work directly with FAiR on finding community-based solutions to the noise and air pollution caused by the recent runway changes. Yet, despite a clearly worsening reality for the lives of tens of thousands of residents, "The response from the Chicago Department of Aviation has been worse than silence. Commissioner Andolino has already made up her mind that there will be no change at O'Hare no matter how many citizens demand change, no matter what solutions are proposed, and no matter how devastating the impact of her decisions on families, children and seniors, and even entire neighborhoods," said Jac Charlier, FAiR Co-Founder and Leadership Team Member.

"Time and time again whether in regards to making Fly Quiet mandatory, considering flight path changes or even meeting with FAiR, Commissioner Andolino's motto clearly is 'no change, no way, no how'. You cannot stay in a leadership position in a democracy with that kind of attitude. It's past time for her to go." added Mr. Charlier. FAiR notes that even in response to the January 2014 public hearings requested by Alderwomen Laurino (39) and Mary O'Connor (41), and supported by Congressman Michael Quigley (D-5), Commissioner Andolino was not supportive or responsive. Mr. Charlier added, "It is now clear that listening to constituents, working with citizens and accepting dissent are clearly not allowed in this sadly unfolding version of Chicago. FAiR wants leadership at O'Hare that will work with the people, not govern by fiat."

As the weather warms up over the next few months, it is already obvious that no neighborhood under the new flight paths will be spared. Newly-joined FAiR member Colleen Mulcrone observes, "We have lived in Jefferson Park for

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14 years and in our house for almost 11 years. We love the area, our home, our neighbors, but the huge increase in airplane noise may force us out of our home, something we would never have before considered doing. I was so relieved to find FAiR and now have a sense of hope. If not for FAiR, who would listen to the residents and work on our behalf?"

FAiR calls on citizens and civics to educate themselves on the issue and join the Coalition at [www.fairchicago.org](http://www.fairchicago.org). Residents can also now order our newly released FAiR yard signs. (see attached picture)

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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](http://www.fairchicago.org) and also on Facebook.

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