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FAiR At Last Secures Meeting with Mayor Emanuel; 2 ½ Years After First Request Mayor Finally Agrees to Meet Citizens

Two and a half years after its founding to address the noise and pollution blanketing parts of Chicago and suburbs that resulted from the O'Hare Modernization Plan's new runways and shift to mainly east-west flight paths, seven months after the first-ever Community Conversations directly between citizens and aviation officials about O'Hare's negative effects on neighborhoods, and twenty-three requests later, representatives from the largest citizen movement on the North and Northwest Side of Chicago and Northwest Suburbs, the Fair Allocation in Runways (FAiR) Coalition, will finally speak directly to the person who is ultimately responsible for O'Hare and its impact on citizens: Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

"FAiR is excited to finally have this opportunity to dialogue directly with Mayor Emanuel so he can hear firsthand what people have been forced to live with for over two years and immediately act to put solutions in place," said FAiR Leader Helen Rosenberg. The meeting will take place Wednesday, January 27th at 10:30 a.m. at City Hall. Ever-growing pressure from FAiR prompted Alderman Nick Sposato (38th) to step up at the September Budget Town Hall Meeting at Wilbur Wright College and ask the mayor to meet with FAiR. After months of requests to set a date by both Alderman Sposato and FAiR Leadership, the date was agreed upon just this week and confirmed today. "We wish it could have been before the next Fly Quiet Committee meeting," said Al Rapp, FAiR's representative to the committee, "but we've been assured that no decisions will be made about the diagonal runways or recommendations for Fly Quiet plans while conversations continue with the Mayor."

"As FAiR has said from the beginning, Mayor Emanuel is ultimately the one who okays what happens or doesn't happen at O'Hare," added Colleen Mulcrone, FAiR leader. "FAiR fully expects that the Mayor will act with urgency to fix this plan because so many constituents have been continuously demanding action in ever-increasing numbers for over two years. As the current 'owner' of the airport at this critical moment, his decisions today will resonate in helpful or harmful ways for hundreds of thousands of citizens for

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decades to come. Whatever results from these conversations and decisions--that will be Mayor Emanuel's legacy on the North and Northwest Sides and beyond."

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The Fair Allocation in Runways (FAiR) Coalition is a rapidly growing movement of citizens and civics on Chicago's North and 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 and whenever a noise complaint should be filed with its 1-click noise app, found at www.fairchicago.org. 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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