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FAiR Coalition Communities in Chicago and the Suburbs Were Not Given Input Into the Proposed October 2013 O'Hare Runway Allocation for Takeoffs and Landings; FAiR Calls the Proposal "Not Equitable" and States As a Result, the Plan Cannot Be Implemented.

For the second time in the past three weeks, the FAiR Coalition protested at the Chicago Department of Aviation building located at 10510 Zemke Road, Chicago, Illinois, 60666. Today, September 24, civic leaders and residents gathered with signs and flyers to greet those arriving at the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission's (ONCC) "Noise 101" workshop. The stated purpose of the workshop was to help "ONCC members understand how noise at the airport is measured". The FAiR Coalition questions how any Noise Commissioner serving on the Noise Commission does not already know this. FAiR believes that the best "Noise 101 workshop" ONCC members can and should instead attend is in the neighborhoods already heavily impacted by airplane noise as well as those soon to see a dramatic increase in airplane traffic, noise and pollution in October 2013, *despite those very same communities not having any real input into the proposed runway allocation plan.*

Protestors came from all over the FAiR area. FAiR Coalition member **Ines Canepa, Harwood Heights**, said "I've had a noise monitor in my house for 15 years. It doesn't make any difference because the bureaucrats don't listen to what the noise monitor says anyway". Another protestor and FAiR organizer, **Karen Nimrouzi from Forest Glen** told arriving ONCC members "I'm upset that the public was not informed about the impact on my community of the October 2013 proposal until it was so far along that it seems almost too late to stop it". She quickly added, "Notice I said, 'almost too late to stop'". **Marilyn Mikota, FAiR member and another Forest Glen resident** added to those willing to listen, "I'd like the community to know more about what's going on!" In the neighboring community of **Indian Woods, FAiR member Wayne Guccione** said "The proposed runway changes are just not fair. I received the FAiR Coalition door hanger last week and learned about the proposal. The runway patterns should be evenly distributed". FAiR organizer **Lisa Ziems from Hollywood-North Park** spoke about the core FAiR message, "We're here to let officials know they need to include citizens in their planning. This proposal is unfair because residents were not involved in putting it together. It's just not fair!"

The Fair Allocation in Runways (FAiR) Coalition is a rapidly growing coalition of civic leaders, ten community groups, suburban townships, elected officials and residents of the



Northwest side of Chicago and near Northwest suburbs. FAiR wants an immediate halt to the implementation of the October 2013 proposed runway takeoff/landing allocation *developed without any real community input*. FAiR is dedicated to the equitable use of O'Hare's runways, both existing and new. FAiR supports the economic engine that is O'Hare airport, while fighting for a new, citizen-led plan for how our shared critical public asset is used to benefit the widest number of people. FAiR neighborhoods include Hollywood-North Park, Edgebrook, Sauganash, Indian Woods, Forest Glen, Park Ridge, Harwood Heights, Foster/Harlem and Edgebrook Glen.

The **FAiR** Coalition asks that Mayor Emanuel halt the October 2013 Chicago Department of Aviation runway allocation proposal. In addition, FAiR calls upon Congressman Quigley to join with his constituents, support FAiR and use his Congressional oversight authority to stop the October 2013 runway allocation proposal. FAiR calls upon impacted and soon to be impacted residents to visit our website at www.fairchicago.org, sign the Change.org online petition, demand their elected officials join FAiR and ask their neighbors, friends and family to do the same. FAiR asks that Mayor Emanuel

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