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## **FAiR Launches Property Tax Revolt; First-Ever FAiR Property Tax Appeal Workshop Fills Up In Only Three Days**

On Monday, August 25, the Fair Allocation in Runways (FAiR) Coalition will host its first-ever Property Tax Appeal Workshop from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Edgebrook Public Library, 5331 West Devon Avenue in Chicago. In only three days after announcing the event, every available seat was filled, with 56 seats accounted for in just the first 24 hours. "That we have had such a tremendous response in so short a time speaks volumes about how huge of a quality-of-life issue the O'Hare changes really have become for so many neighbors, both city and suburban," said Colleen Mulcrone, FAiR Leadership Team member and co-planner for the event. *At the workshop, FAiR will distribute a Citizen's Property Tax Appeal Support Package. This Package will aid taxpayers in filing tax appeals by providing necessary documentation to substantiate their appeal. In addition, FAiR will make a PDF version of the packet available on its website at [www.fairchicago.org](http://www.fairchicago.org).*

"We have reached tens of thousands of people through our doorhanger campaign, and our membership just continues to grow." Adds Lisa Ziems, fellow event co-planner and Leadership Team member, "Appealing property taxes is one more way for residents to say that it is not okay for the City of Chicago to expect people to just accept this reduced quality of life. We don't accept it, we won't accept it and we are not going away."

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FAiR asks all impacted citizens to use a variety of civic tactics as the Coalition continues to work towards securing a real seat at the O'Hare decision-making table. Appealing property taxes based on a massive increase in planes, noise and pollution was one action suggested in FAiR's summer 2014 doorhanger campaign, which kicked off in early July. FAiR's goal is to reach 50,000 residents to raise awareness about the increased plane traffic, noise and pollution resulting from the runway and flight path changes at O'Hare Airport made in October 2013 without any real community input. The changes were part of the now increasingly discredited O'Hare Modernization Project (OMP).

The workshop will feature a speaker from Cook County Commissioner Bridget Gainer's Office (D-10) explaining the appeal process and what documentation is appropriate for residents appealing based on the issue of increased plane traffic due to the flight path changes. Forms will be available for residents who wish to file an appeal immediately. The event will also feature FAiR members who successfully won tax appeals in spring of 2014 based solely on increased plane noise and traffic discussing their experience with the process. FAiR will distribute a Property Tax Appeal Support packet to everybody who attends. The Support packet will provide supporting documentation for the Tax Appeal. While the 8/25 event focuses on Cook County, demand for a workshop in DuPage County--including residents of Bensenville, Itasca, and Wood Dale, all hard-hit by increases in noise and number of flights--is already high. Another Cook County workshop is also already in the works.

With this event, FAiR again taps into the growing frustration of residents who feel they have been abandoned by local politicians, especially FAiR Chicago residents who constantly ask: Where is Mayor Emanuel? "The Mayor is late on arrival on the Northwest side. When asked, we tell people he has rerouted himself elsewhere because he is nowhere to be found. What we do know is while he doesn't seem to care about Northwest side voters, he does care about money. That much is clear." said Jac Charlier, FAiR Co-Founder.

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

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