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**Solving O'Hare Noise Must Include Saving Diagonal Runways:
FAiR Press Conference Hosts Candidates Ready to Lead the Charge**

The press is invited to attend the Fair Allocation in Runways (FAiR) Coalition candidate press conference on Saturday, February 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Frank J. Wilson Park, 4630 N. Milwaukee Avenue, directly under the flight path for 10C/28C, which opened in October 2013 and which averages flights overhead every 3.5 minutes. All city and suburban mayoral and aldermanic candidates for office who have signed a letter in support of FAiR's five policy statements have been invited to this opportunity to speak about the negative impacts of the October 2013 runway and flight path changes at O'Hare, and how they would address the issue if elected. Candidates must have signed on to all five policy statements and currently be running for elected office to be invited. Confirmed so far are Chicago Mayoral candidates Jesus "Chuy" Garcia and Bob Fioretti. In addition, Randy Messina, aldermanic candidate from Wood Dale (1st Ward), will attend as well as Jerry Paszek (38th Ward), Robert Murphy (39th Ward) and Joe Lomanto (41st Ward).

FAiR has long called upon the Mayor, the City of Chicago and O'Hare to maintain all existing runways and to fairly allocate takeoffs and landings so that no single area of the city or suburbs be subjected to a constant barrage of noise and pollution. In Mayor Emanuel's continued absence on this issue, FAiR is seeking others to take up the mantle of leadership he has so far abdicated. With the opening of a new runway (10R/28L Berteau) later this fall over another segment of the Northwest Side, and the proposed decommissioning of the first of two of the diagonal runways, one of the options for a fair distribution of air traffic will be eliminated. The candidates who have supported FAiR are invited to speak to how they will work with other local, state and federal officials to accomplish the goal of maintaining and equitably using all available runways.

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As O'Hare continues to deliver consistently poor on-time performance in spite of the expansion and the promises of greater efficiency, a whole new group of Chicago area residents has been experiencing unprecedented levels of noise and pollution at all hours of the day and night, posing risks to their health and property values. The new flight patterns run over densely populated neighborhoods that existed long before O'Hare. Since the October 2013 operational changes, record numbers of noise complaints have been and continue to be filed. As the leading voice for citizens on this issue, FAiR asserts that O'Hare can and must be a better neighbor. Chicago area residents deserve candidates who are prepared to deliver the solutions to make that happen.

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The Fair Allocation in Runways (FAiR) Coalition is a rapidly growing movement of citizens and civics in the Chicago area. 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 engines of O'Hare and Midway 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 at O'Hare 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 chicagonoise.complaint.com 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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