



Forest Glen Community Club (FGCC)

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Mr. Barry Cooper
Regional Commissioner
Federal Aviation Administration
Great Lakes Region - O'Hare Lake Office Center
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Re: FGCC's opposition to increased air traffic over Forest Glen

Dear Mr. Cooper and our honorable elected officials (see distribution list below),

The FGCC is writing to you to strongly voice our opposition to your proposed air traffic increase over our community via runway 27 Left/Thorndale moved from their current main Lawrence runway. Runway 27 Left/Thorndale currently has 15 landings per night typically before 11pm and after 6am but under the proposed change will now have +100 landings with many between midnight and 5am. This is an extremely adverse situation for our community and dozens more that lie under this proposed path change. Landings are by far the noisiest traffic that travels over our homes and due to prevailing winds we get this traffic quite regularly during the day.

Our Forest Glen community represents 500+ homes, the vast majority of which were built before the late 1940s. The community itself was established in the 1880s and like many communities on Chicago's Northwest Side, predate O'Hare's establishment of commercial traffic in the mid-1950s. While endeavoring to be good neighbors, the evening hours often bring a welcome respite from the incessant incoming O'Hare flights. For these reasons and the economic and runway utilization factors noted in the Sauganash Community Association's letter to you (see attached) there seems no need at this time nor a compelling reason to so adversely effect our community by this drastic change that FGCC wishes you to know that we are taking this to our elected officials to state in no uncertain terms the strength of our opposition to your plans. That this plan seems to completely disregard how likely it is to decrease our property values and lower our quality of life in this well-established Chicago community seems to say that O'Hare no longer wishes to be a good neighbor in return. To summarize our opposition we think this decision will have a negative impact on:

- Air quality in our community
- Excessive noise pollution over our neighborhood
- The property values of our homes
- O'Hare's competitive status versus other major US hubs (this rerouting costing more in fuel and time to fly to)

We join with Edgebrook, Sauganash and many other NW Chicago area communities in opposing this plan and trust that our elected officials are as concerned about this proposed plan as we are and look forward to hearing both from you and them to discuss this issue further. Thank you.

Yours truly,

We, the undersigned Executive Committee of the Forest Glen Community Club
and Robert Murphy, President
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