



**O'HARE NOISE  
COMPATIBILITY  
COMMISSION**

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## **City of Chicago Appoints Five to O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission**

### **Inter-Governmental Agency Focuses on O'Hare Aircraft Noise Reduction**

Des Plaines, Ill., Sept. 21, 2011—Mayor Rahm Emanuel has named five citizens to represent their northwest Chicago wards on the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission, an inter-governmental agency committed to reducing the impact of aircraft noise on surrounding neighbors of O'Hare International Airport.

Representatives include Ronald Sak, 36th Ward, Montclare; Diane Oppliger, 38th Ward, Portage Park; Andrew Ginocchio, 39th Ward, Albany Park; Catherine Dunlap, 41st Ward, Norwood Park; and Don Walsh, Ph.D., 45th Ward, Jefferson Park. They will join the Chicago Department of Aviation, a founding member of the commission.

ONCC, created in late 1996 to oversee O'Hare noise mitigation efforts, is comprised of representatives from 28 communities, Cook County and 16 school districts. The commission operates under an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Chicago that was renewed in late 2010 to continue until Dec. 15, 2015.

Following that extension, the Chicago City Council proposed an IGA amendment to expand Chicago's representation on the commission. In ensuing months, municipal and school district ONCC members sought approval of the amendment from their respective governing bodies. With the approval of all members, Mayor Emanuel appointed five ward representatives Sept. 9.

“As the O'Hare Modernization Program continues construction of new runways, it is imperative that the commission reflect its commitment to all residents affected by aircraft noise,” said Arlene J. Mulder, ONCC chairperson and Arlington Heights mayor. “We welcome the addition of these five Chicagoans who represent interests of approximately 285,000 residents.”

ONCC, in cooperation with the Chicago Department of Aviation, oversees the largest residential sound insulation program in the world and one of the oldest school sound insulation programs, both financed by federal and airport funds.

ONCC is recognized internationally as a leading community-based organization that strives to reduce the impact of aircraft noise through its sound insulation programs and to reduce aircraft noise, whenever possible, at its source. For more information, contact Brendan McLaughlin, 773- 686-3198, or visit [www.oharenoise.org](http://www.oharenoise.org).

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ONCC member communities: Arlington Heights; Bartlett; Bellwood; Bensenville; Chicago including wards 36, 38, 39, 41, 45; Des Plaines; Elmwood Park; Franklin Park; Harwood Heights; Hoffman Estates; Itasca; Maywood; Melrose Park; Mount Prospect; Niles; Norridge; Northlake; Oak Park; Palatine; Park Ridge; River Forest; River Grove; Rolling Meadows; Rosemont; Schaumburg; Schiller Park; Stone Park; Wood Dale and Cook County. ONCC member school districts: 59; 63; 64; 80; 81; 84; 84.5; 85.5; 86; 87; 88; 89; 214; 234; 299; and 401.

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