

**Resolution concerning New York City Airports' operations and airport noise**

Whereas, the Queens Civic Congress represents nearly 100 civic, homeowner, tenant and other community organizations; and

Whereas, the Queens Civic Congress held a forum January 22, 2001 on the Mayor's proposal to change the management at the two New York City airports, including a new agency to oversee the airports, hiring a consultant to monitor operations and considering the replacement of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey with a private airport manager;

Whereas, concerned community groups and residents express concern about the noise caused by aircraft; and

Whereas, the continued operation of Stage two aircraft equipped with "hush kits", which have no effect on noise or pollution reductions, and Stage three aircraft contribute to the unremitting noise; and

Whereas, the Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (AIR-21) promotes additional flights that will exacerbate the existing noise problem; and

Be it Resolved:

That the Queens Civic Congress reaffirms the position stated in its 2001 Platform that urges any changes in airport operations and/or management agreements covering airport operations be subject to New York City Council approval; and

That the Queens Civic Congress opposes weakening or termination of the High Density Rule, and the additional slot exemptions created under the Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR 21); and

That the Queens Civic Congress calls for an immediate rollback of all flights (slots) permitted under AIR21, and for a moratorium on any other additional flights at LaGuardia Airport; and

That the Queens Civic Congress urges, instead of new slots, the re-allocation of existing slots for greater efficiencies and to meet current needs, statutory limitations on the number of operations at New York metropolitan airports and the restriction of all flights, scheduled and unscheduled (except for emergency operations) to the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; and

That the Queens Civic Congress further calls for an improvement in noise abatement procedures, including an immediate ban on flights by any Stage 2 commercial jetliners, the elimination of Stage3 aircraft, and a change in take-off frequency from every 58 seconds to a much wider time interval to attenuate the unremitting jet-noise created by the "high density rule".

Be it Further Resolved: That copies of this Resolution be provided to elected officials, Queens Community Boards and Queens Civic Congress members and other interested parties.  
January 22, 2001