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## 62 COMMUNITY GROUPS ASK FAA, NAC TO INCLUDE THEM IN MEETINGS TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Some 62 grass-roots advocacy groups fighting aircraft noise pollution nationwide asked FAA Administrator Steve Dickson and the NextGen Advisory Committee to follow through on a recent proposal to hold meetings on community engagement and to include stakeholders from communities impacted by aircraft noise in those meetings.

At a June 21 NAC meeting, NAC member Brad Pierce, president of the National Organization to Insure a Sound-Controlled Environment (NOISE) – which largely represents elected officials of cities and counties impacted by aircraft noise – suggested that the NAC – whose members are predominantly airline officials – hold two or three meetings with aviation industry stakeholders to improve community engagement on aviation noise.

"In the spirit of community engagement and to encourage a meaningful dialogue and useful outcomes, we urge the NAC and Mr. Pierce to include in their meetings enough representatives from communities to ensure the NAC hears from a broad range of perspectives," the grass-roots community groups wrote in their July 12 letter.

The meetings, they said, "should incorporate representatives who are a mix of resident/community advocates and elected officials from communities that are directly impacted by aviation operations across the country, including but not limited to Metroplexes and single sites."

The NAC has not yet announced whether it will hold the meetings on community engagement sought by NOISE and the community group. The community groups have not yet received a reply to their letter to the NAC and FAA.