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ROSENDAHL STATEMENT ON LAX RUNWAY INCURSION

Councilmember Bill Rosendahl today issued the following statement regarding the runway incursion that occurred last week at LAX:

"I am deeply concerned about the runway incursion that occurred last week at LAX. For more than a year, I have asked the Federal Aviation Administration for a quantifiable, technical analysis of the airfield runway safety issue. This incident underscores the need for such a study.

"I take seriously my obligation to protect public safety. I want hard evidence that clearly identifies any and all safety issues on the northern runway, and I want a thorough discussion of any and all potential solutions to safety concerns."

"I will be holding a Town Hall meeting to thoroughly and publicly discuss this issue. I want LAWA, FAA and safety officials to share with me and the public all evidence of safety concerns and discuss the variety of proposed solutions. Those solutions should not be limited to LAWA's proposal to move a runway north, but also should include options to move a runway south or to construct an end-around taxiway, which would not necessitate any runway movement. I would like to hear suggestions from the community, and I want complete clarity on options available to address this issue."

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