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## **ROSENDAHL STATEMENT ON NORTH RUNWAY PROPOSALS**

***Tuesday morning, several local newspapers will carry stories regarding potential proposals from LAWA (Los Angeles World Airports) to move the north runways at Los Angeles International Airport. Councilman Bill Rosendahl today issued the following statement:***

“Unless and until the Federal Aviation Administration can demonstrate in a strong, compelling and public manner that there is a genuine risk to public safety, talk of moving the north runways is premature and unnecessary.

“I take seriously my obligation to protect public safety and have an open mind, but absent evidence to the contrary, I remain unconvinced of the need to move runways. A member of my staff will join other local officials in Washington this week to meet with the FAA, and I will be visiting with senior FAA officials myself in January. I am eager to hear from them.

“However, even if the FAA demonstrates convincingly that there is a safety concern, moving the runway north is hardly a foregone conclusion. There are also viable options to move the runways south, closer to the central terminal and away from Westchester and Playa del Rey neighborhoods.

“Finally, I want to note favorably that LAWA officials are unveiling several north runway proposals – and none of them are listed as a 'preferred alternative.' I consider this unusual move to be a healthy sign that LAWA is open to public input and to genuine dialogue over what is best for airport neighbors.”

***The LAWA proposals will be available Tuesday at [www.laxmasterplan.org](http://www.laxmasterplan.org) and will be discussed at public hearings Wednesday, December 6, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. OR Saturday, December 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The meetings will be held at the Flight Path Learning Center, Imperial Terminal, 6661 W. Imperial Highway, Los Angeles, CA 90045.***

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