

CITY TOURISM COMMISSION

City Tourism
DEPARTMENT

Commissioners: Jon F. Vein, President; Kathleen Rawson, Vice President; Taelor Bakewell; Juan Camacho; Cameron Onumah

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Regular Meeting Wednesday, August 21, 2024 9:00 a.m. 1201 S. Figueroa St. Los Angeles, CA 90015

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

2. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- a. General and Agenda Item Public Comments
- b. Neighborhood Council representatives on any Neighborhood Council Resolution or Community Impact Statement filed with the City Clerk which relate to any agenda item listed or being considered on this agenda for the City Tourism Commission.

3. APPROVE MINUTES

a. Approval of the special meeting minutes from July 18, 2024

4. REPORTS

- a. Executive Director Report
- b. ASM Update
- c. LATCB Update

5. ACTION ITEMS

None

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Policy Recommendations for the Los Angeles Convention Center - FY 2023-24 Update

7. ADJOURNMENT

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Item 3a Approval of the July 18, 2024 Minutes



CITY TOURISM BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Special Meeting Minutes July 18, 2024

The Board of City Tourism Commissioners (Board) convened a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 18, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at 1201 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA 90015.

PRESENT:

President Jon F. Vein
Taelor Bakewell
Juan Camacho
Cameron Onumah
Kathleen Rawson - arrived at 9:16 am

ABSENT:

None

PRESENTERS:

Kim Weedmark, ASM Ben Zarhoud, ASM Doane Liu, CTD Patti MacJennett, LATCB Stacey Sun, LATCB

Item 1. Call to Order / Roll Call

President Vein called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Item 3a. Public Comment - Taken out of order

None

Item 3b. Neighborhood Council

None

Item 4a. Approval of the regular meeting minutes from June 26, 2024

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Item 5a. Executive Director Report

Mr. Doane Liu provided an overview of his activities since the last Board meeting, which included: meetings with Lyft Bike Share, LACC Design Kick Off meeting and expansion updates with the City Team and the Mayor's office; and participating in the LATCB Board of Directors meeting, TTMA Luncheon; attended a World Cup briefing, Budget and Finance Committee and City Council for expansion item on the agenda; and hosted Safety and Security Pre-Conference Roll Calls for Anime Expo and IDEA.

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Item 5b. ASM Monthly Update

Ms. Kimberly Weedmark introduced the Leader of the Quarter, Kevin McCall, and the Employee of the Quarter, Alan Gonzalez. Ms. Weekmark reported on 8 events during June 2024, 2 of which were Citywide events, with 89,112 total number of attendees and 1 filming/parking clients, as well as the Sales and Marketing activities for the month, which included 6 new events and 2 returning annual events. Mr. Zarhoud presented the financial data for June, reporting an operating loss of \$0.9M and \$2.6 in net revenue, which was \$0.4M above prior year and \$0.6M above the pre-COVID two year average, noting that parking was paced slower due to low campus activity and no play off games this year. Mr. Zarhoud also reported \$3.5M in operating expenses. Mr. Zarhoud reported May's exhibit hall occupancy was 80%, driven by IPW, Engineering Fair, AEW and Cal State LA graduation. Mr. Zarhoud stated that the LACC June Economic Impact was \$45.1M, \$12.4M from local events and \$32.7M from citywide events.

Item 5c. LATCB Monthly Update

Ms. Patti MacJennett reported that LATCB has processed 140 leads year-to-date, which is 100% of the year-to-date goal and booked 312,603 room nights, which is 125% of the year-to-date goal, driven by larger events, including the Olympics. Ms. MacJennett also reported on the future events pipeline, noting that 2028 leads are down due to the time required for the Olympic events at the Center. Ms. Stacey Sun presented an update on the 16th DineLA Restaurant Week program, noting a 80% restaurant retention. Ms. Sun also noted a near record of 426 participating restaurants across 79 neighborhoods and offering 31 unique global cuisines.

Item 2. Election of 2024-2025 Board Officers - Taken out of order

Vice President Rawson moved to reappoint Jon Vein as President, Commissioner Onumah seconded. Commissioner President Vein moved to reappoint Kathleen Rawson as Vice President, Commissioner Camacho seconded.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m. without objection.

Item 4a Executive Director's Report



Item 4b ASM Update



LOS ANGELES CONVENTION CENTER MONTHLY UPDATE – JUNE 2024

KIMBERLY WEEDMARK

GENERAL MANAGER

BEN ZARHOUD

ASST. GENERAL MANAGER







June 2024 Events

104,275 Total Attendees

- 06/01 06/02 The Scuba Show (4,350 guests)
- 06/01 06/02 Ultimate Women's Expo 2024 (4,000 guests)
- 06/01 06/02 One Piece Offline Regional (1,800 guests)
- 06/08 Yugioh! Regional Qualifier (1,000 guests)
- 06/14 06/16 SoCal Cup: Open Championship Volleyball (60,300 guests)
- 06/14 06/16 Islamic Center of So Cal Eid Al-Adha (1,200 guests)
- 06/22 JSTBAGGED (700 guests)
- 06/23 El Shaddai DWXI Prayer Partners (1,800 guests)
- 06/24 06/27 Society of Manufacturing Engineers 2024 (4,500 guests)
- 06/26 06/28 PLC Institute (2,625 guests)
- 06/28 06/29 BETX 2024 (22,000 guests)

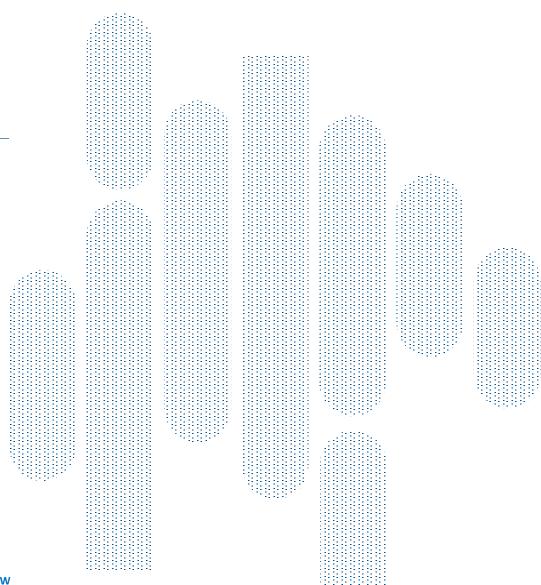


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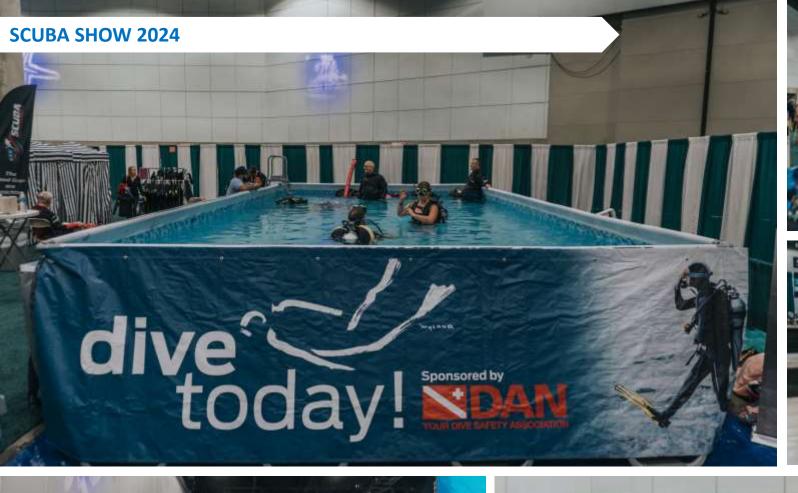
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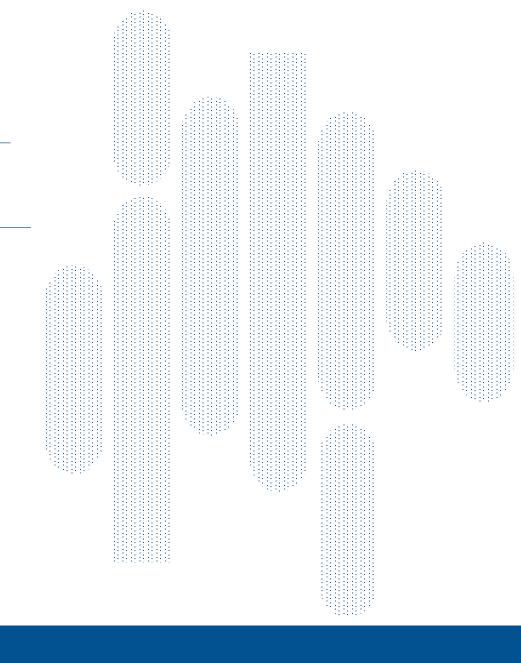


Filming Event in June 2024

Total: \$0

Name **Production Company** Space **Amount**

NO FILMINGS IN JUNE





Sales Activity 12 Events Licensed in June 2024

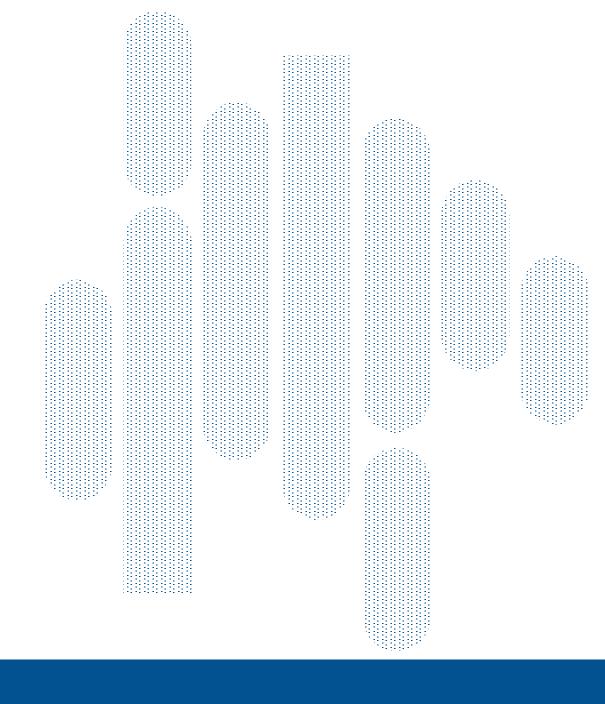
• Assemblys: 2

• Consumer Shows: 7

• Citywides: **1**

Meetings: 2

• Tradeshows: 0





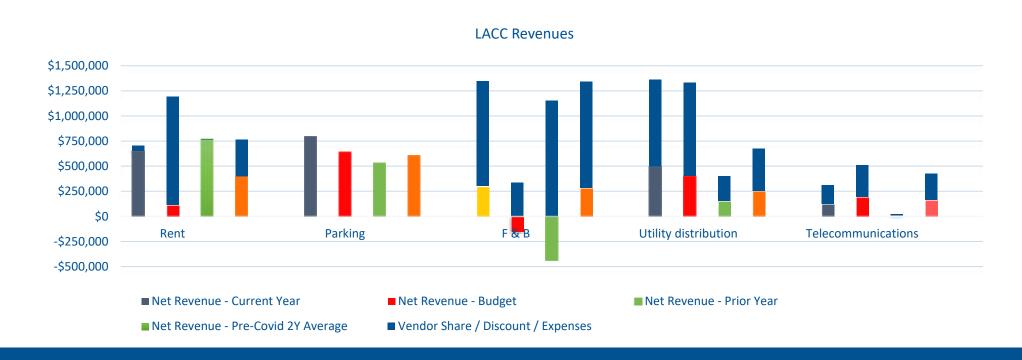
June 2024 Financials

Operating Surplus (loss):

- (\$2.8) million (before approved City Reimbursements, A & I and Capital Projects)
- \$1.2 million below budget
- \$2.3 million below prior year and \$2.8 million below Pre-Covid 2Y average

Revenues:

- \$4.9 million gross revenue (before discounts and service provider share)
- \$2.5 million net revenue
- \$1.0 million above budget
- \$0.3 million above prior year and \$0.6M above Pre-Covid 2Y Average

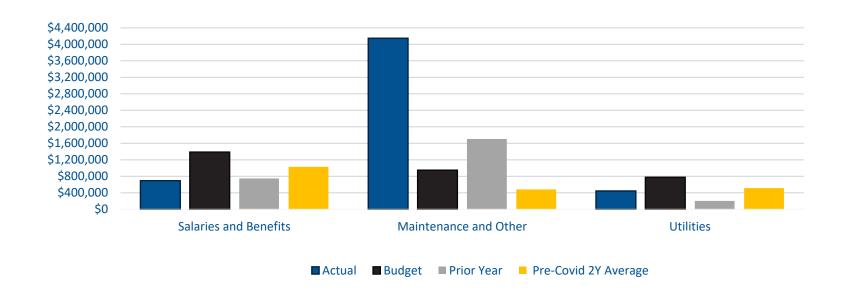




June 2024 Financials

Operating Expenses:

- \$5.3 million (before approved A & I, Capital Projects, and City reimbursement)
- \$2.2 million above budget
- \$2.6 million above prior year and \$3.4 million above Pre-Covid 2Y Average



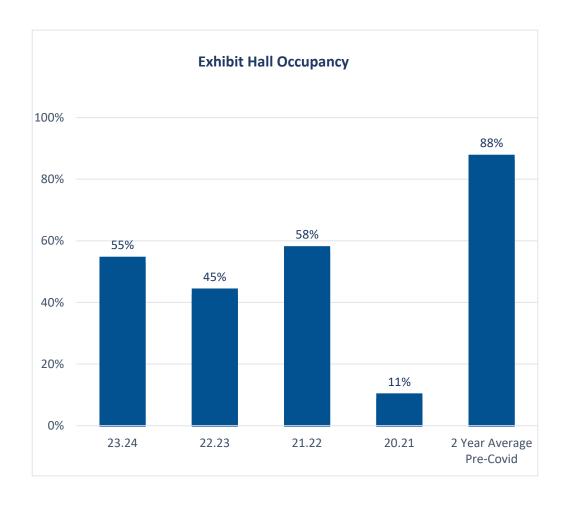
YTD Performance (unaudited) — Net Revenue \$35.4 million vs budget of \$29.1 million, Expenses \$32.0 million vs budget \$27.2 million, Operating profit \$3.4 million vs budget of \$1.9 million.

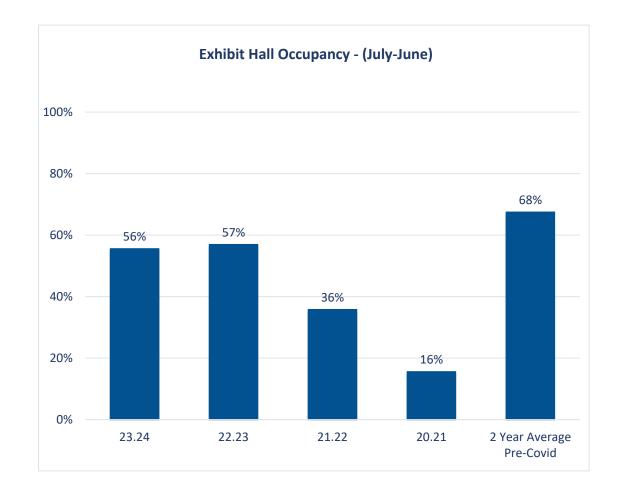
City Reimbursement – Credit of \$0.4 million

Capital and Alterations & Improvements



Occupancy June 2024







\$20.9 million in Estimated Economic Impact







Item 4c LATCB Update







Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board



PRESIDENT & CEO REPORT

Adam Burke









Current Market Dynamics

- Pace of international recovery
- Increased global competition
- Softening domestic sentiment / demand
- Emergence of second tier group destinations
- Brand tarnish



Urgency, Agility & Competitive Positioning

- Correlation to Causation
- Awareness to Action
- Quality AND Quantity
- Collaboration to Collective Impact
- Lagging Indicators to Leading Indicators

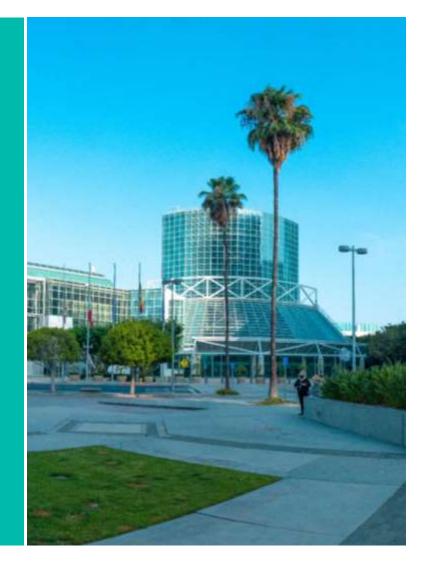




Sales Update
FY23/24 Yearend Citywide
Results

Bryan Churchill

Sr. Vice President, Hotel
Sales





CITYWIDE CONVENTION SALES

Sales Production for FY 2024 through June

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Calendar Fiscal Year Year 2024 Month June

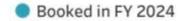
Citywide

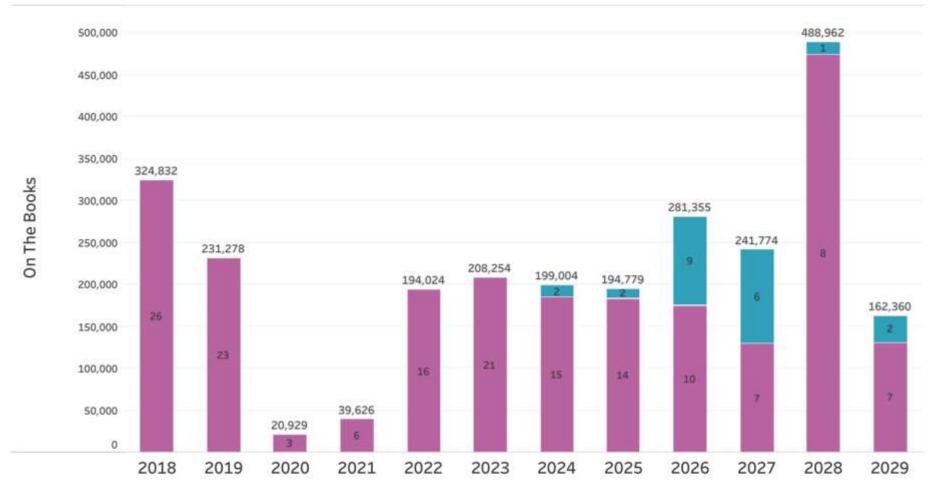
FY 2024 through June





Citywide OTB Room Nights by Arrival Year

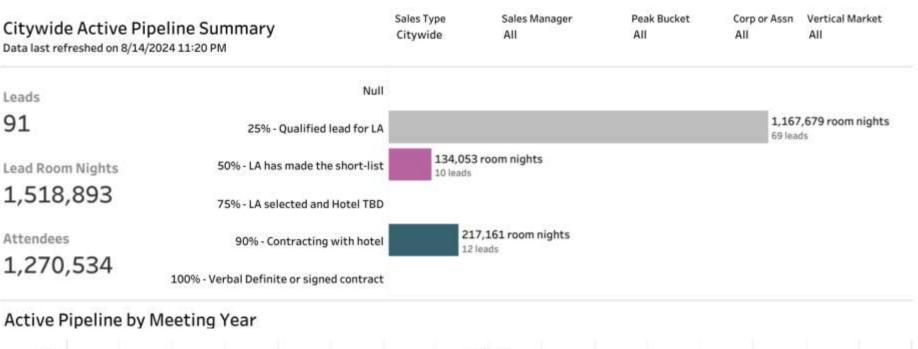


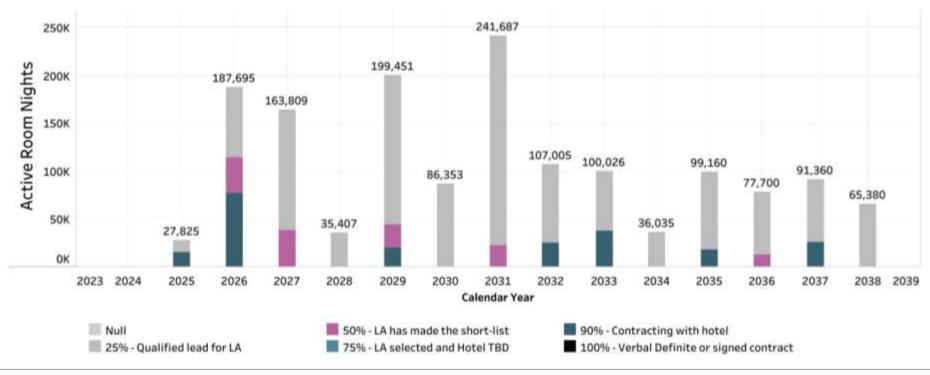


OTB Meetings, Bookings in FY 2024 and Cancellations in FY 2024

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
OTB Meetings	26	23	3	6	16	21	17	16	19	13	9	9
Booked in Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	9	6	1	2
Cancelled in Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0



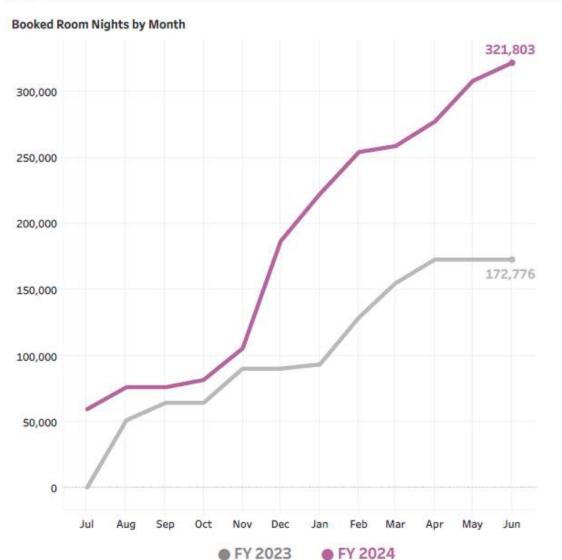






Citywide Booked Room Nights

FY 2024 through June



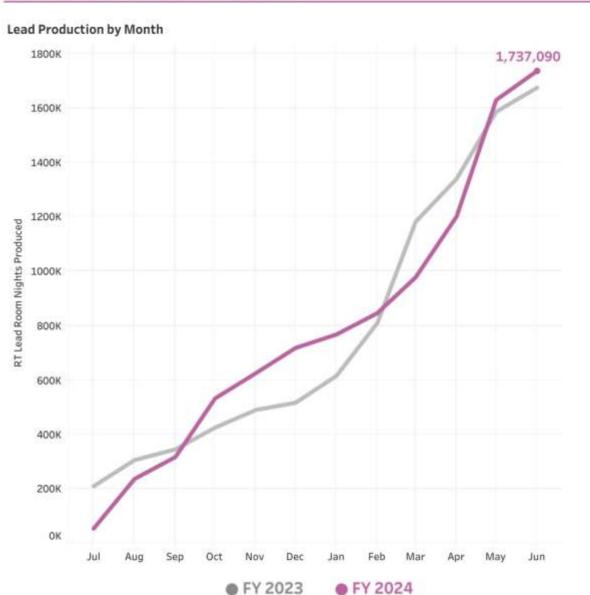
Key Metrics	
	FY 2024
Bookings	24
Bookings YOY	140%
Booked Room Nights	321,803
Booked Room Nights YOY	86%
Attendees	439,600
Attendees YOY	-13%



Year 2024 Comparison Prior Year Month June

Citywide Lead Production

FY 2024 through June



Key Metrics	
	FY 2024
Leads Produced	140
Leads Produced YOY	-16%
Lead Room Nights Produced	1,737,090
Lead Room Nights Produced YOY	4%
Attendees	1,296,366
Attendees YOY	-17%





Blockbuster Short-term Incentive





BLOCKBUSTER INCENTIVES

- Submit your qualified, new meeting/event LEAD/RFP (Request for Proposal) and receive a \$50 gift card for 10 99 rooms, or a \$100 gift card for 100 rooms or more on peak. Only applicable to new leads, excludes previously sourced.
- Once you book, receive \$10
 per actualized room night, up
 to \$5,000 back to your
 organization just for meeting
 in LA! Excludes
 complimentary room nights.







Los Angeles Tourism Offers Incentives for Meetings and Event Planners

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The Los Angeles Your bit Convention Sound has emplained an initiative to increase note topology through their Yalan Raying Campaign.

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LA Tourism Rolls Out Blockbuster Incentive Program for Group Bookings

By Regina Baraban - August 7, 2024



Financial rewards and more than 40 special hotel offers in the LA area are available to planners through June 30, 2025.

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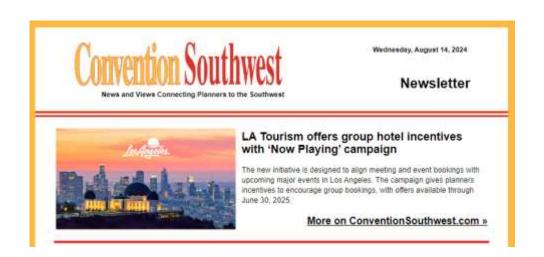


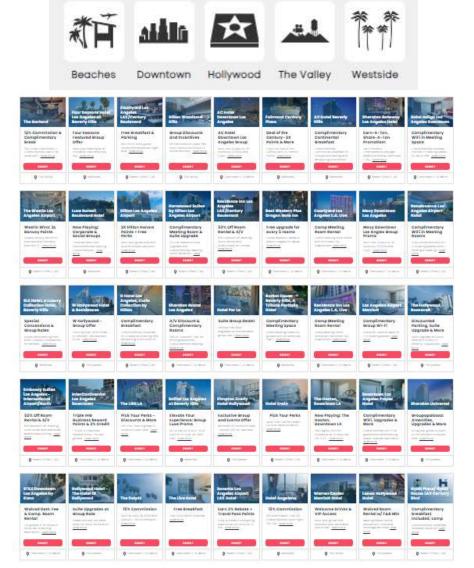
HOTEL GROUP OFFERS



Make the most of your time in Los Angeles and pick your perk with **48 featured hotel offers** spanning LA's neighborhoods of Downtown, Hollywood, LAX & Beach Cities, the Valley and the Westside.

Deals vary by property but may include upgrades, amenities, commissions and freebies like Wi-Fi, vendor fees, meeting room rental fees and more.







Item 5a

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE LOS ANGELES CONVENTION CENTER

FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 UPDATE



POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE LOS ANGELES CONVENTION CENTER

FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 UPDATE

Board of City Tourism Commissioners Meeting August 21, 2024





BACKGROUND

- In 2020, this Board recommended temporary, emergency discounting provisions in order to retain business at the Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC) in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- After Los Angeles City Council (Council) approval, these provisions were added to the Los Angeles Administrative Code by an ordinance drafted by the City Attorney.
- Considering anticipated impacts from the proposed LACC Expansion and Modernization Project, the competitive industry landscape, and the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, this Board approved an extension to the discounting provisions through 2028.
- Current status: waiting for the newest recommendations to be considered by Council.

SUMMARY OF LACC DISCOUNTING RECOMMENDATIONS

PROVISION	CURRENT POLICY	BOARD-APPROVED RECOMMENDATION	MAIN BENEFIT OF RECOMMENDATION
Ability to discount more than projected TOT for citywide clients	Allowed through 2024	Extend through 2028	LACC can better compete for business
Ability to waive penalties if TOT shortfall	Allowed through 2024	Extend through 2028	Strengthens client relationships
Ability to waive qualifications for citywide discount eligibility	Allowed through 2024	Extend through 2028	Increased flexibility to drive room demand and fill need periods
Ability to discount more than 35% for local events	Allowed through 2024	Extend through 2028	Increased flexibility to fill need periods

APPLICATION OF POLICY SO FAR.... Discount > projected TOT for citywides

FISCAL YEAR	APPLICATION	RESULTS		
FY 2021-22	0 granted	N/A		
FY 2022-23	2 out of 20 citywides	Net revenue + TOT generated exceeded discount amount		
FY 2023-24	0 granted	N/A		

APPLICATION OF POLICY SO FAR.... Waive penalties for TOT shortfalls

FISCAL YEAR	APPLICATION	RESULTS
FY 2021-22	9 out of 11 received waivers	\$4.5 M in TOT generated
FY 2022-23	12 out of 20 received waivers	Only 2 had TOT shortfalls Net revenue exceeded the TOT shortfall amount
FY 2023-24	7 out of 15 received waivers	Only 3 had TOT shortfalls Net revenue exceeded the TOT shortfall amount

APPLICATION OF POLICY SO FAR.... Waive citywide qualifications

FISCAL YEAR	APPLICATION	RESULTS
FY 2021-22	0 granted	N/A
FY 2022-23	0 granted	N/A
FY 2023-24	0 granted	N/A

APPLICATION OF POLICY SO FAR.... Discount > 35% for local events

FISCAL YEAR	APPLICATION	RESULTS
FY 2021-22	4 out of 85 events	All 4 clients rebooked
FY 2022-23	4 out of 148 events	\$5.0 million net revenue realized
FY 2023-24	2 out of 151 events	\$4.2 million net revenue realized

CONCLUSION

The provisions are working as intended and will continue to serve as a useful tool for securing business at LACC through 2028.