

# CITY TOURISM COMMISSION

City Tourism DEPARTMENT

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Regular Meeting Wednesday, May 21, 2025 9:00 a.m. 1201 S. Figueroa St. Los Angeles, CA 90015

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## 4. REPORTS

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

# 5. DISCUSSION

a. Expansion Update

# 6. ACTION ITEMS

NONE

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# WELCOME TO THE CTD COMMISSION MEETING

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# Item 3a Approval of the April 16, 2025 Minutes



### CITY TOURISM BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes April 16, 2025

The Board of City Tourism Commissioners (Board) convened a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Los Angeles Convention Center, 1201 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA 90015.

## PRESENT:

President Jon F. Vein Vice President Kathleen Rawson Angelia Shepperd

### ABSENT:

Taelor Bakewell Cameron Onumah

### PRESENTERS:

Kim Weedmark, ASM Ben Zarhoud, ASM Doane Liu, CTD Bryan Churchill, LATCB Patti MacJennett, LATCB

### Item 1. Call to Order / Roll Call

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

### Item 2a. Public Comment

None

## Item 2b. Neighborhood Council

None

# Item 3a. Approval of the regular meeting minutes from March 19, 2025 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

# Item 4a. Executive Director Report

Doane Liu provided an overview of his activities since the last Board meeting, which included: attending a City Council meeting and a EDJ Committee regarding LACC expansion, LATCB hotel/licensing calls, LATCB Customer Advisory Board; meetings with LA28 regarding the LACC Venue Use agreement, Delpreet Sidhu and Tom Gilmore regarding the Sister Cities Association, monthly meeting with Controller Mejia, met with Council Member Jurado and Krista Kline from CD14, Council Member Soto-Martinez, and CD 5 for a LACC expansion briefing, and met with Dan Levy from Legends; presented a LACC expansion update to the LABC Legislative Affairs Committee; and Hoted the Korean Sister City Turtle Ship reception.

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## Item 5a. Expansion Update - Taken out of order

Mr. Doane Liu provided an update on the expansion and modernization project, reporting that City Council approved (14-1) the motion to move forward with the LACC expansion including several amendments. Mr. Liu noted that the current project would result in a yearly \$45M obligation from the General Fund and work is being done to reduce that. Mr. Liu informed the Commission that the Council requested CLA/CAO staff to finalize the agreement with APCLA and report back in two months.

## Item 4b. ASM Monthly Update

Ms. Kim Weedmark reported on nine events hosted during February 2025, which was a mix of meetings, consumer shows, trade shows, and three citywide events noting that all but one were repeat clients in addition to one filming and two base camps. The sales and marketing team licensed 11 events in the month of February 2025. Mr. Ben Zarhoud presented the financial data for February reporting there was an operating surplus of \$1.7M and \$7.1M in gross revenue, with 70% from rent, parking, and F&B. Mr. Zarhoud also reported that operating expenses totaled \$2.0M. Mr. Zarhoud stated that February's exhibit hall occupancy rate was 66%, resulting in a total economic impact of \$36.9M, \$10.2M generated by LACC events and \$26.7M generated by the citywide events, noting the numbers were driven by the increase in citywide events with 2025 matching the number pre-covid events.

# Item 4c. LATCB Monthly Update

Ms. Patti MacJennett gave a preview of the new "We Love LA" video campaign, which has already resulted in \$9.7M in sales. Mr. Bryan Churchill reported that booked room nights are at 290,533 of the annual goal of 303,257, 15 bookings of the annual goal of 27, noting that they are in line to reach the YTD goals with strong conversions in process. Mr. Churchill stated that booked room nights and lead production are ahead of last year's pace. Mr. Churchill gave an overview of the Customer Advisory Board meeting, and the Global Meetings Industry & Business Events week in DC which included over 400 Travel leaders from 50 states and meetings with 90 Senate offices and more than half of the House of Representatives.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m. without objection.

# Item 4a Executive Director's Report



# Item 4b ASM Update



# LOS ANGELES CONVENTION CENTER MONTHLY UPDATE – MARCH 2025

# KIMBERLY WEEDMARK

**GENERAL MANAGER** 

**BEN ZARHOUD** 

ASST. GENERAL MANAGER







# March 2025 Events

# **79,197 Total Attendees**

- 02/27 03/02 SBMT World Congress 2025 (1,100 attendees)
- 03/01 Los Angeles Got Sole 2025 (2,000 attendees)
- 03/01 03/02 LA Collect-A-Con 2025 (10,000 attendees)
- 03/01 03/02 Los Angeles International Jiu Jitsu Championship 2025 (1,800 attendees)
- 03 /07 03/09 Abilities Expo (12,000 attendees)
- 03/07 03/10 Victory Gymnastics (6,000 attendees)
- 03/15 Fishtailz Motorcycle Show- (3, 000 attendees)
- 03/15 03/16 El Sembrador: Metanoia de Mujeres (9,647 attendees)
- 3/15 3/16 Herbalife International of America 2025 (2,900 attendees)
- 03/18 03/22 American College of Medical Genetics (ACMG) (7,500 attendees)
- 03/21 03/23 USA Super Nationals 2025 (12,000 attendees)
- 03/26 03/29 St. John's Community Health All Staff Training (750 attendees)
- 03/27 03/29 Association of Writers and Writing Programs (10,500 attendees)

### MEETING

\*CONSUMER SHOW \*ASSEMBLY

\*TRADE SHOW





















# Filming/Parking/Basecamp in March 2025 Total: \$40,202

Date	<b>Production Company</b>	Filming	Space	Amount	
March 15	Topanga Production	SWAT	South Lobby, Kentia, South Garag	e \$18,462	
March 18	Apple Studio	ACES	Kentia Hall	\$5,684	
March 20	Smuggler A	T&T Commercial	Kentia Hall and Bond Lot	\$16,056	

# Sales Activity 9 Events Licensed in March 2025

• Assemblys: **0** 

• Consumer Shows: 7

• Citywides: **1** 

Meetings: 1

Tradeshows: 0

• Special Event: **0** 

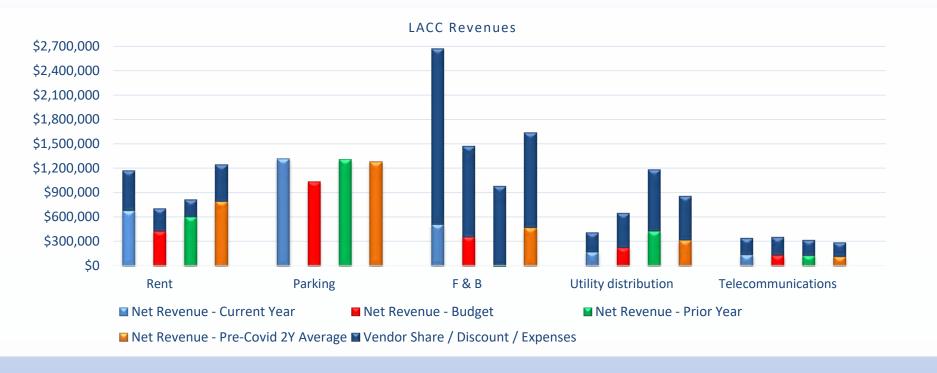
# **March 2025 Financials**

# Operating Surplus (loss):

- \$0.2 million (before approved City Reimbursements, A & I and Capital Projects)
- At budget
- \$0.2 million above prior year and \$0.9 million below Pre-Covid 2Y average

## Revenues:

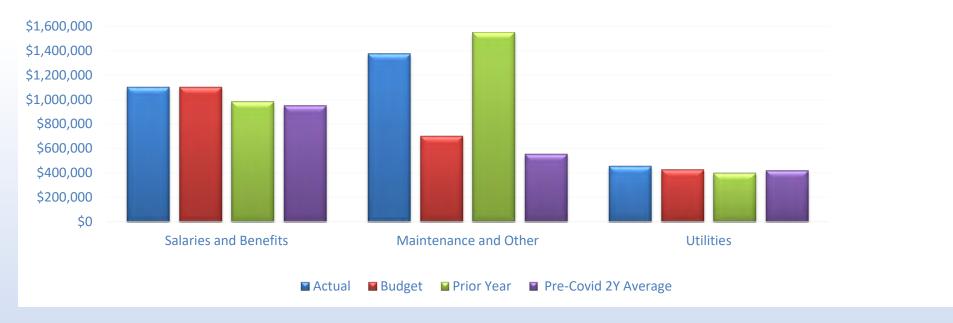
- \$6.7 million gross revenue (before discounts and service provider share)
- \$3.1 million net revenue
- \$0.7 million above budget
- \$0.2 million above prior year and \$0.1 million above Pre-Covid 2Y Average



# **March 2025 Financials**

# **Operating Expenses:**

- \$2.9 million (before approved A & I, Capital Projects, and City reimbursement)
- \$0.7 million above budget
- Consistent with prior year and \$1.0 million above Pre-Covid 2Y Average

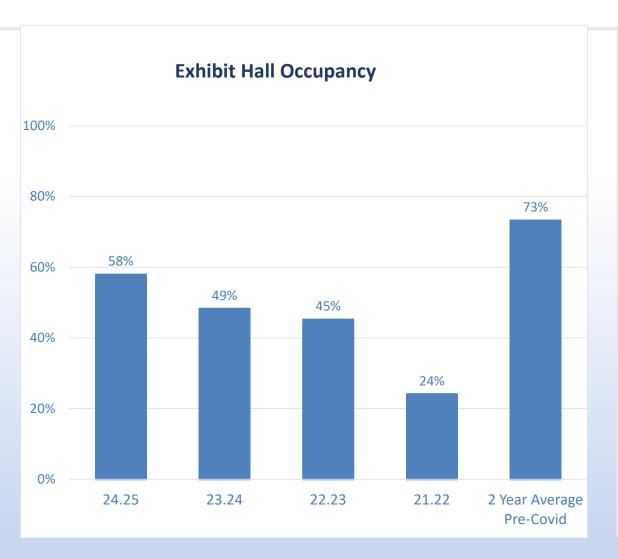


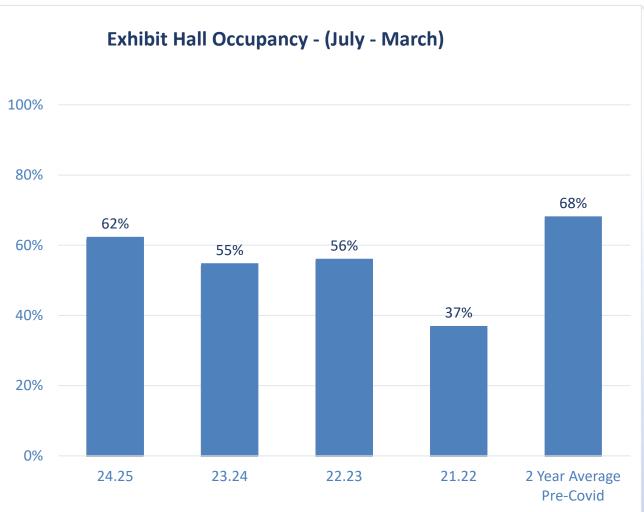
YTD Performance (unaudited) – Net Revenue \$28.9 million vs budget of \$26.6 million, Expenses \$21.3 million vs budget \$21.5 million, Operating profit \$7.6 million vs budget of \$5.1 million.

City Reimbursement – \$0.2 million (at budget)

Capital and Alterations & Improvements

# **Occupancy March 2025**



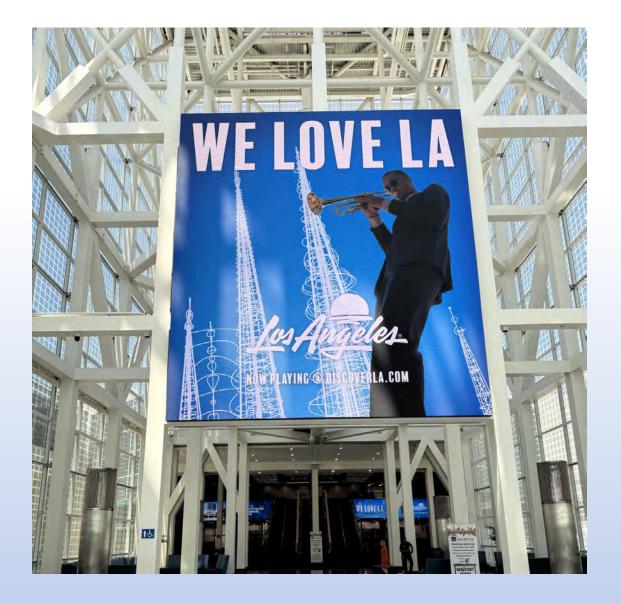


# \$56.8 million in Estimated Economic Impact

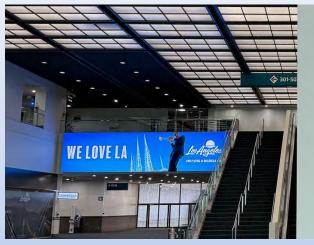


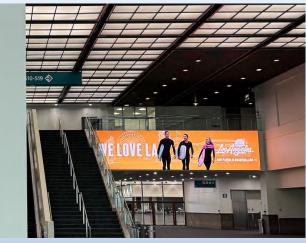
# Digital Signs Project

# **Digital Signs – West Hall**









# **Digital Signs – Concourse**



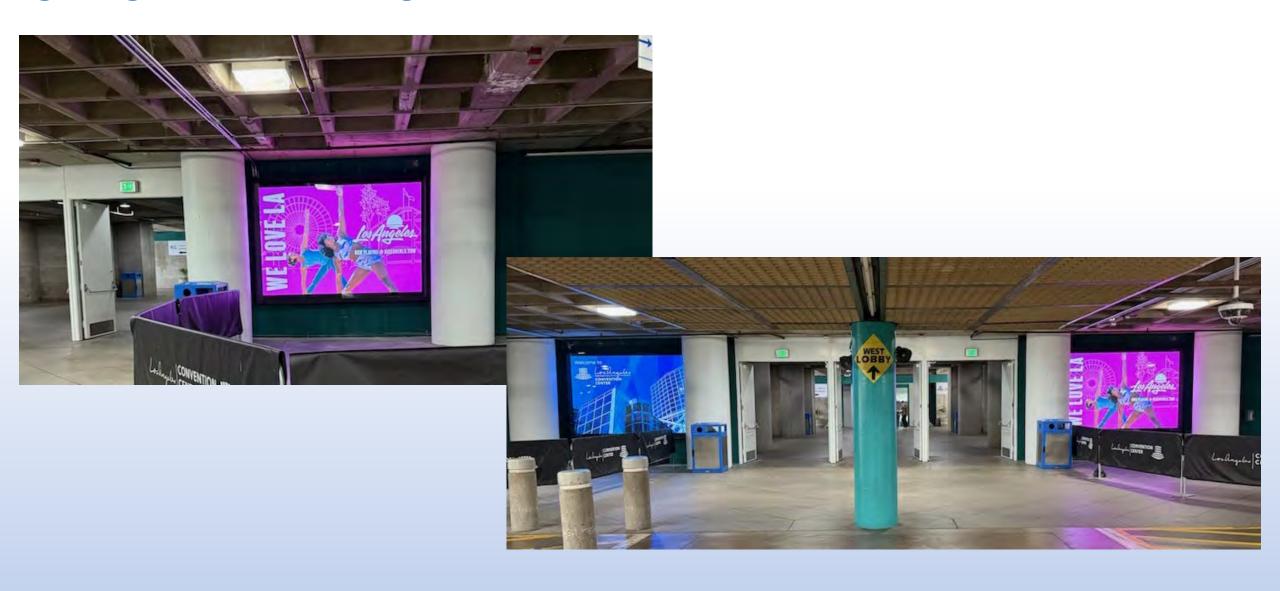


# **Digital Signs – South Hall**





# Digital Signs – West Hall Garage







# Item 4c LATCB Update







**Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board** 

# **Sales Update**

Kathy McAdams
Sr. Vice President
Convention Sales



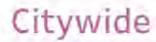


# **CITYWIDE CONVENTION SALES**

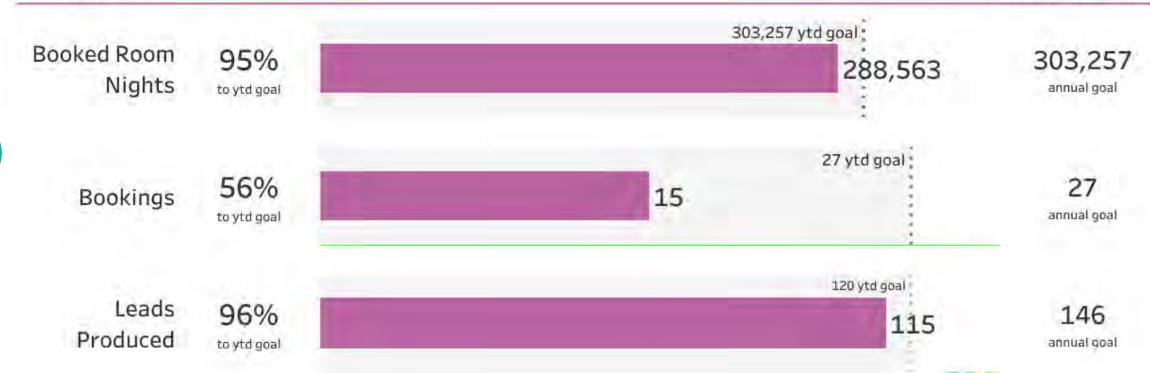
Sales Production for FY 2025 through April

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Calendar Fiscal Year Year Latest Year Month April



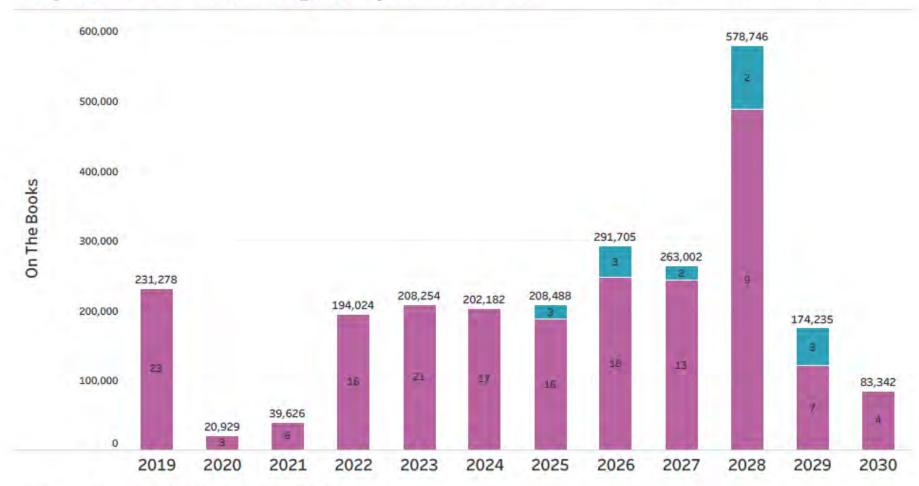






# Citywide OTB Room Nights by Arrival Year

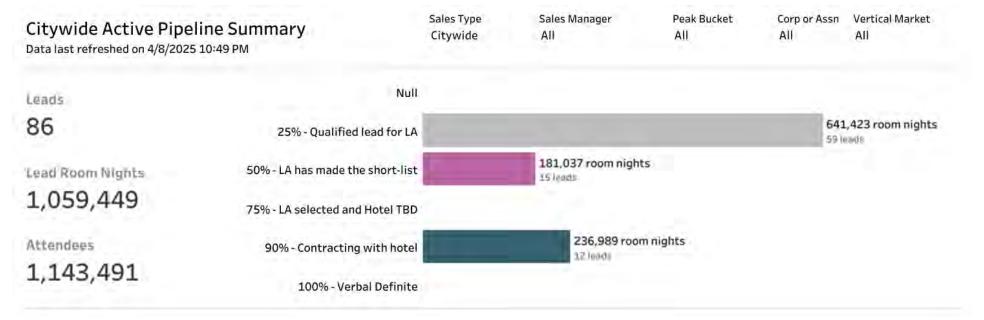
Booked in FY 2025 through April



OTB Meetings, Bookings in FY 2025 and Cancellations in FY 2025

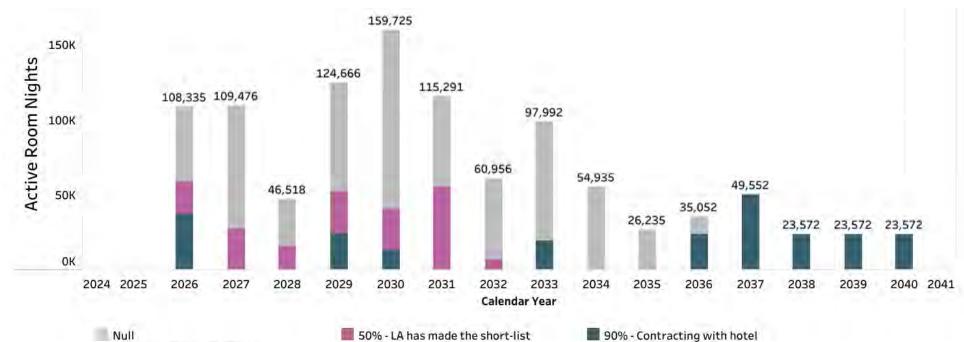
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
OTB Meetings	23	3	6	16	21	17	19	21	15	11	10	4
Booked in Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	2	2	3	0
Cancelled in Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1





# Active Pipeline by Meeting Year

25% - Qualified lead for LA



75% - LA selected and Hotel TBD

100% - Verbal Definite

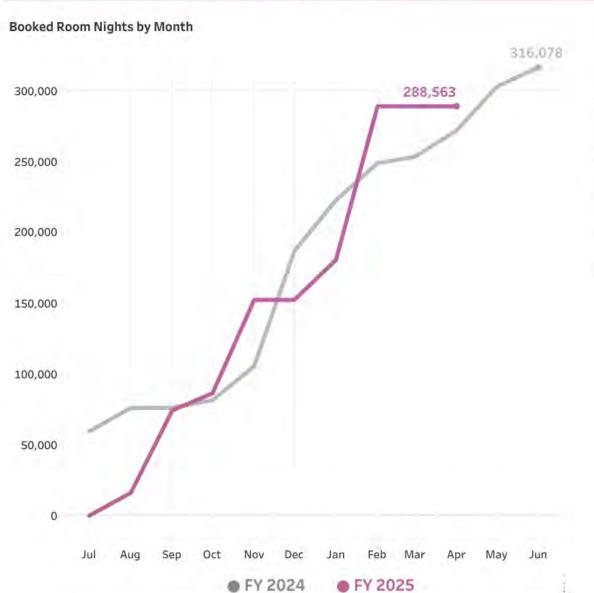


Calendar Fiscal Year

Year Latest Year Comparison Prior Year Month April

# Citywide Booked Room Nights

FY 2025 through April



2025 15
15
- 27
-21%
8,563
6%
9,658
-24%

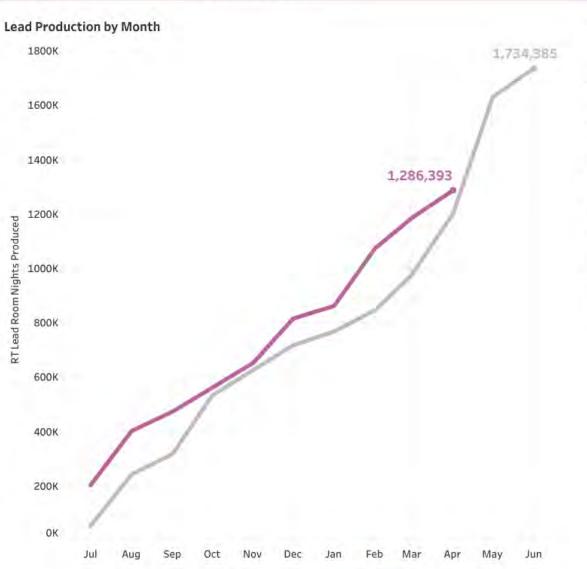


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# Citywide Lead Production

FY 2025 through April



FY 2024

FY 2025

Key Metrics	
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Leads Produced	115
Leads Produced YOY	3%
Lead Room Nights Produced	1,286,393
Lead Room Nights Produced YOY	7%
Attendees	1,235,429
Attendees YOY	61%



NYC Sales Mission May 6-8, 2025





# **NYC Sales Mission**

- 10 Hotel Partners with 5 Client Events
- Interacted with over 125 Clients
  - Including 5 Media and PR attendees



5/7 – Client Event: Breakfast Bagel Making



5/7 – Client Event: Nordstrom Icon Lounge



5/8 – Client Event: Breakfast at Catbird



# Item 5a Expansion Update

