A Message from Los Angeles Tourism President & CEO Adam Burke

Dear ASM Microbe Attendees,

On behalf of the entire team at Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board, I'd like to extend a warm welcome as you prepare to travel to our City of Angels for the American Society for Microbiology's Microbe 2025.

We recognize that events of the past week have prompted questions, so I wanted to reach out to provide as much clarity as possible and reiterate our commitment to providing you with a seamless experience during your time in LA.

Particularly since much of the media coverage hasn't accurately reflected what's taken place, here are the facts as they currently stand:

- The vast majority of demonstrations in Los Angeles have been conducted peacefully, respectfully, and lawfully.

- **As of June 17, the curfew in Downtown Los Angeles has been lifted.** For more information, visit Mayor Bass' recent press release here.

- We will be increasing the number of visitor service ambassadors assigned to the event, including all event venues and along the route from the Convention Center to host hotels. These individuals will be clearly identifiable and are there to assist with directions and general visitor information.

- Over the weekend, the Los Angeles Convention Center successfully hosted an event welcoming more than 25,000 attendees, thanks to strong collaboration between event organizers and our public safety partners, demonstrating both preparedness and adaptability in real-time.

- For the most up-to-date information, we encourage you to visit our visitor landing page at DiscoverLosAngeles.com/info.

Safety remains our top priority for both attendees and Angelenos alike. We remain in regular communication with City officials, emergency services, and the ASM planning team to provide timely and relevant updates. Additionally, the Los Angeles

Convention Center has robust protocols in place and is prepared to adjust plans as needed should conditions change.

Los Angeles is one of the most diverse and inclusive cities in the world. It is a place where people from every background are welcomed and celebrated. We take great pride in providing meeting and event attendees with a world-class experience that reflects the city's creativity, energy, and unmistakable sense of place. Whether you're visiting for the first time or returning, our goal is for you to feel informed, supported, and genuinely valued throughout your time in our City of Angels.

We look forward to welcoming you to Los Angeles, and we remain at your service as your hosts and partners.

Yours in partnership,

Adam Burke
President & CEO
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