

## WELCOME TO OAKLAND

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It is my sincere pleasure to welcome you to Oakland and the George P. Scotlan Convention Center. For more than 150 years, Oakland has served as a destination for people from all walks of life and a welcoming port to all who dock on our shores.

Oakland is the largest urban center in the East Bay. A city rich with history, it has long been at the forefront of many of the political movements that have shaped our country. We are one of the most diverse cities in the world—more than 150 languages are spoken daily, and our shops, restaurants and neighborhoods reflect the scope of our multicultural community.

The Scotlan Convention Center offers more than 88,000 square feet of meeting space to accommodate your next meeting, event or convention. At 48,000 square feet, the Exhibit Hall is the largest column-free exhibit space in Oakland. The building has hosted thousands of functions since its dedication in 1983.

While staying in Oakland, your delegates can treat themselves to a wealth of outstanding restaurants in one of the country's hottest dining scenes, which is just steps from the convention center in Old Oakland and Uptown.

With some of the most temperate weather in the world, Oakland offers a variety of attractions to entertain delegates pre- and post-meeting. Oakland is the only city in California to have a professional football, basketball and baseball team. We have one of the finest regional museums in the Bay Area as well as a 525-acre zoo that is home to more than 440 native and exotic animals. Lake Merritt, one of the country's largest lakes that is located in an urban area, is just a few blocks from the convention center and offers avid runners a 3.5 mile trail along its shore and stunningly beautiful views of Oakland's skyline. The historic Jack London Waterfront, our bustling Chinatown and the vibrant Uptown arts and entertainment district are other options within easy walking distance. And just outside the convention center's front doors you'll find our Bay Area Rapid Transit system, which in a matter of minutes can put you and your delegates in the middle of everything the Bay Area has to offer.

Here in my hometown the memories you make will last a lifetime.  
Enjoy your visit with us in Oakland, California.



Ronald V. Dellums  
Mayor