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Welcome to Los Angeles! Thank you for making the considerable time commitment to participate in the third Intersessional Meeting of the GNSO Non-Contract Community.

This two-day meeting is bringing together over 40 community leaders. It is a healthy mix of veterans and several new participants who are enjoying their first ICANN meeting experience. I hope you find it a productive couple of days.

One of the purposes of the meeting is to create the opportunity—outside of the pressures and schedule strains of an ICANN public meeting—to discuss longer-range substantial community issues, build relationships and collaborate with each other on strategic and operational issues that impact your communities. We look forward to active dialogue and a productive exchange of information and ideas.

This meeting concept started as a byproduct of several different meeting requests made by various communities that could not be granted individually and has evolved over time. It builds on successful 2013 and 2015 efforts and remains a learning experience for us all.

With many different meeting expectations and viewpoints, creating a program agenda has been no small task. We appreciate the goodwill and creative contributions made by several planning volunteers (including Phil Corwin, Rafik Dammak, Tony Harris, Tony Holmes, Kiran Malancharuvil, Cheryl Miller, Lori Schulman, Greg Shatan, Tapani Tarvainen, Rudi Vansnick, and Chris Wilson) to make this gathering a productive experience for all.

I hope you join the group on Thursday evening at 7:00 pm for a reception in Culver's Club here at the DoubleTree Hotel. It promises to be an evening of further conversation and networking with your fellow delegates and guests.

I encourage you to take full advantage of the discussions, networking and learning while you are here. Please have a productive meeting, and I look forward to seeing you on Thursday evening!

Best,

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