



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
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Sisters and Brothers,

I want to extend my whole hearted welcome to the delegates of the inaugural convention of SAG-AFTRA.

LA wouldn't be LA without "Hollywood." And there'd be no "Hollywood" without the talented members of SAG-AFTRA. The artistry of your members makes us laugh, makes us cry, and puts us in touch with the most vital aspects of the human spirit.

You bring that vitality to the labor movement, too. I'll never forget the first LA County Federation of Labor delegates meeting when the video dancers came to explain their fight for union recognition to the other unions in LA.

The passion and creativity of those young dancers gives me hope that, despite the struggles we face, there will be a new dawn for the American labor movement.

Welcome to LA!

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