



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Dear Distinguished Leaders:

I am honored to welcome you to the ninth Summit of the Americas, which has returned to the United States for the first time since the inaugural Summit in 1994. California is delighted to open our home to you.

The Summit provides an opportunity to identify and discuss the challenges we all face – and which require cooperation between governments and communities – tackling climate change, expanding trade, and building a sustainable, resilient, and equitable future.

California is honored to serve as the host state for the Summit and we are eager to share our vision and lessons learned on these important issues. We have demonstrated that climate leadership and economic success go hand-in-hand, and we lead with an unwavering commitment to equity, ensuring that we prioritize underserved communities across the state.

In California, we believe in building resilient and inclusive communities. As one of the most diverse and populous states in the United States, there is no shortage of new ideas and fresh perspectives here. California's diversity is our strength. Our distinctive communities shape California's identity and success – including those that exemplify the important cultural bonds between California and the countries of the Americas. I hope to continue to see that mindset spread beyond the borders of this state; we will all be stronger for it.

As the Summit begins, I encourage you: have discussions that are proactive and bold; take an aggressive approach to finding and implementing solutions that drive equity and support vulnerable communities; use our shared values and hopes to navigate a pathway toward a better future for all of us. This is a uniquely varied and dynamic group with a rare chance to make a difference – let us take advantage of this opportunity.

I believe this Summit will show the world what perseverance, ingenuity, and cooperation can do.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California