

## DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA CONVENTION CONMISSION DEPARTMENT CONVENTION REPORT ANITA BIGGS, CHAIRMAN JUNE 2024

## Madam President,

The Auxiliary Convention Commission has met with The American Legion Convention Commission every week for the past two months to discuss this convention in Visalia. This is the first year we have been able to hold our convention at the same location as The American Legion and Sons of The American Legion. At the time of writing this report, I am hoping we have been having a good time here. The American Legion has a 3-year contract and we will be meeting here in Visalia 2025 and 2026. The dates for next two years are as follows: June 26-June 29, 2025, and June 25 – 28, 2026. Once again, the Auxiliary's preferred housing location and our convention will be held where we are Marriott Hotel -Visalia Convention Cener — Visalia. The room rates for the next 2 years will remain the same per night for 2025 and 2026.

As a reminder, there are additional affordable hotels across the street at The Comfort Inn and Suites and the Hampton Inn approximately 3 miles away.

The American Legion Convention Committee are actively holding searches for future locations which include the of cities Anaheim, Ontario, Long Beach, Riverside and Los Angeles for the 3-year block of 2027, 2028 and 2029. There will be extensive negotiations to get a location that can accommodate us and be cost effective.

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This concludes our report.

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