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Dear Lions, Leo's and Lioness of District 22A:

On behalf of my Council of Governors, I am pleased to share with you great news for our organization of Lions; we now have the opportunity to host the 2027 International Convention in Washington, DC.

Going back to the start of my year, our Council met with the MD 22 International family for the purpose of discussing the opportunity for MD 22 to host a future International Convention. Our discussion consisted of understanding the role we would undertake throughout the convention—in both planning and actual event period—and support for all three components that make up the international convention:

1. International Board of Directors Meeting
2. District Governors-Elect (DGE) Seminar
3. International Convention

Our conclusion was to move forward with approval to the LCI Convention Division to send a Request for Proposal (RFP) to Destination DC, the official convention and visitors bureau for Washington, DC. Also, members of the International family and a PCC would interact with Destination DC during Phase I bidding.

In January, Destination DC coordinated a site inspection for the International Convention and invited LCI Board Member and Lions International Convention Division Staff to partake in tours and meetings with key elements including convention center, hotels, attractions/venues, and the parade route.

Shortly after the DC site inspection, LCI Convention staff qualified the DC bid, and presented three different bidding cities to the International Board of Directors for review and approval by way of a virtual board meeting.

I am happy to tell you the great news that our Multiple District was selected to host the 2027 International Convention. This is a first for Washington, DC to share its city with Lions of the world.

I would be remiss if I did not ask for your help in the future to support the numerous committees, activities, and volunteer efforts within a planned schedule. With your help, we will show off our local Lions' hospitality to the many Lion member cultures.

With kind regards,

DG Sam Foster

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