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Governing Mayor of Berlin MICHAEL MÜLLER

This year we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Berlin – Los Angeles city partnership. The two sister cities are united by half a century of invigorating encounters, thought-provoking, sustainable projects, and mutual inspiration. This visit is giving fresh impetus to our strong relationship. With our trip, we are bringing Berlin to L.A., and I am delighted that so many different stakeholders from Berlin have come with us. Berlin and Los Angeles are outward-looking, modern, dynamic, and growing cities. The people of Berlin and L.A. value – and live – freedom, tolerance, and diversity. Business, science and research, and, of course, especially culture and the arts benefit from this open climate, which also extends to an openness to change and innovation. By visiting Los Angeles, we not only want to bring Berlin's attitude towards life to L.A., we also want to intensify and expand our strategic cooperation in the cultural and creative sector, in startups, technology, and science and research, and in climate and environmental protection. This cooperation is important to Berlin. Our city is establishing itself as a place where the future is being forged, and Los Angeles is a key partner as we go down this road. With that in mind, I hope that our exchange will be useful, concentrated, and productive.