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## DAYTON CONVENTION CENTER APPOINTS NEW GENERAL MANAGER KELLI DONAHOE



(Dayton, OH October 25, 2021) -- The ASM Global-managed Dayton Convention Center (DCC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Kelli Donahoe, CMP as the new General Manager. Donahoe will play a critical role in supporting the DCC's success and hospitality leadership in the Miami Valley Region.

Kelli brings a wealth of experience and industry expertise to her new role as General Manager, having most recently served as the Director of Sales & Marketing in Pittsburgh at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. Prior to her tenure in Pittsburgh, she began her career with Hilton Hotels where she learned to serve others with care and subsequently has held various sales leadership positions at convention centers in Orlando, Tampa, and San Jose.

Donahoe's primary objectives in this new role include leadership of the overall management and staff of dedicated hospitality professionals tasked with promotion and operation of the facility, food and beverage operations, along with collaborating and growing key partnerships with area stakeholders in the community.

"I am simply thrilled to be here in Dayton and have the honor to serve this Community. For over 30 years, the hospitality industry and serving others has been my passion. I have had the opportunity to work with incredible people and provide amazing experiences along the way. I look forward to instilling that passion to the team here at the DCC, as we revitalize this incredible venue," said DCC General Manager Kelli Donahoe.

Additionally, Donahoe will play an integral role in driving momentum for the DCC's growth in southwestern Ohio and larger region with the impending \$35M renovation of the DCC with the support of the Montgomery County Convention Facilities Authority (MCCFA) and Dayton Montgomery County Convention & Visitors Bureau.

"Kelli Donahoe is the right person to lead the Dayton Convention Center in its return to hosting visitors and providing world class service to its valued customers. I am confident that Kelli's past efforts in team building and leadership will build upon the success of the DCC organization moving forward," said ASM Global Regional General Manager, John R. Page.

President & CEO of the Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau Jacquelyn Powell stated, "We are very pleased that Kelli will be leading the Dayton Convention Center as General Manager. We are excited about the depth of experience, and enthusiasm she brings to the facility and our community. The Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau looks forward to working in tandem with Kelli and the Dayton Convention Center to bring more convention and event business to the building and to growing the economic vitality of the region."

"Kelli Donahoe brings the expertise, leadership and drive we need to maintain the standard of excellence that's established at the Dayton Convention Center. She is an integral part of our hospitality community and embraces the vision of our new brand that will ultimately be a game changer for this facility," stated Montgomery County Convention Facilities Authority (MCCFA) Executive Director Pam Plageman.

### **ABOUT DAYTON CONVENTION CENTER:**

Located in downtown Dayton, Ohio, the Dayton Convention Center offers 150,000 square feet of meeting space, a 77,000 square foot exhibit hall, a full-service theater, 3 ballrooms and 22 meeting rooms and spaces. The facility is owned by the Montgomery County Convention Facilities Authority and managed by ASM Global. For more information, please call (937) 535-5300, or visit <https://www.daytonconventioncenter.com/>

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