



June 19, 2025

RE: Vivante Espero Annual Conference Notice

Dear Conference-goer,

Vivante Espero has become aware of various acts of civil unrest on the ground in Grand Rapids, MI at the conference venue, the DoubleTree Grand Rapids Airport, by The Proud Boys – an extremist hate group as designated by the Southern Poverty Law Center.

As a result, the hotel's corporate office has closed down our event space.

Out of an abundance of caution, Vivante Espero has decided that our annual conference scheduled for June 26-29, 2025, will be postponed indefinitely.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, and we encourage you to report the situation to your travel vendors (airlines, rental car companies, insurance providers, etc.).

Please feel free to share this letter should any travel vendor require documentation of this cancellation.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenda Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Brenda Jones
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