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## **Ambassador Costos Leads Canary Islands Delegation to Los Angeles, California to Meet with Top U.S. Studio Execs**

On May 20th, Ambassador James Costos will lead a delegation from the Canary Islands, headed by President Paulino Rivero, on a visit to Los Angeles, California, to meet with representatives from major U.S. studios and discuss filming opportunities in Spain. In a meeting with executives from America's entertainment industry leaders, including Universal, Fox, Sony, Time Warner, Paramount, 21st Century Fox, Viacom, Comcast, Netflix, Warner Brothers, Disney, and CBS, and hosted by the Motion Picture Association of America, President Rivero's delegation will present the unique advantages of filming in the Canary Islands, including diverse locations, talented local professionals, tax incentives, and excellent weather. Ambassador Costos will also offer a reception at his home for the delegation and top representatives from the entertainment industries on the evening of May 20th.

This visit is a follow-up to Ambassador Costos' February 2015 visit to the Canary Islands, where he visited potential filming locations and met with members of the archipelagos' film commissions. The trip is also part of the U.S. Mission to Spain's efforts to expand bilateral trade and investment, including through ties between the entertainment industries.

While in the United States, President Rivero's delegation will also visit Washington, DC, to meet with government officials and U.S. business leaders to discuss the Canary Islands as a platform for doing business in Africa.

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