

Los Angeles World Affairs Council Elects Ambros and Beaupain to Board of Directors

New members bring expertise in entertainment and investment management to deepen the Council's reach across global business, media, and diplomacy



Los Angeles, California Mar 18, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - The Los Angeles World Affairs Council today announced the election of two of Los Angeles' most accomplished executives to its Board of Directors. Together, they bring exceptional experience in international media, entertainment, and finance that will strengthen the organization's mission to foster global understanding and civil discourse.

The newly elected board members are **Rick Ambros**, executive producer and international media executive; and **Taylor Beaupain**, Managing Partner at K1 Investment Management.

“These individuals demonstrate the global perspective, integrity, and civic leadership that defines the Los Angeles World Affairs Council,” said **The Honorable Maria Contreras-Sweet**, Chair of the Board and former U.S. Cabinet Secretary. “Rick’s deep experience navigating international media markets and Taylor’s background in high-growth investment will help the Council expand its reach, deepen its impact, and elevate Los Angeles’ role as a hub for global engagement.”

Rick Ambros is an executive producer, consultant, and former studio executive specializing in international and local-language film, television, and digital production across Asia, Europe, and North America. Over the course of his career, he has worked with Fox, Sony, Universal, Warner Bros., Paramount, MGM, Disney, and many other studios. He brings particular depth in the rapidly growing media and entertainment markets of India, Southeast Asia, and China, having established Fox Television Studios India and consulted on local-language productions across the region. He served as Chief Operating Officer of Perfect Storm Entertainment, a joint venture between director Justin Lin and Chinese media company Seven Stars, and advised German investors who provided \$1.5 billion in film and television production financing for properties including *The Hangover*, *Sherlock Holmes*, and *Mission: Impossible 3*. A Member and Juror of the International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, Ambros holds a B.A. from Tufts University and an M.B.A. from the Tuck School at Dartmouth College.

Taylor Beaupain is Managing Partner at K1 Investment Management, where he oversees legal execution and financing of investments and serves as an active board member for K1’s portfolio companies. Previously, he was a partner in the growth equity practice at Kayne Anderson, managing growth equity and buyout investments. Beaupain began his career in the financial sponsors investment banking group of Merrill Lynch, advising global private equity firms on mergers, acquisitions, and financings. He holds an M.B.A. from the UCLA Anderson School of Management and a B.S. in Business Administration from Washington and Lee University. He serves on the board of the UCLA Anderson Fink Center for Finance and the Board of Advisors for the UCLA Anderson School of Management.

“What impressed us most was how each of these individuals combines professional excellence with a genuine commitment to international engagement,” said **Barry Sanders**, Chair of the Nominating and Governance Committee. “Rick’s work spanning the world’s most dynamic media markets and Taylor’s expertise in evaluating and growing companies on a global scale will be invaluable as the Council addresses today’s complex geopolitical and economic challenges.” The new board members begin their terms immediately and contribute to programming throughout the year, with a particular focus on international media, technology, global business, and cross-cultural diplomacy.

About the Los Angeles World Affairs Council

The Los Angeles World Affairs Council is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting civic engagement and civil discourse. For more than seven decades, the Council has served as Los Angeles’ premier forum for global affairs, convening diverse voices to examine international challenges and opportunities. Through its signature programs, including the World Prize Gala, Town Hall Series, and High School Program, the Council reaches thousands annually, fostering informed citizenship and preparing Los Angeles to engage with the world. For more information, visit <https://lawac.org>.



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