PACIFIC COUNCIL

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Welcome

The Pacific Council on International Policy convenes leaders from business, government, media, and civil society to explore challenges and opportunities in today's complex, interconnected world.

This Member Guide is your introduction to an organization built on a powerful premise: Los Angeles, California, and the West Coast are pillars of the U.S. economy and drivers of American innovation. The U.S. approach to global affairs has profound impacts on America's ability to sustain and advance the dynamism and creativity that make us a global leader. As a Pacific Council member, you will engage U.S. and foreign leaders, travel with international delegations, and contribute to discussions that will shape the future of American policy to include West Coast perspectives.

The Pacific Council is, at its heart, a membership organization that is only as dynamic and engaged as the people within it. I encourage you to join, explore the many ways to engage, and contribute your unique experience and perspective to our community. The global and domestic policy challenges before us need your passion and vision.

Welcome to the Pacific Council.



Ambassador (ret.) Kristina A. Kvien
President & CEO



Mission

The Pacific Council's mission is to strengthen Los Angeles and California's impact on international issues. We engage global thought leaders from diverse professional and personal backgrounds to share fresh perspectives and ideas, fostering informed discourse and impactful policy change.

As an organization, we:

- Inform and engage leaders to effect change on global issues.
- Build community networks that stimulate thoughtful and intelligent dialogue.
- Are a leading force in policy discussions from a Los Angeles vantage point.



Mayor of Los Angeles Karen Bass (L) and Pacific Council Senior Fellow British A. Robinson (R)

History

The Pacific Council on International Policy has been shaping the West Coast's role in global affairs since 1995.

Founded in partnership with the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) in New York and the University of Southern California (USC) in Los Angeles, the Pacific Council emerged at a pivotal moment: when globalization was accelerating and new voices were needed in the foreign policy arena.

Our founders envisioned a bold idea: global engagement should not be confined to the Washington–New York corridor. The West Coast, with its economic power, cultural influence, and global outlook, had a vital role to play in shaping smarter, more inclusive U.S. foreign policy.

As a membership-based organization, the Pacific Council was designed to bring foreign policy out of the halls of government and into the hands of leaders across sectors: business, media, politics, academia, and law.

Since its founding, the Council has convened high-level dialogues on international issues, facilitated expert working groups, and built a dynamic network of globally minded professionals. Its members include current and former diplomats, CEOs, journalists, policymakers, scholars, and change-makers committed to deepening global understanding and advancing effective U.S. engagement in the world from the unique perspective of a West Coast lens.

Maximize Your Membership

There are many ways to engage with the Pacific Council. Whether you are looking to deepen your global insight, connect with like-minded professionals, or contribute your expertise, our community offers meaningful opportunities to get involved and make an impact.

ATTEND PACIFIC COUNCIL EVENTS

Stay at the forefront of global affairs by participating in our curated, high-impact events. From expert panels to off-the-record briefings, our programming offers insider perspectives and bold ideas that challenge conventional thinking and spark meaningful dialogue. Visit pacificcouncil.org/activities to see our upcoming slate of events.

JOIN A DELEGATION

Travel with purpose. Our domestic and international delegations immerse members in regions critical to U.S. foreign policy, offering direct engagement with global leaders, strategic thinkers, and influential policymakers. These experiences deepen understanding and foster informed global citizenship. View past delegation reports at pacificcouncil.org/delegations.

WRITE FOR THE PACIFIC COUNCIL MAGAZINE

Add your voice to the conversation. We collaborate with members to publish thought-provoking op-eds and analysis in our online Pacific Council Magazine. To pitch an idea or submit a piece, contact us at engage@pacificcouncil.org.

CONNECT WITH FELLOW MEMBERS

Build your network through the Member Directory and continue to build relationships with our vibrant community of leaders across sectors who are passionate about international affairs. Visit pacificcouncil.org/about/network/member-directory to connect with fellow members.

NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP

Help us grow a strong and dynamic community. If you know someone who shares your commitment to global engagement, we invite you to nominate them for membership. Your referrals help shape the future of the Pacific Council and help to expand our community of global thought leaders. Submit a nomination at pacificcouncil.org/nominate.



Pacific Council Board Co-Chair Arthur J. Ochoa (L), Consul General of Canada in Los Angeles Zaib Shaikh (R)

Manage Your Membership Online

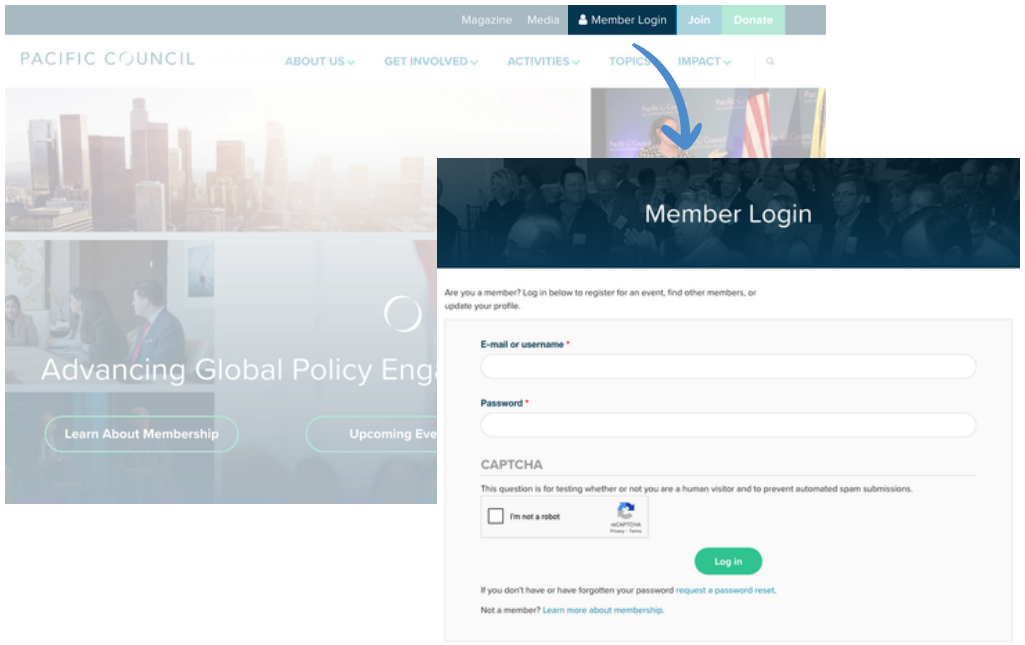
MEMBER PORTAL

Your Pacific Council Member Portal (pacificcouncil.org/login) is your central hub for managing your membership and staying connected. Through the portal, you can:

- Register for events
- Access contacts using the Member Directory
- Update your contact and profile information
- Add your professional biography

MEMBER LOGIN

Once your membership is activated, you will receive an email with a link to create your login password. Watch our video tutorial for step-by-step guidance at pacificcouncil.org/member-profile.



MY PROFILE & PREFERENCES

Keep your profile up to date to ensure you receive important Pacific Council communications. Once logged in, you can update your contact and profile information, upload a headshot, add your professional biography, and more.

Note: The Pacific Council does not share your contact information without your consent.

REGISTER FOR EVENTS

To explore and sign up for upcoming programs, visit pacificcouncil.org/activities.

- Click on an event to view full details
- For in-person events, click “Register Now”
- For virtual events, use the Zoom registration link provided on the event page

NEED HELP?

For assistance logging into or navigating your Member Profile, email membership@pacificcouncil.org.

Code of Conduct

The Pacific Council on International Policy is committed to maintaining a civil and respectful environment as we carry out our mission to build the capacity of Los Angeles and California for impact on global issues, discourse, and policy.

To advance its Mission, the Pacific Council on International Policy must reflect the dynamism and diversity of our home region and build and maintain a community of members that fosters civil, fact-based, rational discourse on foreign affairs, global engagement, and related topics.

STANDARDS

By accepting membership of the Pacific Council, members agree to uphold the Council's values and comply with the following standards both in their Pacific Council participation and in public activities in which their association with the Council may reflect on or impact the Pacific Council's mission, values, or reputation. All provisions apply to both online and in-person activities. Members must also ensure that their guests abide by these standards.

1. NON-DISCRIMINATION Members must not engage in discrimination against, express hostility toward, or engage in unfavorable treatment of others based on race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, gender, sexual orientation or identity, physical ability, any intersection of the aforementioned qualities, or any other current or emerging protected statuses under applicable law.

2. INCLUSIVENESS Members should do more than simply not discriminate unlawfully. Members should contribute as they can to creating and maintaining a Pacific Council that reflects and mobilizes the full spectrum of diversity.

3. NON-HARASSMENT Members must not engage in any form of harassment or abuse of others, including sexual harassment, unwanted physical contact, or harassment based on any protected characteristic.

4. CIVILITY AND RESPECT

a. Members must not bully, use threatening language, resort to ad hominem attacks, commit defamation, engage in irrational argument, or otherwise engage in deceptive, disruptive, or uncivil behavior.
b. Members should not engage in business solicitation or fundraising for other organizations at Pacific Council events or meetings.
c. Members are expected to maintain respectful conduct during all Pacific Council hosted and co-hosted events, webinars, meetings, and trips.

5. Members are expected to always conduct themselves with the utmost respect, and treat others with the same level of consideration and esteemed regard.

6. Non-partisanship. As a 501c3 organization, the Pacific Council is non-partisan. All members are expected to refrain from campaigning, fundraising, or lobbying in the context of Pacific Council events, digital platforms, and other activities, without exception. Members should recognize the critical difference between nonpartisanship and bipartisanship.

7. Respect for Confidentiality of Events and Webinars. Members are expected to adhere to the guidelines set for all events organized by Pacific Council that are exclusive to our members and their guests. Members agree to refrain from recording and/or, unless otherwise expressly permitted by the Pacific Council, sharing any materials provided by the Pacific Council at its events.

PROCESS

By accepting membership in the Pacific Council, members acknowledge and accept (a) that compliance with the above standards is a condition of membership of the Pacific Council, and (b) that the Board of Directors of the Pacific Council has the authority and responsibility to enforce the Code of Conduct and address violations thereof as it concludes is appropriate in each case.

Members who wish to report a Code of Conduct violation can do so by contacting the Director of Membership, who will then relay the issue to the Board of Directors, Co-Chairs, and Senior Members of Pacific Council staff.

Upon receiving a report, the Board of Directors and Co-Chairs will conduct an assessment of the alleged violation, which will include an initial conversation with the member in question if the member responds to the Co-Chair's outreach.

If the Co-Chairs conclude that a violation has occurred, they will refer the matter to the Governance Committee of the Board of Directors with a recommended course of action, which may, without limitation, be no action, counseling, a written warning, limiting participation in certain Pacific Council activities for a period of time, and/or revoking membership of the Pacific Council. The Governance Committee will decide what action to take, and that decision shall be final.

Board of Directors

The Pacific Council is governed by a Board of Directors. Directors bring to the Council their experience as leaders in business, law, non-profit organizations, international NGOs, academia, and government.


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Co-Chair


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Co-Chair


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President and CEO


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Support the Pacific Council

Your generous support strengthens our role as a global thought leader and magnifies the impact of our programs. It fuels transformative dialogue within our vibrant community, empowers emerging change makers across our global network, and fosters a culture of inclusivity rooted in diverse perspectives.

BECOME A SUSTAINING MEMBER

Sustaining Members are annual contributors whose ongoing commitment and vision power our mission. In recognition of their support, Sustaining Members enjoy exclusive access to high-level programming and unique opportunities to engage with fellow donors, thought leaders, and global decision-makers. To learn more, contact us at membership@pacificcouncil.org.

ANNUAL GIVING

Yearly donations fuel our ability to provide resources for research and engagement, foster understanding, and strengthen ties within the West Coast and beyond. Supporting the Pacific Council with an annual gift is an investment in the future of global affairs in Los Angeles. For more information, visit pacificcouncil.org/donate.

CHRISTOPHER SOCIETY

The Christopher Society honors Secretary Warren Christopher's legacy of a lifelong commitment to public service and ethical leadership. Its members reflect his dedication to fairness, community, and global engagement, advancing the Council's mission through their steadfast support. Learn more at pacificcouncil.org/christopher-society.

PLANNED GIVING

By including the Pacific Council in your estate plan, you invest in Los Angeles' role on the global stage. A planned gift benefits you and your family, supports your legacy, and strengthens our mission to advance California's global impact for years to come. Learn more at pacificcouncil.org/planned-giving.

COPORATE MEMBERSHIP

A Corporate Membership with the Pacific Council offers direct access to leaders shaping global affairs in Los Angeles and beyond. Members gain exclusive opportunities—from private briefings to international delegations and high-profile events that spotlight your brand. To learn more, contact us at membership@pacificcouncil.org.



Pacific Council Board Director Alejandra Palacios (L), Admiral Linda L. Fagan (CL), Pacific Council Board Director Barry Porter (CR), Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles Gene Seroka (R)

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Keep up with the Pacific Council's latest events, insights, and opportunities by following us across platforms:

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NEWSLETTERS
Members are automatically subscribed to our two bi-monthly newsletters:

- Pacific Council Dispatch — Curated updates, member spotlights, and happenings from across the Council.
- Events Digest — Your go-to source for upcoming event announcements and insightful recaps and photo galleries of recent programs.

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Stay informed, stay engaged, and be part of the conversation shaping global policy from the West Coast.



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