



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Steve Brener, BZA, 818-398-8039

Jason Krutzsch, LASEC, 626-428-1685

**Los Angeles Sports & Entertainment Commission Unveils
Board of Governors Ahead of Unprecedented Run of Major Events**

The 20 business and civic leaders will offer strategic guidance as LASEC prepares to showcase L.A. With FIFA World Cup 26™ and Super Bowl LXI in 2027

LOS ANGELES (February 26, 2025) – The Los Angeles Sports & Entertainment Commission (LASEC) today unveiled a new Board of Governors to offer strategic guidance as the organization prepares for an unprecedented run of global events in the coming years.

The 20-member Board comprises Los Angeles-based sports, entertainment, industry, finance, and philanthropic leaders, many of whom have been deeply involved with the nonprofit organization. LASEC is officially designated to attract, secure, and support high-profile sports and entertainment events in the Los Angeles region and serves as the lead for the [FIFA World Cup Los Angeles 26™](#) and [Super Bowl LXI](#) Host Committees.

“I’m thrilled to welcome such a distinguished group of leaders as L.A. ramps up to host several of the world’s biggest sports events,” said LASEC President & CEO Kathryn Schloessman. “Each of our Governors is deeply committed to championing L.A. as the premier sports and entertainment capital and appreciates the power of marquee events to create positive economic, cultural, and community impacts that last long after the final whistle blows.”

Greater L.A. is experiencing a decade unlike any other. Major events have already generated more than \$1 billion in local economic activity, and the calendar over the next four years will be headlined by the NBA All-Star Game 2026, U.S. Women’s Open golf championship, eight matches of FIFA World Cup 26™, the 2027 Super Bowl, and the 2028 Olympic & Paralympic Games.

The Board of Governors will play a pivotal role in fundraising for FIFA World Cup 26™, Super Bowl LXI and other major events and serve as public ambassadors for LASEC. It will work closely with Schloessman’s LASEC’s Board of Directors and executive leadership team.

“With less than 500 days before the U.S. Men’s National Team kicks off its first FIFA World Cup 26™ match in Sofi Stadium, we’re eager to hit the ground running,” said Bob Graziano, former Vice Chairman, J.P. Morgan Private Bank, who is both a LASEC Governor and Chair of the Board of Directors. “We look forward to creating an outstanding experience for global visitors and residents alike that will celebrate not just the beautiful game, but also the beauty of L.A. and our community’s resilience in the wake of January’s devastating wildfires.”

“FIFA World Cup 26™ and Super Bowl LXI are powerful catalysts for our region’s economic and emotional recovery after the wildfires,” said Adam Burke, President & CEO of Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board. “With more than 540,000 Angelenos and over 1,000 local businesses who depend on tourism for their livelihoods, the influx of visitors and global attention will help spur investment in our community that will aid the rebuilding effort and create long-term benefits.”

As host committee, LASEC will coordinate the eight local FIFA World Cup 26™ matches as well as fan events across Greater L.A. during the 39-day tournament, the largest ever in World Cup history. In the run-up, LASEC is hosting youth sports and workforce development programs to engage the region’s diverse communities, including those most affected by the fires. Local diverse businesses will have the opportunity to be contracted as service providers through signature community initiatives like [Business Connect](#), LASEC’s official supplier diversity program.

The members of the LASEC Board of Governors are:

1. Victor Coleman, Chairman & CEO, Hudson Pacific Properties
2. Kevin Demoff, President, Team and Media Operations, Kroenke Sports & Entertainment
3. Bob Graziano, former Vice Chairman, J.P. Morgan Private Bank
4. James Hirschmann, President & CEO, Western Asset Management Co.
5. Stephen Kaplan, Chairman, Nalpak Capital and Co-Chairman, DC United
6. Robert Lovelace, Chair, Capital International Inc., former President, Capital Group
7. Bill Morrow, CEO, DIRECTV
8. Stephen Oswald, Chairman, President and CEO, Ducommun Incorporated
9. Bennett Rosenthal, Lead Managing Owner, LAFC
10. Alan Rothenberg, Chairman of Premier Partnerships, division of Playfly
11. Jeff Shell, Chairman, Sports and Media, Redbird Capital Partners
12. Todd Stevens, President & CEO, Black Knight Energy
13. Gene Sykes, Managing Director, Goldman Sachs; Chair, U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee; Member, International Olympic Committee (IOC)
14. Thomas Tellefsen, Principal, Tellefsen Investments, Inc.
15. Kevin Tsujihara, Ely Road LLC
16. Wendy Wachtell, President & CEO, Joseph Drown Foundation
17. Todd Wilson, Regional President, PNC Financial Services

18. Susan Hirsch Wohl, CEO, Hirsch Family Foundation

19. Jeff Worthe, President, Worthe Real Estate Group

20. Michael Yamaki

About the Los Angeles Sports & Entertainment Commission

The Los Angeles Sports & Entertainment Commission (LASEC) is a nonprofit organization officially designated to attract, secure, and support high-profile sports and entertainment events in Los Angeles. We connect local businesses and communities with events to create lasting economic, cultural, and social impact for the region. For more information, visit: [LASEC.net](https://www.lasec.net)

###