

DWC Board of Directors Bios



Vicki Curry, Chair: Vicki Curry is Vice President, Community Affairs Officer at the Fox Studio Lot. She previously served as Deputy Mayor and Chief Public Information Officer for the City of Los Angeles under Mayors Antonio Villaraigosa and Eric Garcetti and was an Emmy-winning reporter for PBS. Vicki is a Trustee of Barnard College at Columbia University, immediate past Vice President of the Los Angeles Commission on the Status of Women, and board member of the Westside Neighborhood Council, the Century City Chamber of Commerce, and West LA Homeless. She is originally from Houston and has been a resident of Venice since 1990. Vicki joined the DWC board in October 2019 and chairs the Communications and Policy Committee.



Robyn K. Bacon: Robyn is an experienced trial lawyer and partner at Munger, Tolles & Olson, LLP. Robyn focuses her practice on trials, investigations – especially harassment and misconduct investigations – and white-collar criminal defense. During her eight years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Central District of California, she tried 11 federal criminal trials, argued multiple appeals before the Ninth Circuit, and prosecuted criminal cases involving cybercrimes, financial frauds, criminal tax violations, and money laundering, as well as drug trafficking, firearms violations and violent crimes. Robyn was also a coordinator of the Conviction and Sentencing Alternatives (CASA) Program, a rehabilitation and re-entry program that supports low-level criminal offenders with intensive pre-trial supervision, drug rehabilitation, mental health treatment, job services, and more. She teaches trial advocacy at Harvard Law School, has taught evidence at the USC Gould School of Law, and is also a frequent speaker on trial, criminal justice and cybersecurity issues. Robyn has a BA in English and American Literature from Harvard University and a JD from Harvard Law, as well as a Master's of Fine Arts in Film Production from the USC School of Cinema Arts. Robyn joined the Board of Directors of the Downtown Women's Center in 2021. She lives in LA with her wife and son.



Rachel Capoccia: Rachel is a retired former attorney. For 28 years, her law practice focused on intellectual property litigation specializing in patent litigation, copyright litigation and other technology-related matters. In recent years she also devoted a significant part of her practice to assisting clients in responding to cybersecurity breaches and in counseling regarding national and international privacy laws. Rachel is now retired and spends her time traveling, scuba diving and taking underwater photographs, hiking and backpacking. She also continues to teach law as an adjunct professor at University of Southern California Gould School of Law, where she attended law school. Rachel joined the DWC Board in 2015 and chairs the Audit Committee.



Derrick Coleman: Derrick has more than 20 years business experience and is Principal - Search and Staffing Practice Leader, GHJ. Search and Staffing specializes in the placement of accounting and finance professionals into temporary and permanent positions across a broad range of industries. His clients include many of the top organizations across Los Angeles County. Derrick's responsibilities include managing a fast-paced, successful accounting and finance recruiting branch, developing new business, supporting existing clients and managing the inside staffing and recruitment teams. Clients and candidates appreciate Derrick's ability to effectively communicate the needs of stakeholders and recommend creative staffing solutions. He is known for his dedication to customer service, ability to build longstanding relationships and experience in establishing effective business partnerships. Derrick also serves as Catalyst for GHJ Foundation's board of directors and is a Finance Committee Member for the Downtown Women's Center. Additionally, Derrick currently leads GHJ's BIPOC Cohort, the Firm's Employee Resource Group focused on advancing the careers of professionals who are Black, indigenous and people of color in the accounting profession. Derrick also serves as a strategic advisor and board member to Godiss Love, a nonprofit organization with a mission to create lasting solutions for girls through empowerment and education. In 2022, Derrick was featured as a visionary honoree in Los Angeles Times' Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Magazine for the Company Executive category. Derrick's personal interests include family, cooking, and travel.



Catherine Collins: Catherine Collins spent her 41-year professional career in management consulting with Accenture, where she was a Managing Director in the Health & Public Services operating group until she retired in 2018. She specialized in operational performance and process improvement, system capability implementation, and organizational change. She directed the program launch of the largest and most successful state public health exchange. She delivered innovative solutions that provided measurable financial value in claims payment accuracy. Catherine also oversaw local practice programs in inclusion and diversity, corporate citizenship, and employee engagement. Catherine has a degree in mathematics and statistics from Miami University (Ohio). Her prior

community service includes Los Angeles Girl Scouts troop leader and corporate support board, Women United of the United Way of Greater Los Angeles, and StepUp Women's Network. She joined the board of The Ebell Club of Los Angeles in 2023. Catherine enjoys the outdoors as well as travel, movies/theatre and quilting. Catherine has two adult children and two young grandsons. She joined the Downtown Women's Center Board in 2017 and currently chairs the Governance Committee.



Alisa Do: Alisa Do is vice president and corporate secretary of Edison International and Southern California Edison, one of the nation's largest electric utilities. She is responsible for Board of Directors support, corporate governance, institutional investor engagement, and the EIX CEO's office. She is also a member of the company's sustainability steering committee and disclosure committee. Prior roles include director of the EIX CEO's office, secretary to the EIX managing committee, and principal advisor of federal government affairs for renewable energy, infrastructure, public lands, and nuclear energy policy in Washington DC. She also served as EIX's designated board observer for Proterra, a

leading electric bus manufacturer, prior to its public offering. Before joining Edison, she worked on Capitol Hill for over a decade on energy policy, and transportation and water infrastructure funding. She currently serves as a strategic advisor for Edison's business resource group for Asian American employees, and on the boards of the Los Angeles World Affairs Council & Townhall, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization advancing global and civic engagement, and the Downtown Women's Center, dedicated to women experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles. She earned her MBA from George Washington University, and BA in Government and Sociology from Scripps College.



Ruth Edwards: Ruth assumed the Credit Risk Executive role for Bank of America Business Capital's West Region in April 2021 after most recently serving as the CRE for the greater Los Angeles market in a hybrid capacity, working with the Middle Market Commercial Banking teams as well as with our Private Bank and Merrill Lynch businesses. Ruth started her career with Bank of America upon graduating from the University of Southern California. After completing the Commercial Banking training program, she spent the next 19 years with the Bank, inclusive of an 18-month educational leave during which she secured her MBA, also from USC. During those years, she was a line lender within the Commercial, Corporate, and Business Capital (asset-based) groups, rising from a

Commercial Banking Trainee upon hire to an SVP/Team Leader. While in Commercial and Corporate, Ruth managed both general industries as well as specialized industries clients, the latter comprised of Media and Entertainment and Healthcare companies both small and large. After working for a regional financial institution for eight years, she rejoined the Bank in July 2014 as the Senior Credit Products Manager for Commercial Banking in Los Angeles and was elevated to her Risk role in July 2016. Within the Bank, Ruth is an active member of LEAD (Leadership, Education, Advocacy and Development) for Women, belongs to two Power of 10 groups, one of which she co-chairs, and is the co-chair of Women Leading LA, comprised of the senior women leaders across business lines in the greater Los Angeles market. Ruth was born, raised, and currently resides in Pasadena. She has a daughter who graduated from Bowdoin College and works for a literary agency in NYC, and a son who graduated from Duke University and works as a commodities trader in Chicago. In her spare time, Ruth enjoys travel, reading, and gardening. Ruth joined the DWC Board in 2022 and chairs the Finance Committee.



Elizabeth Faraut: Elizabeth Faraut is the CEO of LA LOOP, LLC, an eyewear accessory business that has a cult-brand following in the US, Europe, and Asia. Elizabeth created a new category for optical retailers, and the products are sold in over 1,000 stores across 28 countries. As an experienced fashion and luxury brand executive, Elizabeth brings passion, intensity and entrepreneurship to her products, brands, and everything she does. Her desire to bridge philanthropy and entrepreneurship brought her to found LOOPin in 2019 which is LA LOOP's social impact division, whose mission is to connect LA LOOP stakeholders to meaningful give back opportunities. Elizabeth serves as Chair of The Board of Directors for Downtown Women's Center which serves, houses, and empowers women who are experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles. In addition, she is President of The Board of Advisors for the Rape Foundation which funds services for UCLA-Santa Monica Medical Center's Stuart House and The Rape Treatment Center. She also serves on the Los Angeles Executive Committee for Human Rights Watch and is a 2015 Henry Crown Fellow of the Aspen Institute and a member of the Aspen Global Leadership Network. Elizabeth received a BS in International Studies from Kenyon College. She joined the DWC Board in 2019.



Justine Gonzalez: Justine Gonzalez is a Vice President, Community Relations with the Wells Fargo Philanthropy and Community Impact group, where she oversees grantmaking and community engagement in the Los Angeles region. Justine has worked in public affairs for over 10 years, including with The Wonderful Company's family of brands and an international development organization. Justine has a Master of Public Administration degree from USC and graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in International Relations from Claremont McKenna College. She is a founding member of the DWC leadership council. Justine joined the DWC board in December 2021.



Alma Howard Graham: Alma Howard Graham serves as Senior Associate General Counsel at Elevance Health, Inc. (formerly Anthem, Inc.), a Fortune 50 company and one of the nation's largest health benefits companies serving more than 72 million people throughout the country. She is the lead attorney responsible for providing legal advice and counsel for the California, Nevada and Washington Medicaid operations of the Elevance Health Blue Cross and Blue Shield brands. Prior to joining Anthem, Ms. Graham served as Director of Operations & Legal at St. John's Well Child and Family Center and Vice President & General Counsel of the Watts Health Foundation dba UHP Healthcare in Los Angeles. Ms. Graham is the current President of the Black Women Lawyers of Los Angeles Foundation. Ms. Graham has a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications from Boston University and a Juris Doctor degree from UCLA School of Law. She joined the DWC Board in 2016 and chairs the Women's Voices Board.



Kara Hollis: From financial modeling as an equity derivatives analyst at Goldman Sachs, to scaling a hyper-growth SaaS security startup at Signal Sciences, Kara partners with management teams across industries to grow the earnings and profile of businesses across their life cycles. Kara left her job at Goldman Sachs to pursue a dual JD/MBA degree at Stanford and went on to join Leonard Green & Partners to invest across traditional buyouts, going-private transactions, recapitalizations, growth equity, and selective public equity and debt positions. She has worked across industries including consumer, business services, healthcare, and others. More specifically, she is actively involved with the boards of Insight Global, Veritext, Eyemart Express, Lakeshore Learning, Parts Town, and the Container Store. Outside of work, Kara serves on the board of the Downtown Women's Center in Los Angeles, which is focused on serving and empowering women experiencing homelessness in the greater LA area. She has also worked extensively with the formerly incarcerated population as an active volunteer at the Doe Fund in NYC and Project ReMADE in Palo Alto. She was a founding member of the Alvin Ailey Young Patrons group, as well as founding and leading Leonard Green's philanthropic efforts. Kara earned her AB in Sociology and Economics from Harvard University (cum laude) and is a member of the California Bar Association.



Libby Jacobson: Libby Jacobson is a business development and strategy consultant for nascent impact enterprises in the greater Los Angeles area. Libby's background includes thirteen years Wall Street experience in institutional equity research and sales. While raising her four children, she spent many years volunteering. It was then that she realized the need to create sustainable solutions for issues affecting her local and global communities. Addressing homelessness has been her passion and priority. Libby is a Chartered Financial Analyst and earned an M.B.A. from the McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas in Austin and an M.S. in Social Entrepreneurship from the Marshall School of Business at the University of Southern California.

Jacobson is a seasoned board leader having recently served as Chair, Advisory Board for Brittingham Social Enterprise Lab at USC and remains Chair Emeritus, Executive Board for Swipe Out Hunger, the leading national non-profit addressing food insecurity on college campuses. Currently, she is also involved with outreach to homeless young adults at Safe Place for Youth where she helped to build out their social enterprise. She is an advisor to RxLA, an affordable housing developer. RxLA just opened their first development which provides 56 units of supportive affordable and permanent housing in South LA utilizing an impact investing model. Libby joined the Board of Directors at Downtown Women's Center in 2021 where she is honored to chair the Social Enterprise committee. She seeks to bring innovation to the nonprofit community by tapping into her empathy for those she serves and combining it with firm business acumen. She has a deep commitment to ensuring that every organization she works with fully represents the communities they serve.



Jessica Lall: Jessica Lall is CBRE's Managing Director overseeing the firm's Downtown Los Angeles office. In this role, Jessica is responsible for developing and implementing strategic direction and day-to-day leadership for leasing, sales, valuations, debt and structured finance, and property management across all property types for the Downtown LA market. As a well-respected executive and community leader who is passionate about Downtown LA, Jessica brings a unique perspective from the public sector about the important role commercial real estate plays in the overall health of the broader community. Previously, Jessica was the President and CEO of Central City Association (CCA) of Los Angeles, a premier advocacy organization focused on elevating the vibrancy of

Downtown LA. Here, she represented over 300 large employers, small businesses, nonprofits, and trade associations in LA County with the mission of increasing housing and economic opportunity in the region. Prior to working with CCA, Jessica served as Executive Director of the South Park Business Improvement District (BID) in Downtown LA, where she envisioned and implemented a nationally lauded public art initiative, launched innovative pilot programs, and elevated the neighborhood with a strategic branding and economic development plan. Jessica also ran for LA City Mayor in 2021, focusing her campaign on proactive solutions to homelessness. Jessica attended the University of Southern California, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political and Social Sciences and was a graduate of the Coro Fellowship in Public Affairs. She serves on the executive committee of UCS's Board of Governors and was named the Fall 2022 Barbara Boxer Fellow for USC's Center for the Political Future. Jessica lives in Marina del Rey, CA with her husband Luke and their three-year old daughter. She joined the DWC Board in 2023.



Josefina Leon: Josefina Leon is currently a Vice President, Human Resources Business Partner at Disney Entertainment. In this position, she provides human resource services and workforce planning which aligns and integrates with the business strategy. Josefina's clients are the newly integrated ABC Signature Studios, 20th Television, 20th TV Animation, Hulu, Onyx Collective, Communications, Music Business Affairs, and Labor Relations. Former clients include ABC Entertainment, Disney Channel, Digital Media, CFO Finance and Strategy, Broadcast Operations and Engineering, and Human Resources. Josefina began her career with Boston Consulting Group. Since then, she has worked at DreamWorks Studios and Nestle Inc., where she held positions in Recruitment and as a Human

Resources Generalist. She started her career at The Walt Disney Company in January 2001 at Disney Channel. Josefina originally earned a degree at The Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising. Shortly after, she earned a bachelor's degree in Business at Cal Poly Pomona. She holds a master's degree in Organization Development and Leadership from the Fielding Institute. She resides in South Pasadena, CA with her husband and two kids. In her spare time, she loves to travel, host parties, and play pickleball with her friends. Josefina joined the DWC Board in 2019.



Tiffany Mayberry: Tiffany is Director, Global Head of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Culture at Yahoo, Inc. She brings proven business acumen with strong executive-level organizational and analytical skills and the ability to manage multiple and diverse responsibilities with a strong emphasis on community-building, advocacy, and the advancement of historically marginalized communities. She has held DEI leadership roles with a foundational background in Production and Legal at several media and entertainment companies such as HBO, Warner Bros. and Fifth Season (formerly known as Endeavor Content). In addition to DWC, she sits on the Board of Directors for the Geffen Playhouse, also serving as co-chair of their DEI Committee. Tiffany graduated from UC Berkeley and

attended the School of Social Work at Columbia University. Tiffany joined the DWC Board in 2023. She previously led the DWC Leadership Council.



Brendan Ranson-Walsh: Brendan Ranson-Walsh is Senior Vice President of Global Communications for AECOM, the world's trusted infrastructure consulting firm. In this role, he oversees an integrated team of internal and external communications professionals working to champion AECOM's story, safeguard its reputation and bring its purpose to life. His responsibilities encompass employee engagement, public relations, employer brand and culture, digital platforms, financial communications, issues management, and corporate responsibility.

Previously, Brendan served as the global head of communications for AECOM's Construction Services business after joining AECOM through its acquisition of Tishman Construction. Earlier in his career, he toured North America in the cast of *Cats* and led on-board entertainment for a Royal Caribbean International cruise ship.

Brendan earned his bachelor's degree from the University of the Arts in Philadelphia and formerly served on the Associate Board of Rosie's Theater Kids, a New York City-based arts education organization, as well as the Emerging Leaders Committee for Lambda Legal, a national organization committed to LGBTQ civil rights. He joined the Board of Downtown Women's Center in 2021.



Heather Rim: Heather Rim is a global marketing and communications executive with more than two decades of experience building brands to fuel growth. As chief marketing officer for Optiv, she leads all aspects of marketing and communications to accelerate brand visibility, drive demand generation and inspire stakeholder engagement. She also serves as executive sponsor of the firm's Environmental Social and Governance program, Optiv Women's Network and Optiv's community investment arm, Optiv Chips In. Rim joined Optiv from AECOM where she served as chief marketing and communications officer, and previously held senior corporate communications, marketing and

investor relations roles at companies including Avery Dennison, The Walt Disney Company and WellPoint. Active in the community, Rim is a board member and immediate past president of the Downtown Women's Center and serves on the Center for Public Relations Advisory Board and Annenberg Alumni Advisory Board at the University of Southern California. Rim is a member of the Wall Street Journal CMO Council and an ambassador of the Executive Women's Forum on Information Security, Risk Management and Privacy. She earned a master's degree in communication management from the University of Southern California and a bachelor's degree in marketing from Azusa Pacific University.



Lucinda "Cindy" Starrett: Lucinda Starrett is a partner in the Environment, Land & Resources Practice, advising clients on complex project siting and approvals. Ms. Starrett has held several firm leadership positions, including with the Women Enriching Business initiative. Ms. Starrett's practice includes approval for real estate development, open space, and infrastructure projects, advising on government approvals and associated environmental and transactional matters. Ms. Starrett's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) practice includes administrative and pre-litigation counseling. Ms. Starrett is registered as a lobbyist with the City and County of Los Angeles and with the Metropolitan

Transportation Authority. Ms. Starrett is an officer of the Central City Association and recently served on LA County's Stormwater Advisory Committee. Deeply committed to supporting charities, Ms. Starrett serves on the board of the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation and has co-chaired its benefit concerts. She is a founding board member and past chair of the Los Angeles Parks Foundation and also serves on the Board of the Tejon Ranch Conservancy.

Ms. Starrett co-chaired fundraising for the Ambulatory Surgery Center at Orthopedic Institute for Children. She has also served on the board of Abode Community Housing and is a pro bono land use advisor for Abode projects. Ms. Starrett has been a leader on CEQA reform initiatives as well as housing incentive policies. Cindy joined the DWC Board in 2022 and chairs the Housing Committee.



Sara Sugarman: Sara Sugarman Brenner is the founder and CEO of Lulu and Georgia, an e-commerce home decor company based in Los Angeles, California. Sara grew up in Los Angeles and attended Tulane University. After graduating, she moved to New York City and worked in the magazine industry for titles like Esquire, Smart Money, and O! Magazine where she worked under Gayle King. Sara moved back to Los Angeles to join her family business, Decorative Carpets, a luxury flooring business founded by her grandfather. A couple of years into Sara's role in the family business, she noticed opportunities in the home décor space. An homage to her grandfather, Lou, and her father, George, Lulu and Georgia launched in 2012 with a collection of rugs, furniture, and decor pieces. Lulu and Georgia has become a major player in the e-commerce home decor space in the ten years since its launch. Sara has also been involved in business organizations like the West Hollywood Design District and the Young Presidents Organization (YPO). She currently lives in Los Angeles with her husband, Sam, daughters Vivian, Zoe and son Max.



Stacey Turner: Stacey is Associate General Counsel and Senior Vice President at City National Bank, a national bank headquartered in Los Angeles, with assets of more than \$95 billion. Stacey advises management and human resources in employment law matters, and has done so for over 16 years, having served as in-house employment counsel at BP, Tesoro and Marathon Petroleum. Prior to going in-house, Stacey was a litigation attorney at Bannan, Green, Frank & Terzian. For four years she served as a Clinical Teaching Fellow at USC Law School, teaching and practicing in the Post-Conviction Justice Project and founding, teaching and practicing in the Family Violence Clinic. In conjunction with the USC's School of Social Work and Medical School, it was the first interdisciplinary law clinic in the nation to assist survivors of family violence, seeking to meet the diverse medical, social, emotional, safety and legal needs of its clients. Stacey has served on the Board of the Harriett Buhai Center, Women Lawyer's Association of Los Angeles and on the General Counsel Institute committee for the National Association of Women Lawyers. Stacey graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Arts degree and from USC Law School with a JD.



Scott Weingarten, MD, MPH: Dr. Weingarten is on the Medical Staff at Cedars-Sinai and serves as Professor Emeritus. Scott is Chief Value Officer and a Board member for Vytalize Health and President of FJM Health. Vytalize is a leading value-based care provider enablement company and FJM is a large oil and gas company that is diversifying into health care. Scott is a serial health care entrepreneur who has served as the co-founder and CEO of two industry-leading health care companies. Scott has also served as an executive at Cedars-Sinai Health System, Premier Inc, the Hearst Corporation, and Cerner.

- Scott co-founded Zynx Health, the leading digital health order set and care plan company, and served as its Chief Executive Officer for 16 years.
- Scott later co-founded and served as CEO of Stanson Health, a clinical decision support and analytics company that uses natural language processing and machine learning.
- Scott served as Senior Vice President and Chief Clinical Transformation Officer at Cedars-Sinai Health System, and helped lead the transition to value-based care across the health system.
- He was Professor of Medicine at Cedars-Sinai and Clinical Professor of Medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. Scott has published approximately 100 papers and book chapters, many on innovative models of health care delivery. He was a New England Journal of Medicine Catalyst "Thought Leader." Scott was a primary care physician at Kaiser Permanente and achieved partnership status.
- After graduating from UCLA's medical school, Scott completed his internship, residency, and fellowship in internal medicine at Cedars-Sinai. Scott also received his M.P.H. from UCLA. He later participated in a National Center for Health Services Research Fellowship at the RAND/UCLA Center for Health Policy Study. Scott is Board certified in internal medicine and a fellow of the American College of Physicians.

Scott currently serves on the Board of Directors of seven organizations, including the Downtown Women's Center, Hallmark Health and Vytalize Health. In addition, he is on the Board of Trustees for the Charles Drew University School of

Medicine and Science, which is a Historically Black Graduate Institution and the only historically black medical school west of the Mississippi. He serves on the Executive Board of the Scottsdale Institute, which includes many of the largest health systems in the U.S. He is a board member for PAI and Synergy. He joined the DWC board in 2019.



La Shawn Denise Witt, Ed.D. Dr. Witt worked in the field of education for over 20 years as an Administrator and Middle School Teacher. Dedicated to her personal educational advancement, she has earned two bachelor's degrees from Loyola Marymount University in Biology and African American studies, a Master's Degree in education including her secondary teaching credential from Pepperdine University, administrative credential with special education leadership certification in the Master of Education ISLA program from Loyola Marymount University, as well as a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Argosy University. In addition, she has completed graduate level courses in the Master of Human Services and Personnel Counseling program at Mount Saint Mary's College. Dr. Witt is an entrepreneur and has several businesses and non-profits. She has branded herself as "The Global Strategist" and coaches women in the marketplace and hosts an annual women's empowerment event, The Wonder Woman Conference. Dr. Witt has recently launched an initiative through her non-profit Charity House, LLC and My Sister's Keeper to fund transitional recovery homes in the city of Los Angeles. Her mission is to end homelessness for women, families and communities and assist with providing them with second chance opportunities in life and to restore self-sufficiency and dignity. She joined the Downtown Women's Center board in 2021.