



KIM MCCLEARY BLUE BIO

Kim McCleary Blue was named the President & CEO of the newly merged Los Angeles World Affairs Council & Town Hall August 30, 2019. LAWACTH is Southern California's largest and most prominent nonprofit public speaker forum. Her career experience includes senior executive positions in the nonprofit and private sectors, with accomplishments resulting from her skills in strategic planning, project management, operational management, financial management and public affairs.

Prior to LAWACTH, McCleary served as President of Town Hall Los Angeles, Los Angeles' oldest nonprofit speakers forum which hosted past presidents, key business leaders and cultural icons since 1937.

McCleary also spent more than 20 years at the Los Angeles Times serving in most of the major operational management roles including Vice President of Planning and Public Affairs, Vice President of Project Management, and Vice President of Circulation. She was the first woman at the Los Angeles Times to serve as Director of Operations overseeing the company's Olympic and Chatsworth production facilities. She is also widely known for The Times' community outreach efforts that she led as President of The Times Mirror and Los Angeles Times Foundations.

She has complemented her professional career with extensive community involvement. She served on the Board of Visitor for the Pepperdine University Graziadio School of Business and Management, the Executive Committee and Education and Workforce Committee for the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley, as a member of the Executive and Governance Committees of the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation, and as a member of the United Way of Greater Los Angeles Community Investment Cabinet and Home Walk Committees. She also served as the Board Chairperson of the Hollywood Entertainment Education Center, and as the Board Executive Vice President for the PUENTE Learning Center.

McCleary has received many honors from the Los Angeles community. Two that she is most proud of include a USC "Women of Distinction Award, and a Public Service Award from the Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce.

She holds a B.A. from Stanford University and a M.B.A. from Pepperdine's Graziadio School of Business and Management. She is also a graduate of the Fund for American Studies in Washington, D.C.