



## **Pacific Capital Group's Gary Winnick Hosts Dinner Honoring David Gergen, Director of Harvard's Center for Public Leadership**

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**BEVERLY HILLS, CA – November 24, 2009** – Financier and philanthropist Gary Winnick hosted a dinner at his Bel Air home on Wednesday, November 19, honoring David Gergen, Director of The Center for Public Leadership at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa was among the West Coast political and financial leaders who attended the dinner and an off-the-record briefing from Mr. Gergen on the Obama presidency and America's current global position.

Said [Gary Winnick](#), founder and CEO of Pacific Capital Group: "The Center for Public Leadership, initiated and run by David Gergen, was established at Harvard in 2000. The Center provides vital cutting-edge teaching and research as well as hands-on training in the practical skills of leadership for people in government, not-for-profits, and business. Approaching its tenth anniversary, the Center already has a distinguished alumni list of international leaders and scholars who are daily advancing and elevating the management and standards of the public sector worldwide."

Earlier this year, David Gergen, an advisor to four American Presidents, invited Mr. Winnick to speak at a seminar featuring current global leaders from the worlds of business, government, and philanthropy discussing their personal "leadership journeys" in the context of current issues and events.

Added [Gary Winnick](#): "I was honored to be invited to the Center on the Harvard campus in May by my friend David Gergen and happy to have a chance to expose the mission of the Center to West Coast political and financial leaders. In Cambridge, David assembles a group of brilliant young thinkers and public agency administrators, and I hope more of California's own best leaders make the trip East to engage and debate issues of public policy at the Center."

### **About Pacific Capital Group**

Pacific Capital Group, Inc. ("PCG") is a Los Angeles, CA based investment firm established in 1985, which is today involved with private equity, restructuring and investments in a select group of industries, such as material science, health care, real estate and telecommunications.

The firm was founded and is led by financier and philanthropist [Gary Winnick](#) who has 30 years of experience in capital markets and investing. His vision, innovation, and dedication to effect

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positive change in society drive the firm's investment thesis as well as the contribution goals of the Winnick Family Foundation. Mr. Winnick is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of PCG.

Mr. Winnick is also Founder and Chairman of iCRETE, a PCG portfolio enterprise. iCRETE is a clean-energy leader and the world's premier concrete technology company, transforming the way ready mixed and precast concrete is designed, produced and used worldwide.

Pacific Capital Group also created and funded Global Crossing, of which Mr. Winnick was Founder and Chairman. The Global Crossing fiber optic network now spans a total of 130,000 miles worldwide.

Mr. Winnick is a patron of humanitarian and literacy projects worldwide including support for a select group of world-class universities, libraries, medical research centers, and fine art institutions. He is also a member of numerous national and international philanthropic boards and associations, including the Museum of Modern Art and the US-UAE Business Council.

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