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David Sommers serves as Publisher of the Long Beach Post and Long Beach Business Journal, overseeing editorial, advertising, technical and corporate operations for one of the largest local media organizations in Southern California. He also serves as Chief Operating Officer of Pacific Community Media, parent company of both publications.

Prior to joining the company in 2018, David was a communications and engagement leader at Molina Healthcare, a Fortune 200 company with over 20,000 employees nationwide.

Before entering the private sector, David built an extensive record of success as an executive with the nation's largest municipal government. As the chief communications executive and lead spokesperson for the County of Los Angeles, an organization with 108,000 employees and a budget of over \$35 billion, he directed unified messaging, crisis communications, reputation management and public affairs across 36 departments, multiple policy areas and customer functions.

David has also served as Communications Director to Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe and he first started his professional career as a newscast producer for NBC News, based in Idaho and Oregon. He is the son of retired Salvation Army officers and a graduate of California State University, Sacramento.

A resident of Bixby Knolls, David and his wife, Dr. Anne-Marie Pedersen, a professor of composition and rhetoric, are parents to Aaron and Hazel.

David is a member of Rotary International and serves on the board of directors of Musica Angelica Baroque Orchestra, the Ukleja Center for Ethical Leadership at California State University, Long Beach, and the Los Angeles Cable Access Television Corporation.