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Tom West has been the American Film Institute's Chief Advancement Officer for nearly nine years, leading fundraising, events and constituent development. In his tenure at AFI, West has launched the AFI National Council, built a robust membership and significant sponsorship fundraising for the Institute's festivals and programs.

An Advancement veteran with more than two decades, West came to AFI from a four-year post as Vice President of Development for the Segerstrom Center for the Arts in Costa Mesa, CA. Prior to that, he was Vice President at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC, where he was responsible for all fundraising for the National Symphony Orchestra, VSA Arts, the Suzanne Farrell Ballet and Kennedy Center Festivals, performance series and national education programs. While at the Kennedy Center, West secured funding for flagship programming including the Kennedy Center Arts Management Institute, The Sondheim Celebration and the Festival of China.

West holds a BFA from the University of Florida in Theatre and an MA in Arts Administration from American University.

