

Steven Lee

Entrepreneur

Skills

- *Small Business Startup
- *Concept Creation & Direction
- *Lease Negotiation
- *Construction Management
- *Entertainment Venue Management
- *Venue Safety and Security Protocols
- *Neighborhood relations and outreach
- *Management Hiring & Training
- *Operations, Liquor Liability, Security
- *Property Maintenance
- *Brand Marketing & Promotions
- *Art, Graphic & Print Direction

Education

B.A. Broadcast Communications
San Francisco State University
1981

Credentials

California Food & Safety Handler Certified
2018

Community Awards

Minority Entrepreneur of the Year 2020
Asian, Inc.

Honorary Judge Miss Chinatown 2020
Chinese Chamber of Commerce, SF

Special Community Recognition 2019
Asian Pacific American Heritage Award

Community Leadership Award 2016
Chinatown Community Development
Center

Diamond Emperor 2013
Chinese Newcomers Service Center

Property Trustee

SOMA District (one tri-level condo),
Parkside District (two-unit flats),
Lower Polk District (one commercial unit)

Professional Profile

Steven Lee is a San Francisco-based small business development professional and entrepreneur specializing in raising private capital, business finance, property and employee management, public affairs, hospitality, entertainment acquisition and promotions since 1982.

References Provided by Request

Boards & Memberships

- Entertainment Commission of San Francisco** - Commissioner
- Sam Wo Ventures, LLC** - Co-Founder/Shareholder
- Lion's Den Ventures, LLC** - Co-Founder/Shareholder
- Portsmouth Square Garage Corporation** - Board Member
- California Music and Culture Association** - Board Member
- Chinese Railroad Workers Memorial Project** - Founder/Director
- The Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association** - San Francisco Board Advisor
- Chinese American Democratic Club** - Member
- Unified Lions Club** - Member
- Chinatown Lions Club** - Former Member

Prior Experience

Steven Lee Ventures / Founder and CEO
1980 - PRESENT / SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Started Steven Lee Production in 1980 while an undergrad student at San Francisco State to produce, promote, and host entertainment events for up to 1000 attendees throughout the Bay Area. * Opened his first supper club venue Glas Kat in South of Market district in 2000, later rebranded as The Grand in 2014. * Joined the board of the California Music & Culture Association, the nightlife watch dog that advocates for fair government regulations, new legislations, alcohol related matters, public safety, and educational outreach. * Politically advocated for San Francisco public parking lot safety legislation authored by Supervisors David Chiu and Scott Weiner in 2006. * Organized a historical business restoration project through creating an investment group with the original owners of Sam Wo restaurant, the famous 100+ year old San Francisco Chinatown landmark. * 2019 Raised funds thru public process to complete a full-size monument that honors Chinese Railroad Workers and credits them for the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad in 1865. * Consulted with the SFPD to create an API Community Crime task Force Community Task Force and Bilingual Crime Reporting Hotline in 2020. * Opened Lion's Den Lounge in 2021, the reopening of a legacy entertainment venue in San Francisco Chinatown in 45 years.

San Francisco Entertainment Commission / Commissioner
FEBRUARY 1, 2012 - JUNE 30, 2022 / SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Industry Representative, focuses on operations compliance, public safety measures, initiatives to increase tourism and business operations. Approves permits requests and reviews complaints.