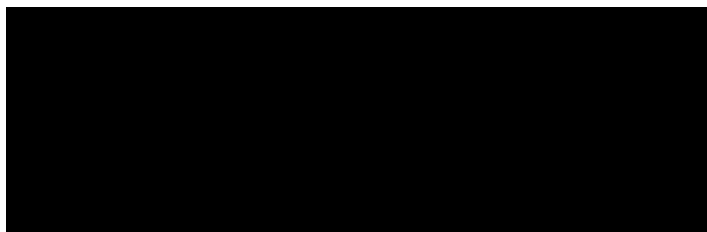


Stephen Adams



Stephen Adams manages the San Francisco branch network for Sterling Bank & Trust and is known for his accomplishments and advocacy in community organizations throughout the city.

As Board President of Castro Merchants from 2007 to 2013, and currently an active member, Stephen worked with the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development, LGBT Center and Castro Community Benefits District to develop a successful program that resulted in the Upper Market and Castro commercial districts consistently having the lowest retail business vacancy in the city. He also drove the creation of a Farmers Market in the Upper Market NCD, helped attract the MILK filming to the neighborhood, created a neighborhood retail brochure that is distributed in hotels and visitors centers in SF, and significantly enhanced the merchant holiday promotion.

Stephen has also served as Vice Chairman the Board of Project Open Hand and was on the board of the Golden Gate Business Association for several years.

As a banker dedicated to supporting small businesses in San Francisco neighborhoods, Stephen expanded the Sterling Bank & Trust network from one to fourteen branches throughout his tenure at the bank. He also pioneered and implemented the TIC mortgage program that supports home ownership and small business loan programs that help local businesses grow.