



San Francisco LGBT Community Center Business Attraction Program

The Castro is famous for its vibrant and visible LGBT community and its small, owner-operated businesses attracting thousands of tourists and visitors each year. But business vacancies are on the rise, and several major development projects will create more commercial business opportunities by adding tens of thousands of square feet of vacant commercial space in the Castro.

The Castro/Upper Market Community Benefit District (CBD), the Merchants of Upper Market & Castro (MUMC) and The San Francisco LGBT Community Center (The Center) have launched a Business Attraction Campaign to ensure the Castro's future as a diverse and thriving neighborhood.

Our goal is to address the increasing vacancy rate in the CBD through attracting new businesses to the Castro/Upper Market neighborhood. The Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development are supporting this effort. Over the past year, we have sponsored broker tours, launched a monthly newsletter, as well as continue to introduce prospective tenants to property owners & leasing brokers.

Merchants Groups and Neighborhood Associations in the Castro: The Center's business attraction efforts are complemented by a variety of neighborhood groups and associations committed to promoting and maintaining the Castro/Upper Market neighborhood. This abbreviated list of groups includes: The Merchants of Upper Market Castro (MUMC) Steve Adams Castro/Upper Market Community Benefit District (CBD) J. Dominic Campodonico, President Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association (DTNA) Castro Area Action & Planning (CAPA) Eureka Valley Promotion Association (EVPA) Upper Market Alliance (UMA)

For more information

We appreciate the community's support as we work to improve our neighborhood. If you have questions, please contact Tracey Williams, M.S., Business Assistance Specialist, San Francisco LGBT Community Center, (415) 865-5611, <mailto:traceyw@sfccenter.org>.