



**Mark Morales** is a Vice President of the SBA SoCal Division of HomeStreet Bank. Mark has over 18 years of business banking experience and specializes in SBA financing and loan programs for diverse owned businesses. Mark was recognized by the SBA as the first lender nationwide to fund an SBA loan for an LGBT business, after the historic partnership between the SBA and National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce was signed in February 2015.

Mark not only helps businesses grow through loans, he has initiated multiple CPA Continuing Education programs on SBA Loan Programs and Access to Capital. He is a featured Speaker for the Beauty Industry Market Assess (BIMA) Program for the

Center for International Trade Development (CITD) at Long Beach Small Business Development Corporation and has spoken about International Trade Financing at the Valley International Trade Association. He recently was the featured speaker at the Business Fundamentals Bootcamp in Beverly Hills.

Like his professional work, Mark's humanitarian efforts lie at the intersection of business and community development by way of board involvement at the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (LAGLCC) where he serves as Vice President, Board Member and Membership Training Program Moderator. Serving with the LAGLCC allows Mark to use his skills to help cultivate strong relationships with professional leaders and business owners. Mark helps local businesses get LGBT Business Enterprise certification and works with the National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC) as a Site Surveyor.

In March 2015 Mark was appointed to the California Department of Insurance "Insurance Diversity Task Force" whose mission is to encourage increased procurement from California's diverse suppliers and diversity amongst insurer governing boards. He is the first LGBT Business Enterprise advocate/representative since the task force inception in 2011.

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