



Stephen Forster is the new Director of Commerce. Mr. Forster spent over two decades in commercial real estate development, sourcing and placing both debt and equity domestically and internationally for projects throughout the United States in a diverse range of product types. Mr. Forster spent several years raising capital throughout China and Vietnam, establishing two China-based sales offices and hiring and training China-based staff members.

Mr. Forster previously spent 10 years as Senior Vice President of Public Finance and Government Relations with a MontCo-based privately held brownfields redeveloper and was responsible for regional land development initiatives, obtaining entitlements, and financing all phases of the project pipeline. Mr. Forster also managed all aspects of the company's economic development and EB-5 initiatives and coordinated government relations. Mr. Forster holds a J.D. from Golden Gate University School of Law in San Francisco, California, a B.A. in Political Science from California State University—Long Beach and is an attorney, admitted to the California State Bar in 1994.