

## Santander Bank Opens First Branch in Flushing Neighborhood of Queens

- Branch Features New Interior Design
- Presents Donations Totaling \$52,000 to Three Local Non-profit Organizations

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Santander Bank today announced the opening of its first branch in the Flushing neighborhood of Queens, located on 136-11 Roosevelt Avenue. To commemorate the event, Santander leaders will join community partners at a grand opening celebration and ribbon cutting later today to officially open the branch. Santander will present checks totaling \$52,000 to three community organizations – Renaissance Economic Development Corporation (REDC), Chinese American Planning and Flushing Development Center.

“We’re excited to expand our presence in Queens by opening our first branch in Flushing where we can help residents and business owners in the neighborhood with their banking needs,” said Jim Uehlinger, region president for the Bank’s Metro New York/Northern New Jersey region. “Santander is investing in its branch network and this location features our new modern design that encourages engaging, consultative customer interactions in a comfortable setting.”

The new branch offers a welcoming environment with innovative features designed to improve the customer experience. There are several meeting spaces for customers to interact with the branch team, including a meeting “nook” where they can meet privately with bankers to discuss their financial needs. The 24-hour ATM vestibule is available to customers after branch hours.

Santander is making a three-year, \$50,000 commitment to REDC, a community development financial institution. REDC will use the funding to provide low-interest small business loans and entrepreneurial training programs in underserved areas throughout the five boroughs, including locally in the greater Flushing neighborhood.

Chinese American Planning will use the \$1,000 donation to support its Nan Shan Senior Center that provides much-needed services to its elderly clients such as help with housing applications, food stamps, health and nutrition.

The \$1,000 grant to the Flushing Development Center will support the 2018 Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony on Nov. 20 in front of Kissena Boulevard and Main Street.

Uehlinger added, “At Santander, we’re committed to supporting the communities where we live and work, and the Renaissance Economic Development Corporation, Chinese American Planning and Flushing Development Center align with our values of improving the quality of life for Flushing residents.”

[Santander Bank, N.A.](#) is one of the country’s largest retail and commercial banks with \$74.2 billion in assets. With its corporate offices in Boston, the Bank’s approximately 9,600 employees, over 600 branches, more than 2,000 ATMs and 2.1 million customers are principally located in Massachusetts,

New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware. The Bank is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Madrid-based Banco Santander, S.A. (NYSE: SAN) - one of the most respected banking groups in the world with more than 125 million customers in the U.S., Europe, and Latin America. It is overseen by Santander Holdings USA, Inc., Banco Santander's intermediate holding company in the U.S. For more information on Santander Bank, please visit [www.santanderbank.com](http://www.santanderbank.com).

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