



Ken Zankel

President, Golden Gate Restaurant Association

Ken Zankel is passionate about San Francisco restaurants. A native New Yorker, he switched coasts more than a decade ago and has firmly entrenched himself in the restaurant community here.

After working at Visa USA as the Director of Restaurant Industry Marketing, Ken opened Zinzino Ristorante in San Francisco in 1995. Ken garnered accolades for Zinzino from the James Beard Foundation, the San Francisco Chronicle and the San Francisco Examiner before selling the establishment in 2001. In 1999, he opened The Grove Café on Chestnut Street, which was joined by its sister establishment, The Grove-Fillmore, in 2002. These two restaurants represent the combining of Ken's great loves -- music, food, and design -- to create warm, inviting, rustic, hip environments.

Ken has served on the GGRA Board since 1999 and relishes the opportunity to serve the city's restaurateurs. An alumnus of Skidmore College, Ken also holds an MBA from Columbia University.