Robert J. Flowers

Robert Flowers retired from Washington Mutual in January, 2005, where he served as senior vice president of Community Lending and Investment. In that capacity, Flowers was responsible for managing the community lending and investment division, and external initiatives bank wide. Prior to this appointment, Flowers served as president of the Community Investment and Development division, headquartered in Los Angeles. Mr. Flowers joined Washington Mutual in 1970 in commercial real estate where he served in several positions before being promoted to senior vice president and manager of Commercial Real Estate.

Mr. Flowers is a partner in GCG, LLC, a performance enhancement consulting firm with the focus on athletes and business work groups.

Flowers has been active in public and community affairs on a national, regional and local basis. Currently, he serves on the boards of: Washington State Convention Center, AAA of Washington, Seattle Children's Hospital, and Seattle Children's Foundation, The Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, University of Washington Daniel J Evans School Advisory Board, African American Heritage Foundation and the Museum Development Authority for the Seattle Art Museum. He has served as chair of the Seattle Sports Commission; Seattle Children's Hospital, KCTS Television and has served on the PBS Board of Directors. He is a former trustee of the Evergreen State College.

Mr. Flowers has received numerous honors for community service including: UW Tyee David and Ruth Cohn Alumni Merit Award, 101 Club Torchy Torrance Award, President's Award from the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; Martin Luther King Inspirational Award from Garfield High School, Seattle Central Community College President's Award, Garfield High School Golden Grads Hall of Fame and the Black Journalists Association of Seattle Community Service Award. Bob and his wife Micki have been honored as the University of Washington 2014 Gates Volunteer Service Award and as Outstanding Philanthropists by AFP Washington Chapter. They have also received the Municipal League of King County Citizen of the Year Award, the Nordstrom Award for Outstanding Community Service and the Odessa Brown Children's Clinic Spirit of Caring Award.

While headquartered in Los Angeles, Mr. Flowers served on the boards of: The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, KCET public television, the Las Virgenes Institute for Resource Management, the California Bankers Association, the Los Angeles Urban League, and the California Business Roundtable. He also served on the executive committee of the Central City Association in Los Angeles.

For over fifteen years, Flowers was a volunteer coach for soccer and track and field, serving inner city youth and developing athletes for high school and college competition.

Flowers earned his bachelor's degree in political science and master's degree from the Evans School, both at the University of Washington. He served in the US Army as a Captain in the Signal Corp, with a tour of duty in Vietnam.

Bob and his wife Micki have two sons and six grandchildren.