UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event Reported): October 19, 2016

Gladstone Commercial Corporation (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Maryland

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-33097 (Commission File Number)

02-0681276 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

1521 Westbranch Drive, Suite 100, McLean, Virginia 22102 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(703) 287-5800

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On October 19, 2016, Michael Sodo was named Chief Financial Officer of Gladstone Commercial Corporation (the "Company"), effective November 1, 2016.

Mr. Sodo, age 38, served as Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Executive Vice President of VEREIT, Inc. (NYSE: VER) from October 2014 through October 2015 and prior to that time was Senior Vice President, Director of Financial Reporting and Treasury from August 2014 to October 2014. Prior to joining VEREIT, Inc. Mr. Sodo served in various positions at Capital Automotive (formerly Capital Automotive REIT) from June 2003 to July 2014, attaining the level of Senior Vice President, Director of Financial Reporting and Treasurer. Mr. Sodo started his career at KPMG in the audit function. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration from the College of William and Mary and is a licensed CPA in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Company does not pay cash compensation or provide other benefits directly to Mr. Sodo or to any of its other executive officers. Mr. Sodo is an employee of Gladstone Administration, LLC (the "Administrator"), which is compensated for the services it provides to the Company pursuant to the terms of an administration agreement between the Company and the Administrator (the "Administration Agreement"). Pursuant to the Administration Agreement, the Company makes payments equal to its allocable portion of the Administrator's expenses incurred while performing services to the Company, which are primarily rent and salaries and benefits expenses of the Administrator's employees including, but not limited to, the Company's allocable portion of the salary and bonus of Mr. Sodo.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated October 21, 2016.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Gladstone Commercial Corporation

Date: October 21, 2016

By: <u>/s/ David Gladstone</u> David Gladstone Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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99.1 Press Release dated October 21, 2016.

Gladstone Commercial Corporation Appoints CFO

MCLEAN, Va., Oct. 21, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Gladstone Commercial Corporation (NASDAQ:GOOD) ("Gladstone Commercial") announced today that Michael Sodo has been appointed Chief Financial Officer, effective November 1, 2016.

Mr. Sodo most recently served as a CFO, Treasurer and Executive Vice President of VEREIT (NYSE:VER) from October 2014 through October 2015, having significant capital markets involvement, including relationships with investors, lenders, analysts, and rating agencies. Mr. Sodo, a Certified Public Accountant, started his career at KPMG in the audit function before spending 11 years at Capital Automotive (formerly Capital Automotive REIT) where he rose to Senior Vice President of Financial Reporting and Treasurer.

Bob Cutlip, President of Gladstone Commercial, remarked, "We are excited that Mike has joined our team. His many years of REIT accounting and treasury leadership combined with his active engagement of the rating agencies, lenders and investors will be a value-add for our vision to increase shareholder wealth during the years ahead."

About Gladstone Commercial Corporation (NASDAQ:GOOD)

Gladstone Commercial is a real estate investment trust focused on acquiring, owning and operating net leased industrial and office properties across the United States. Gladstone Commercial's real estate portfolio consists of 97 properties located in 24 states, totaling approximately 11.0 million square feet. For additional information please visit www.gladstonecommercial.com.

All statements contained in this press release, other than historical facts, may constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Words such as "anticipates," "expects," "intends," "plans," "believes," "seeks," "estimates" and variations of these words and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Readers should not rely upon forward-looking statements because the matters they describe are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause Gladstone Commercial's business, financial condition, liquidity, results of operations, funds from operations or prospects to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by such statements. Such risks and uncertainties are disclosed under the caption "Risk Factors" of the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, as filed with the SEC on February 17, 2016. Gladstone Commercial cautions readers not to place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements which speak only as of the date made. The company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

For Investor Relations inquiries related to any of the monthly dividend paying Gladstone funds, please visit www.gladstone.com.

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