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Local High School Students to Walk in Someone Else's Shoes for a Day and Perhaps Gain a Career

Annual South San Francisco Youth Government program kicks off this week with City Council, City Staff, and the South San Francisco Unified School District

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., March 14, 2017 - The City of South San Francisco, together with the South San Francisco Unified School District (SSFUSD), kicks off its 37th Annual Youth Government Day program to local juniors and seniors in the district's high schools. The objective of the program is to inspire students to consider their future careers working in a city government capacity either as employees, elected officials, business leaders, engaged residents, and informed voters. Approximately 20 juniors and seniors total were chosen by their high school government teachers to participate in this leadership program.

"Every year we look forward to partnering with the students to give them an up-close-and-in-person view of how local government operates," said South San Francisco City Manager Mike Futrell. "What better way for our high school students - our city's future leaders - to learn about city government than to meet one-on-one with our elected officials and staff members."

Beginning this Wednesday, March 15, the annual program consists of three days where 20 high school students will have the opportunity to role-play the positions of elected officials and key city staff.

The itinerary for this year's Youth Government Day program is as follows:

- **Wednesday, March 15, 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.** - Students will gather in the Municipal Services Building, Council Chambers, 33 Arroyo Drive, where they will meet with elected officials and city staff. Students will then take a city tour and set up a time to meet with their elected official- and/or city-counterpart.

- **Wednesday, March 22, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** - Students will meet in the Council Chambers with their city counterpart and shadow their staff and elected counterparts for the morning. Students will then be treated to an off-site luncheon and later that evening return to the Council Chambers to attend a City Council meeting, where they will sit with their city counterparts. Students with elected official counterparts will join them on the dais.

- **Wednesday, March 29, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** - Students will participate in a Mock City Council meeting.

"I personally love this event, as you develop a relationship with the person that is shadowing you and to me, it provides much gratification to show these students what life is like in public service," added South San Francisco Mayor Pradeep Gupta. "They truly get real-life experiences and issues to try and solve, giving them a greater perspective and hopefully, understanding, of how local government is run."

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