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The City of South San Francisco

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**The City of South San Francisco Celebrates
Diversity During June's Immigrant Heritage Month**

Diversity - It's in the City's DNA!

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., June 5, 2017 - The City of South San Francisco proudly joins thousands of cities across the nation in celebrating **Immigrant History Month 2017**, which officially kicked off June 1st. This year's theme, "I Stand With Immigrants" builds on 2016's "I Am An Immigrant" initiative and encourages residents, businesses, City officials and leaders, and visitors to come together to support our country's and community's immigrants.

Immigrant History Month is especially meaningful as the City of South San Francisco recently adopted a [resolution](#) affirming its commitment to diversity and inclusion. The resolution, authored by Council Member Karyl Matsumoto, was unanimously carried 5-0 at the February 22, 2017 City Council meeting.

"The City of South San Francisco has always been a welcoming City," said Council Member Karyl Matsumoto. "The resolution reaffirms the City's commitment



that our community is a place that celebrates diversity and inclusion. We value all members of our community - all religions, ancestries, ethnicities, as well as people of any disability, gender, sexual orientation, immigration status, or gender identity. I cannot stress enough that we are a welcoming City and we always have been."

One of the ways the City is supporting our community's immigrants is through Citywide diversity-related events, including the Asian American Heritage Celebration that was held on May 6, and the

"Diversity: It's in the City's DNA: A Community Conversation" public meeting, which took place on May 20. In addition, the City presented a proclamation at its May 24, 2017 City Council meeting to recognize Immigrant Heritage Month. And, the City is proudly displaying colorful diversity-themed banners on street signs along major thoroughfares.

"We, as a City, value all residents regardless of where they are from, who they love, how they worship, how they look, their abilities, or how they vote," said Council Member Matsumoto. "We recognize, value, and will continue to proactively work to promote diversity and inclusion within South San Francisco."

And, according to the Resolution, the City will promote actual safety, a sense of security, and equal protection of constitutional and human rights, leading by example through equitable treatment of all by City officials and departments. To obtain a copy of the City's resolution on diversity and inclusion, please visit <http://bit.ly/DiversitySSF>.

About South San Francisco

The City of South San Francisco proudly remains *The Industrial City*, a reflection of its steel mill and ship building past, redefined to reflect the innovative, entrepreneurial and industrious spirit which has made South San Francisco the Biotech Capital of the World, with 214 active biotech companies and growing. A vibrant community of 64,585 residents, South San Francisco enjoys a high quality of life with an extensive public parks system, active library and learning programming and a dynamic, engaged community making South San Francisco a great place to live, learn, work and play.