

### Investing in the Future

The City of South San Francisco has invested over 300 million dollars to build public improvements that help both the business climate and the quality of life for all residents and employees. This investment includes the Centennial Park and bike path, the San Francisco Bay Trail, new pump stations and sewer facilities, expanded water treatment facility, streets, the Oyster Point Overpass and hook ramps, the ferry terminal, and the future Caltrain Station improvements. **Team California uses South San Francisco as a model for a city that "does it right" in attracting and retaining business.**

### Strength in Innovation & Cutting Edge Science

Companies currently located on the East Coast should consider locating to the City of South San Francisco because we are the center for cutting edge science. We can link you with our companies undertaking:

- Next Generation Sequencing
- Translational Medicine
- Digital Health
- Neurology and Aging
- Data Analysis
- Blending of High-Tech and Biotech research

**For more information visit us at [www.ssfbiotech.com](http://www.ssfbiotech.com) , contact the Biotech Advocate at (650) 829-6647, or email us at [ssfbiotech@ssf.net](mailto:ssfbiotech@ssf.net)**



### Transportation

The City of South San Francisco has a diverse transportation system that comprises the freeway and roadway system, public transportation, BART, Caltrain, water transit ferry, employee shuttle system, bicycling and walking, and San Francisco International Airport. The city is served by two major north-south freeways, US 101 and I-280, and is close to I-380. Commuter rail service is provided by Caltrain between San Francisco and San Jose/Gilroy. The two BART stations reach the entire Bay Area.

### Quality of Life

The presence of nearby areas for recreation enriches quality of life by providing opportunities for everyone. The City manages 144.9 acres of 21 parks, bike paths, playgrounds, and trails, as well as 59.5 acres of open space.

The city has nearly seven miles of beautiful shoreline along the San Francisco Bay in connection with the regional Bay Trail.

Community events such as art fairs, Farmers Markets, Halloween parades, and concerts in the park foster social and cultural enrichment and bring people together to build a sense of local community.

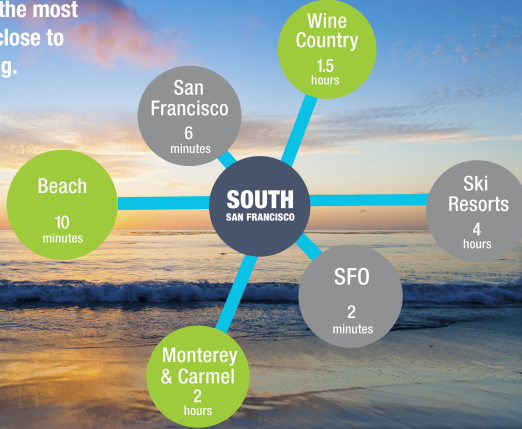
The City's Sculpture Garden showcases public art, which celebrates public space and the identity of the community.

Childcare and Adult Day Care enhance the quality of life in the community and has constructed a childcare facility. The Adult Day Care program serves frail adults in need of assistance during the day.

**For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (650) 829-3800, [www.ssf.net](http://www.ssf.net) or [web-rec@ssf.net](mailto:web-rec@ssf.net).**

## Build the Best Life

- Just minutes away from on of the most iconic cities in the world, and close to Napa Valley, beaches and skiing.
- Plenty of residential space and hundreds of additional units under development.



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## Hotels & Conference Center

South San Francisco hotels cater primarily to San Francisco International Airport users, serving the business and budget traveler and the airline industry market segments. South San Francisco currently has an inventory of over 3,000 rooms, with several high-quality, full-service hotels and numerous small economy and extended-stay lodges. The city's proximity to the airport makes it a highly desirable location for business meetings and conferences at the South San Francisco Conference Center. **Contact the Conference Center at [www.ssconf.com](http://www.ssconf.com).**

## Shopping Centers

The traditional regional retail market is highly competitive in northern San Mateo County, with the City of South San Francisco ranked third in sales among the 20 cities in the county.

The City of South San Francisco is served mainly by 11 neighborhood and community retail centers totaling 58,330 square feet. But, the city is also well served by regional retail uses. The city is home to three Costco stores, Giorgi Brothers Furniture, Safeway and Pacific Supermarkets, Lowes Home Improvement, Harley Davidson Motorcycles, Staples, Broadmoor Lumber, Dollar Tree, Trader Joe's, and Walgreen's Drug Stores.

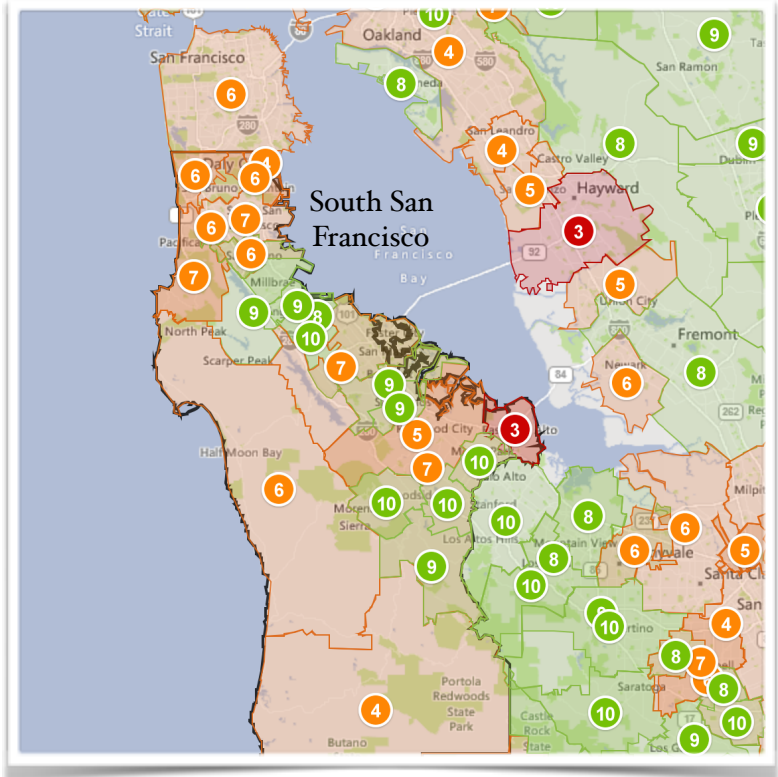
The Westborough Square Shopping Center has 23 tenant spaces, including Pacific Supermarket, Walgreens, Philz Coffee, Goldilocks Bakery, Pho's Saigon, Bon Chon Chicken, Five Guys, and Paris Baguette.

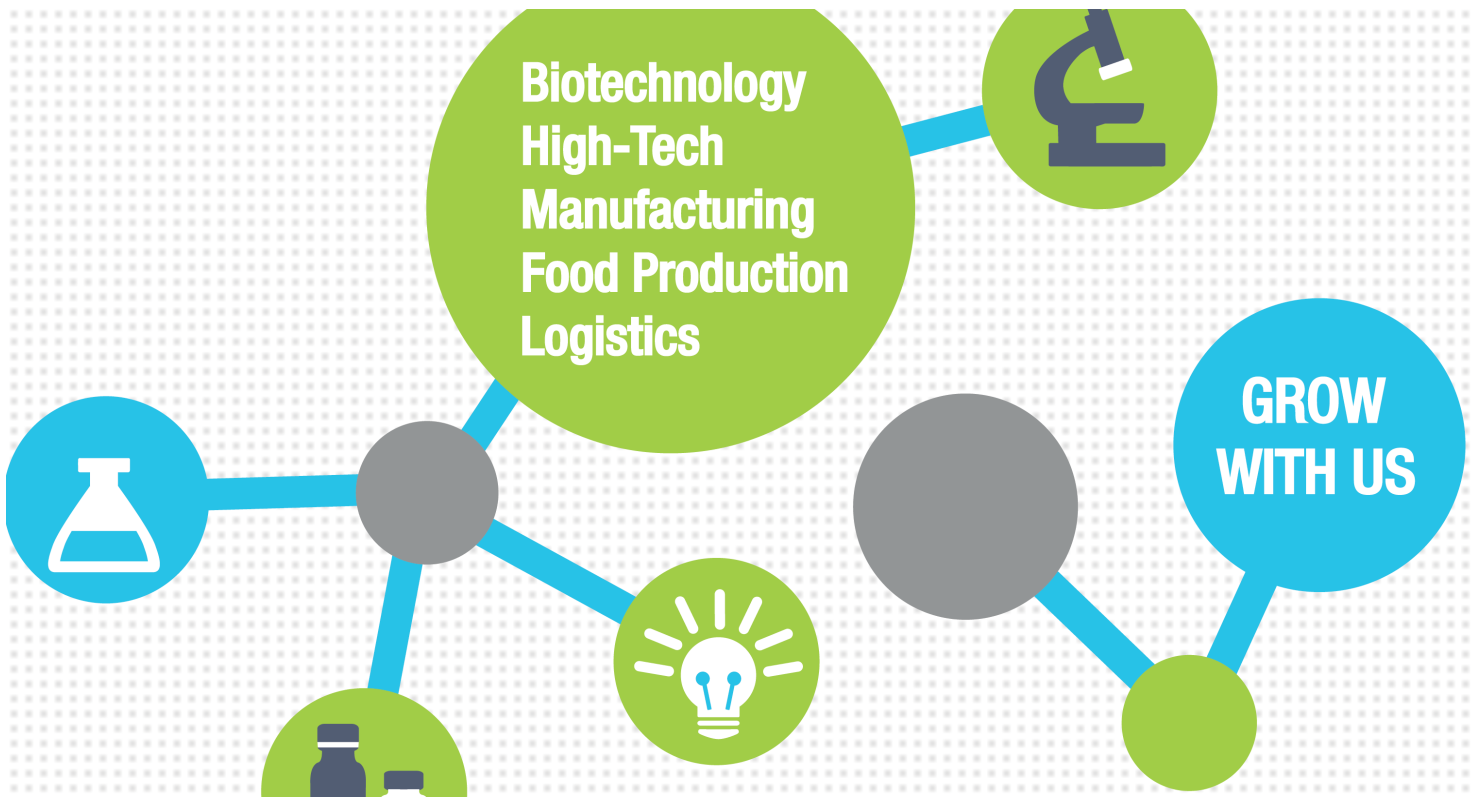
## Contact Information

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650-829-6620 or [web-ecd@ssf.net](mailto:web-ecd@ssf.net)**

## Bay Area Schools

The Bay Area and San Mateo County's public education districts offer exceptional education opportunities and are rated above the state average. South San Francisco Unified School District, with 9 elementary, 3 middle schools, and 3 high schools, is rated above the state average. The City offers special programs that enhance the student's educational experience, such as STEM and robotics classes. Students may take advantage of internships that are offered by local companies. The map below shows the regional school districts ratings, ranging from the low, "1", to the highest, "10", with "5" used as the state average.





## Business Networking

The City can help link your business to customers and business partners through a variety of ongoing initiatives. The City participates in several regional economic development groups, including: South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, SAMCEDA, Silicon Valley Economic Development Alliance, ChinaSF, Team California, and the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development.

## Real Estate Services

Our website [www.ssf.net](http://www.ssf.net) offers **LoopNet** and **Rofo** services to provide a free searchable database of available properties in South San Francisco. These services can provide you with information and data to help you determine the best location for your business use. If you cannot find what you are looking for, we are eager to help you. Feel free to contact us.

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## Business Support Services

The City has a dynamic economic development team that is ready to assist businesses during the planning, permitting, construction, and opening of a new or expanding business. We serve as a resource to small businesses, providing free consulting services, as well as information on City policies, projects and other data. [www.ssf.net](http://www.ssf.net) is the City of South San Francisco's official website. We offer an extensive listing of valuable information and business links. The website lists financial resources, contact information, zoning, demographics and other business links.

## Expedited Permit Processing

Customer service is the priority that guides and shapes all City operations. The Permit Center at 315 Maple Avenue features a state-of-the-art permit center that is fully staffed and open 45 hours per week. City staff work together collaboratively to get businesses through the permit process as fast as possible. The City continues to streamline regulations, coordinate with other permitting agencies and improve efficiency using new technology, such as electronic plan check.



## Financial Support Services

The City of South San Francisco's Economic Development staff can help you explore the best options for meeting your company's financial needs. We can also link you to tax incentives, tax credits, or other financial programs. We partner with several private and public lenders that offer low-interest loans, capital assistance, workforce development, clean energy, and other financial services.

These include:

- SBA and other loan programs.
- CalCAP - a State program that provides cash to cover collateral shortfalls.
- Industrial Development Bonds.
- Other financing tools, such as various micro loan funds.
- On the Job Training & Employment Training Panel
- PACE financing
- Downtown Commercial Facade Grant Program

## Access to Capital

### Access to Venture Capital and Angel Financing centers:

Local companies have attracted venture capital to explore and create new products and services. The Bay Area has 34% of all active venture capital firms in the United States. In 2014-15, venture capital firms invested over \$360 million in South San Francisco companies.

### New City and State Incentives:

State incentives (such as Cal Competes), Employment Training Panel and we are a targeted area (TEA) for EB-5. We have regional collaborations with Bay Bio, Joint Venture Silicon Valley and other groups.

### City Support for Small- and Medium-Size Firms:

We have three REITs that build exclusively for the biotech industry on 16 R&D campuses and nearly 11 million square feet of space. Sublease space is now opening up in the SSF Market. Contact us now!

## Location is Everything

- The region's business infrastructure infuses the area with a culture of collaboration and entrepreneurial spirit unlike anywhere else.





## California & Federal Resources

### CalGOLD - CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT ONLINE

[www.calgold.ca.gov](http://www.calgold.ca.gov)

The CalGOLD website is designed to help business owners find the appropriate permitting information for the type of business that they plan to open. The website contains the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the state, local and regional agencies that issue the permits and licenses a business may need, as well as links to web sites.

### CALIFORNIA BUSINESS PORTAL

<http://www.business.ca.gov>

The California Business Portal is sponsored by the California Economic Development Partnership. A number of resources are provided, including public and private sources, state and federal agencies, and local private non-profit organizations.

### SECRETARY OF STATE'S BUSINESS PROGRAMS DIVISION

[www.sos.ca.gov/business](http://www.sos.ca.gov/business)

The Business Filings section processes applications for incorporations, limited partnerships, non-profits, and other businesses. Apostilles can only be obtained from the Secretary of State's Office by mail or in person. Once you choose a business structure, you will file your papers with the Secretary of State's Office.

### SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is an independent agency of the federal government that counsels, assists, and protects the interests of small business. It's mission is to help Americans start, build and grow businesses. The SBA offers advice on getting loans, grants, licenses, tax identification numbers, business planning and more.

### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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## Other City and Local Contacts

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Water Quality Control Plant  
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