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The South San Francisco City Council Unanimously Adopts a Resolution to Stand Behind the Paris Climate Agreement

*City Shows its Support by Lighting City Hall Green
on Tuesday, June 20*

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., June 20, 2017 - Today, Tuesday, June 20, the South San Francisco City Hall will be lit green at sundown in an effort to raise public awareness in support of the goals contained in the Paris Climate Agreement. At last week's City Council meeting, the Councilmembers unanimously approved a resolution in support of the Paris Climate Agreement in an effort to continue to focus on environmental sustainability and combating climate change, and is encouraging all cities and countries to adopt similar resolutions.

"As a Council, we will continue to support, lead, and uphold the commitments to the goals of the Paris Agreement," said Mayor Pradeep Gupta. "Climate change is a crucial issue for all of us, including our future generations, and is critical to our quality of life."

Climate change can increase competition for resources, such as food, water and grazing lands, can worsen economic hardship and political instability, and could become the biggest driver of population displacements, both inside and across national borders, within the not too distant future. There are serious negative, and often irreversible, consequences of inaction.

"Climate change affects all regions around the world in different but highly damaging ways," added Mayor Gupta. It can result in migration flows and loss of lives, as well as economic, ecological and social losses. He also says that a concerted global political and financial push for innovation in clean and renewable energy is crucial to meeting our climate goals and to facilitating growth.

What South San Francisco is Doing

South San Francisco has a long history of leadership in climate change and sustainability. The City has achieved a 22 percent electricity use reduction in our City facilities. "This is a significant accomplishment and shows a real payoff of investments in upgrading HVAC systems, LED streetlights, and other major facilities," added Mayor Gupta. He says the City is doing dozens of things to help better our environment, among them:

- * The City replaced approximately 4,000 cobrahead high pressure sodium (HPS) streetlights to more energy efficient LEDs.

- * In July, 2016, City Council approved a Resolution authorizing a contract to complete an energy-efficiency plan for City facilities. The project will audit all City facilities, and create a plan to design and install energy-efficiency measures. Energy-efficiency projects at City facilities will save money on electrical costs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and will contribute towards meeting the goals of the Climate Action Plan.

- * In June, 2016, the City installed a high-efficiency turbo blower at the Water Quality Control Plant, which will save up to \$100,000 per year, and will help the environment by eliminating approximately 1,054 metric tons of CO2 greenhouse gas emissions annually, or the equivalent of removing 70 passengers from the roadways.

- * The City joined the Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) Program, which gives residents and businesses the option to purchase electricity from cleaner and renewable sources. The City receives electricity for our facilities through PCE, as well.

- * The City adopted Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plans, which are being implemented on a City-wide basis to improve bike and pedestrian infrastructure.

The South San Francisco City Council wants to encourage all residents to do their part in combating global warming and finding ways to be more energy-efficient in their homes.

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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.

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