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*The City of South San Francisco*

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**The City of South San Francisco Celebrates  
Diversity and Inclusion During LGBT Pride Month**

*City Hall Displays Rainbow Colors and LGBT Pride Flag  
June 23-26*

**SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., June 23, 2017** - In celebration of June's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, the City of South San Francisco's City Hall will be lit in rainbow colors at sunset tonight, in addition to displaying the LGBT Pride flag through June 26.

"This month we celebrate LGBT Pride Month and join together with our lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community members to celebrate their strength, courage, perseverance, and, most importantly, who they are as individuals," said South San Francisco Councilmember Karyl Matsumoto. "I am proud to stand with our LGBT residents, not only during June, but year round and to stand up for equal rights for all."

The City of South San Francisco proclaimed June as LGBT Pride Month during its June 14, 2017, City Council meeting. Special invited guests accepting the proclamation were Jei Africa, Director, San Mateo County Office of Diversity and Equity, and Lisa Putkey, Program Director, Pride Center. The new [Pride Center](#), located at 1021 S. El Camino Real in San Mateo, celebrated its Grand Opening on June 1.

LGBT Pride Month is especially significant as the City of South San Francisco

also unanimously carried a resolution, authored by Councilmember Matsumoto, affirming its commitment to diversity and inclusion during the February 22, 2017, City Council meeting.

"The resolution reaffirms South San Francisco'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," said Councilmember Matsumoto. "We encourage all residents and visitors of South San Francisco to celebrate each other's differences and learn from one another. We are and will always be a welcoming city."

For more information on the City's resolution on diversity and inclusion, please visit <http://bit.ly/SSFDiversity> .

For more information on the City's resolution that recognizes June as LGBT Pride Month in the City of South San Francisco, please visit <http://bit.ly/LGBTSSFPride>.

LGBT Pride Month is celebrated each year during the month of June to commemorate the events of June 1969 when an uprising was staged in New York City at the Stonewall Inn against the police harassment of LGBT persons.

### ***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.