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## **The City of South San Francisco Offers High Schoolers a Chance to Get a Behind-The-Scenes Look into Local Government**

*South San Francisco Juniors and Seniors Explore Local Government Careers Through City's Teen Engagement & Employment Program*

**SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., June 26, 2017** - School is out for the summer, but for a group of South San Francisco High School students, they are taking their education and putting it to good use for the City. For the second year in a row, the City of South San Francisco is offering a program geared just for high school juniors and seniors who are interested in gaining valuable work experience in local government. The program, which kicked off today, is called the Teen Engagement & Employment Program (TEE) Program.

"We are thrilled to offer our Teen Engagement & Employment (TEE) Program again this year for our high school students currently enrolled as juniors or seniors," said Human Resources Director, LaTanya Bellow. "It's a great mentorship opportunity for our youth and it's our hope that they'll take an interest in local government as they get older."

Through the TEE Program, high school juniors and seniors have the opportunity to explore their career interests by gaining hands-on experience in the exciting world of local government. For the next two months, high school

students will not only learn from City staff, but they will also be paired with college interns from the Two-County [Next Generation Committee Program](#) (NextGen), a similar career-development opportunity, but for University students at undergraduate and graduate levels, and operates in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. In that way, the high school students participating in the TEE Program will directly benefit from the support and coaching from the NextGen Program participants.

"I cannot stress enough how important it is for our City's youth to get involved in local government at an early age. And, one of the best ways to do it is to take advantage of these types of opportunities. I want our City's youth to get involved now, as they are our future community leaders," said South San Francisco Mayor Pradeep Gupta.

TEE Program participants have committed up to 20 hours per week, and will have a chance to experience a "Lunch-and-Learn" speaker series, participate in a group project, and give a presentation to City Council. The TEE Program runs from June 26 to August 18.

For more information on the Teen Engagement & Employment Program, please contact the City's Human Resources Department at 650-877-8522 or visit [www.ssf.net](http://www.ssf.net).

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