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### **YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT DAY RESOUNDING SUCCESS**

*75 Students Participated*

*Pleasanton, CA*—The City of Pleasanton and Pleasanton Unified School District hosted its annual Youth In Government Day today. Roughly 75 students and nearly 50 staff members participated in the event, which began at the Firehouse Arts Center, located on Railroad Ave. Students had the opportunity to hear from Pleasanton’s leaders and shadow staff, asking them questions about their respective careers to further explore different career options.

“It was interesting to see what goes on behind the scenes in our community and to learn about all the different careers,” Calla Li, a sophomore at Amador Valley High School. Calla shadowed the city attorney and the public information officer. She hopes to pursue a career in international relations or journalism.

Students heard from the City Manager for Pleasanton, Nelson Fialho and the Interim Superintendent for the Pleasanton Unified School District, Jim Hansen. Students participated in two sessions separated by a lunch provided by Amador Valley High School and Village High School.

“I think it’s important to get to know your local government because it has the greatest impact on your daily life. It was also fun to see how the city makes decisions,” Coralyn Maguigad, a junior at Foothill

High School. Coralyn shadowed the Human Services Manager, Becky Hopkins and the Public Information Officer. Coralyn hopes to study international relations and the Middle East.

Youth in Government Day has been happening in Pleasanton for roughly 15 years and has attracted many students over the years. Since last year, interest has grown more than 35%.

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