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Dear friends,

We are excited to share what Google has been up to in 2017 in our home state of California.

As we collaborate with neighbors and invest in communities, we aim to contribute to the skills and resources that will build a better future.

We've had an incredible year in the South Bay: we filed a proposal for our Caribbean project in Sunnyvale, awarded [Inspire Mountain View](#) a \$450,000 grant to fund community projects and programs, and started conversations with San Jose on a potential mixed-use development near the Diridon Station. Please enjoy some additional highlights from this past year!

Have a fantastic holiday season!

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Bringing students into our San Francisco kitchens

Earlier this year, Google San Francisco hosted more than 60 students who specialize in culinary works to take a first-hand look at our food program. Students participated in demos and tastings in one of our cafes, where they also heard career advice from a Food Manager and Sous Chef. We shared how we create fresh and uplifting meals that energize employees, the importance of “delicious and nutritious” meals, and how we repurpose ingredients from lunch to make snacks.



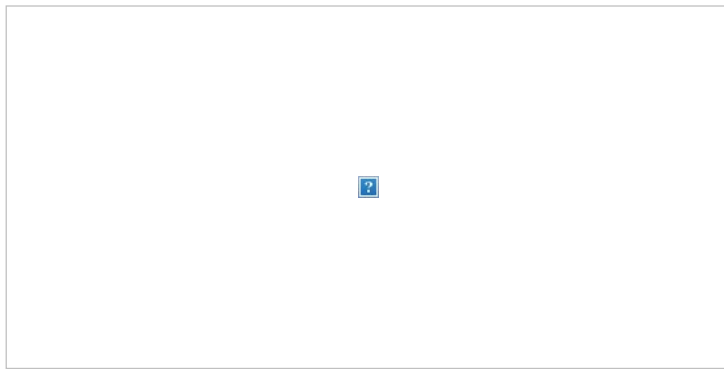
Diving Deep on Policy

In April, we hosted a bipartisan group of policy makers from the California Technology and Innovation Legislative Caucus at our campus in Mountain View. We dove deep on current key tech policy issues with expert speakers, product demos, and lots of thought provoking Q&A.



Soaking up star power at YouTube

In May, [YouTube hosted](#) more than 100 San Bruno students for their first-ever official visit to YouTube headquarters. Elementary students experienced a presentation on careers and overview of our products, while middle and high school students [created videos](#) in our internal studios on campus. [Grammy Winner Emily Warren](#) gave a [special performance for the kids](#) and posed for a [group picture!](#)



Building skills with leaders of today and tomorrow across California

Coding is a 21st-century skill that empowers kids to create programs, communication channels, games, and much more. Problem solving, a foundation of computer science, is applicable across disciplines and drives growth and innovation across all sectors of the economy. [Google's CS First](#) curriculum guides students to learn the basics of coding and computer science and lays the groundwork for advanced skill development. We were thrilled to bring this program to California students in Bakersfield, Lawndale, and Maywood in partnership with Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon and Assemblymembers Autumn Burke, Vince Fong, and Rudy Salas. We hope to bring it to even more in 2018.



Breaking new ground in our hometown



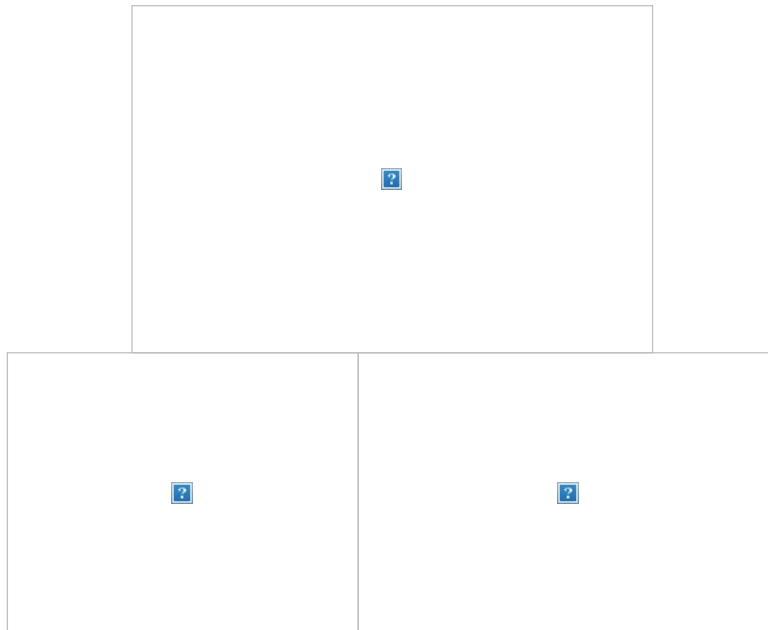
Picture on the left: Mountain View Councilmembers Pat Showalter and Lisa Matchak, Vice Mayor Lenny Siegel, Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian, Mayor Ken Rosenberg, Alphabet/Google CFO & SVP Ruth Porat, Councilmembers Margaret Abe-Koga and Chris Clark, Google VP of Real Estate and Workplace Services Dave Radcliffe, Google Real Estate and Workplace Services Director John Igoe, and Mountain View City Manager Dan Rich. Rendering image on the right: view of the Plaza from the Southeast Corner.

On June 7th, we hosted the Charleston East Community Groundbreaking celebration for our first ground-up construction project in Mountain View, CA. We were joined by several hundred attendees including dignitaries, community members, nonprofit and business leaders, and Googlers.

[Charleston East](#) will be a two-level 595,000 square foot eco-friendly office development that will feature several publicly-accessible amenities, including a pedestrian and bike path “Green Loop” through the first floor, cafes, exhibitions, and a 2-acre plaza. The project is expected to be completed in 2019 and we look forward to the ribbon cutting celebration!

Leveling the playing field of coding

In November, Google sponsored and hosted Tech Slam, a student-focused event in collaboration with [Hidden Genius Project](#), [Warriors Foundation](#) and [Tech Exposure & Access Through Mentoring \(TEAM\)](#). 250 Bay Area students, Golden State Warriors players Andre Iguodala and JaVale McGee, Sunnyvale Mayor Glenn Hendricks, and California State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson joined us to showcase the power of coding. Additionally, we [announced](#) Google.org’s \$1 million grant to the Hidden Genius project to train and mentor African American male youth in technology creation, entrepreneurship, and leadership skills, in turn transforming their lives and communities.



Empowering Latino Small Business in Los Angeles

As part of Google efforts to accelerate the participation of all Californians in the digital economy, the [Google Digital Coaches program](#) partnered with Univiisión LA and California Secretary of State Alex Padilla to host a special training for 70 Latino small businesses from Los Angeles. The training focused on how small business owners can use the internet to grow their customer base.



We look forward to the year to come! We wish you a happy and healthy holiday season.

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