SUMMER AT CITY HALL
ELK GROVE SACH BACKGROUND

• Two Week Summer Program started in 2015
• Partnership with EGUSD, Florin High School Law Academy and City of Elk Grove
• 22 students from various career academy pathways
• 9AM-3PM, 5 days a week
• Job Shadows and Mock Council Meeting
• Classes held at City Hall and EGUSD offices
MOCK COUNCIL MEETING
TWO WEEK COURSE OVERVIEW

• Soft skills-what to expect in a work environment / overview of government structure
• Discuss City history / current issues
• Research jobs and learn about job shadow agencies
• City Clerk teaches students about how to run a Council Meeting and the importance of “perspective” talking
• Students research an advocacy issue
• Attend Job Shadows, sponsored lunch, debrief job shadows
• Work with City Manager, City Departments and stakeholders on understanding the advocacy issue and developing recommendations
• Field trip to waste water treatment plant and visit with canine unit at Police Department
• Guest speakers invited to discuss their career
• Hold mock council meeting
• Graduation ceremony
MEET LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS
JOB SHADOW AGENCIES

City –
- Manager’s Office/City Attorney
- Information Technology
- Public Works/Development Services
- Police
- Human Resources
- Code enforcement

Library
Food Bank
Senior Center
EGUSD Various Offices
Community Service District - Parks and Fire
BENEFITS/SUCCESSES OF SACH

- Partnerships with City/EGUSD to leverage resources, expand student learning, solve city issues
- City staff experience being a mentor
- City expands youth engagement opportunities
- Teachers learn about City government
- Diverse students gain life changing experiences, skills and opportunities to create new diverse relationships and find positive ways to resolve differences
- Students learn to be active citizens while also getting exposure to public service careers
CHALLENGES

• Small cities have limited capacity and facilities
• Time needed to set-up a partnership
• Learning partner constraints/resources
• Having enough support for kids who struggle
• Communication/role clarity
• Program expansion to meet the need
LESSONS LEARNED/ADVICE

• Start planning early
• Have a convening entity, but keep decision making and program ownership a partnership
• Clear communication / clarify roles
• Need committed partners/champion on both sides willing to contribute what they can
Questions?