# Middle School Career Investigations: Hall of Government and Public Administration Introduction

## Hear Ye, Hear Ye

### Park Announcer:

Hear ye, Hear ye! Come over and meet the Honorable Mayor of our great town! He is with us today to help us celebrate the 5-year anniversary of Commonwealth Cascades.

### Makayla:

Caleb, did you know that every year Commonwealth Cascades invites the Mayor to come for its anniversary? He played an important role in making sure it was built in our town.

### Caleb:

Wow, that’s pretty cool! Do you want to meet him?

### Makayla:

Yeah, let's go get in line!

## Meeting the Mayor

### Mayor:

Hello, I am Mayor Nakamura. How are you two doing today?

### Makayla and Caleb:

GREAT!

### Mayor:

I want to thank you both for visiting the Commonwealth Cascades park. This park was a very important project for me as your mayor. Would you like to experience the Hall of Government and Public Administration?

### Makayla and Caleb:

Yes!

### Mayor:

Wonderful! I am about to give an introduction on government and public administration in the theater. Go on in and find a seat. I will see you there! Please remember after my presentation to play, "Whose Job Is It?” In this game you will learn even more about careers in government and public administration!

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### Mayor:

You are impacted by people who have jobs in the career pathway of Government and Public Administration. This occurs every second of everyday. Think for a moment about the various duties of the United States President or about your state governor. Did you know your state governor makes financial decisions about your school? Included in this pathway are the employees of the Armed Forces such as the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy, or the Marines. Their primary purpose is to protect United States citizens. Also, in this pathway, you will learn about people who work in Government and Public Administration by governing at local, state, and national levels, as well as providing public safety, protective services, and national security.

Now, close this activity to view this topic’s Essential Questions and play the warm-up game, *Whose Job Is It?*