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BOROUGH OF HANOVER ANNOUNCES JUNIOR COUNCIL MEMBERS

Hanover, PA – On February 22, at the regular meeting of the Hanover Borough Council, Hanover High School juniors Libby Huston and Thea Zaida Persaud were sworn in by Mayor SueAnn Whitman as Junior Council Persons (JCPs) for terms through the 2023 – 2024 school year.

Huston and Persaud were selected through teacher recommendation and an application and interview process. Council Member Dr. Barb Rupp, who spearheaded the Borough’s participation in the program, noted that these students stood out as exceptional candidates due to their enthusiasm and interest in learning about their community. “We are all delighted to have young people on the Borough Council. They are the future of our community and we’re happy to have them share in our decision-making. I’m very proud of these two young ladies who came forward to assist us,” said Rupp.

Huston, who is active in the National Honors Society and the National Art Honors Society, is a member of Link Crew and the school’s Mini-Thon Committee. She has participated in Future Leaders of York, her church youth group and extracurricular athletics including basketball, track, and volleyball for which she received awards her freshman and junior years. She is hoping to attend Penn State University to study astronomy, Huston applied to the JCP program because of her interest in learning about and being part of decisions that are intended to benefit the entirety of the Borough.

Persaud is also a member of the National Honors Society and participates in Hanover High School’s varsity soccer and track and field program. A member of the school’s student council, Persaud volunteers in Key Club and her church’s Sunday school program as an instructor and play organizer. About becoming a JCP, Persaud relates, “I’d love to give voice to the youth in Pennsylvania,” and that she looks forward to taking “advantage of the opportunity to actively engage in the local government.” Persaud plans to continue her education through college and extracurricular activities.

In their roles the students will participate in Council meetings and other Borough business, observing Council rules and protocol. While JCPs cannot vote or participate in executive sessions, they can attend budget hearings, public hearings, and community events.

The Junior Council Person (JCP) Program, which was implemented by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs in 2000, provides youth with the opportunity to be engaged in borough government and to

develop leadership skills while allowing borough officials to serve as mentors to students who will serve as future leaders in their communities.

The Borough of Hanover, York County, Pennsylvania, was incorporated in 1815. It is governed by the Borough Council, overseen by the Borough Manager, and staffed by administrative, public service, public works, sewer, water, refuse and engineering professionals. Known as the Snack Food Capital of the World, Hanover is home, not only to numerous food industries, but also to manufacturing, technology, and sales. Hanover Borough offices, located at 44 Frederick Street, can be reached at 717-637-3877 or online at info@HanoverBoroughPA.gov. More information is also available at www.HanoverBoroughPA.gov.

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