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Anyplace Borough Selects Joe Smith as New Junior Council Person

Your Town, PA -- Joe Smith, a student at Anywhere High School, was selected as the new Junior Council Person (JCP) in Anyplace Borough. Smith will serve through 2017.

"We are proud to participate in the Junior Council Person Program and support youth involvement in local governance," said Fred Thomas, Borough Council President.

Smith was selected as the borough's first-ever JCP after an application and interview process with borough officials. In his role, Smith will participate in council meetings, participate in borough business, and observe all council rules. JCPs cannot vote or participate in executive sessions, but they can attend budget hearings, public hearings, and community events.

Thomas said Smith, a resident of Anyplace Borough, stood out as an exceptional candidate. Smith is a junior Honor's Student at Anywhere High School, where he is president of the senior class, a member of the football and soccer teams, and vice president of Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD). In his community, he has helped to raise money for the local food bank.

After graduation, Smith wants to attend college and major in political science.

"I wanted to become a Junior Council Person to help youth have a voice in local government," Smith said.

Wesleyville Borough, Erie County established the first JCP Program in 1999. The Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs has adopted this model which has been widely implemented by boroughs throughout the Commonwealth.

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