

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 24-____

Introduced by Council Member _____

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PROTOCOL FOR THE SELECTION OF HAYWARD
POET LAUREATES MOVING FORWARD AND TO AFFIRM THE APPOINTMENT
OF A NEW HAYWARD POET LAUREATE FOR TWO-YEAR TENURE BEGINNING
APRIL 23, 2024

WHEREAS, the Hayward City Council established the Hayward Poet Laureate Program in 2015 to raise awareness of the power of poetry and other forms of literature; and

WHEREAS, based on the past success of the Hayward Poet Laureate Program, the Mayor directed Hayward Public Library staff to create a competitive process by which future Poet Laureate appointments would be made with the approval of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Hayward Public Library staff created such a process, establishing application and candidate requirements and identifying duties of the Hayward Poet Laureate; and

WHEREAS, Hayward Public Library staff requests that Council approve the established protocol for selection of all future Hayward Poet Laureates; and

WHEREAS, following the acceptance of applications from poets living within City limits of incorporated Hayward, Leticia Guzman has been selected to be the next Poet Laureate of Hayward; and

WHEREAS, the Hayward Poet Laureate will act as an ambassador representing the City of Hayward in the local literary arts community and representing poetry in the wider arts community; and

WHEREAS, the Hayward Poet Laureate will represent the City in a professional and positive manner; and

WHEREAS, the Hayward Poet Laureate will attend between one and four City of Hayward or literary events annually, and they will read or otherwise perform their poetry at these events and may attend additional events at their discretion; and

WHEREAS, the Hayward Poet Laureate will write at least two poems annually dedicated to Hayward or major occasions or current events affecting Hayward residents; and

WHEREAS, the Hayward City Council approves that a stipend in the amount of \$1,000 for the entire 2-year tenure be provided to the appointed Poets Laureate to help defray the cost of the Poet Laureate’s travel and materials, and to recognize the significant contribution of time and service that the Poet Laureate makes to the Hayward community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hayward hereby affirms the continuance of the Hayward Poet Laureate Program and adopts the protocol recommended by Library staff for the selection of future Hayward Poets Laureate, effective April 23, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hayward hereby appoints Poet Leticia Guzman to serve as the Hayward Poet Laureate through March 31, 2026.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA _____, 2024.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
 MAYOR:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ATTEST: _____
 City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney of the City of Hayward