

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 26-\_\_\_

Introduced by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW HAYWARD POET  
LAUREATE EFFECTIVE APRIL 21, 2026.

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, following the acceptance of applications from poets living within City limits of incorporated Hayward, Mo Kim-Tong 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.

