



City of Cupertino Poet Laureate Application

Applicant Information

Full Name: Celerier Thomas

Last First Middle

Residential Address: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Street Address Apartment/Unit #

Cupertino California 95014

City State ZIP Code

Daytime Phone: [REDACTED] Evening Phone: Email: [REDACTED]

Employer (if applicable): Cupertino Address:

Check one for each of the following:

I will be at least 18 years old and a high school graduate by August 2025	YES ☒	NO ☐
I am an active poet and have been published or been publicly recognized for my contributions to poetry	YES ☒	NO ☐
I am the sole creator of the attached poems	YES ☒	NO ☐
I have strong, demonstrable ties to the City of Cupertino	YES ☒	NO ☐
I am comfortable speaking in public. If speech impaired, I may delegate reading tasks to qualified speaker	YES ☒	NO ☐
I am comfortable teaching community workshops and leading collaborative community partner events	YES ☒	NO ☐

If you answered "no" to any of the above questions, you are not eligible to be appointed Cupertino Poet Laureate. (See other side for more information)

Contact

www.linkedin.com/in/thomascelerier (LinkedIn)

Top Skills

Lifesciences
Business Process Improvement
Management Consulting

Languages

English (Native or Bilingual)
Spanish (Full Professional)
French (Native or Bilingual)

Certifications

Strategic Thinking

Honors-Awards

Slalom Team Mogul Award - Q1 2019
Slalom - Individual Mogul Award - Q3 2015
Slalom - People Manager of the Quarter Award - Q3 2017
Slalom Team Mogul Award - Q4 2018
Slalom Team Mogul Award - Q1 2020

Publications

Team France Bay Area : Calendrier économique des 6 prochains mois (1er semestre 2024)
L'Hermione : La Frégate de la Liberté, Symbole de l'Histoire Franco-Américaine
The Management Consultant Who Gives More Than Advice
Team France Bay Area : le calendrier des événements économiques à ne pas manquer dans les 6 prochains mois

Thomas Célérrier

Client Partner @ EPAM Systems - Healthcare and Life Sciences
San Francisco Bay Area

Summary

My unwavering focus is on the customer experience, helping clients adapt to changes as they navigate transformation initiatives. Healthcare and Biotech industry thought leader and advisor. Results oriented professional, with a unique blend of customer love, people focus, scientific mindset, strategy, change management, delivery and operational excellence experience. Proven ability to engage, mobilize and harness the energies of complex business ecosystems meaningfully, and to collaborate with key executives, teams, and boards, to shape global companies' vision, strategy and tactics, and deliver measurable plans and results. Backed by Silicon Valley, North American, European and top tier consulting experience, an HEC MBA, and an MSc. in Biotech, Agronomy and Engineering.

- Specialties: Pharma and Biotech Industry and Operations, Strategy, Technology, Operations Growth and Scale-up, Transformation/Turn-around, Complex Programs Delivery
- French American Chamber of Commerce, San Francisco Chapter, Co-President, Execom and Board Member
- French American Foundation for Medical Research and Education, CFO and Treasurer, Board Member
- French Heritage Society, SF Chapter, Board Member
- Citizenships: Dual French and American

Experience

EPAM Systems

Client Partner - Healthcare and Life Sciences Business Unit - US West Region

November 2021 - Present (3 years 2 months)

San Francisco Bay Area

Since 1993, EPAM Systems, Inc. (NYSE: EPAM) has used its software engineering expertise to become a leading global provider of digital engineering, cloud and AI-enabled transformation services, and a leading business and experience consulting partner for global enterprises and

ambitious startups. We address our clients' transformation challenges by fusing EPAM Continuum's integrated strategy, experience and technology consulting with our 30+ years of engineering execution to speed our clients' time to market and drive greater value from their innovations and digital investments.

We make GenAI real with our AI LLM orchestration, testing and engineering solutions, EPAM DIAL, EPAM EliteA™ and EPAM AI/RUN™, respectively. We deliver globally, but engage locally with our expert teams of consultants, architects, designers and engineers, making the future real for our clients, our partners and our people around the world.

We believe the right solutions are the ones that improve people's lives and fuel competitive advantage for our clients across diverse industries. Our thinking comes to life in the experiences, products and platforms we design and bring to market. Added to the S&P 500 and the Forbes Global 2000 in 2021 and recognized by Glassdoor and Newsweek as a Top 100 Best Workplace, our multidisciplinary teams serve customers across six continents. We are proud to be among the top 15 companies in Information Technology Services in the Fortune 1000 and to be recognized as a leader in the IDC MarketScapes for Worldwide Experience Build Services, Worldwide Experience Design Services and Worldwide Software Engineering Services.

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FACC California SF-LA | French American Chamber of Commerce,
California

17 years 1 month

President

June 2024 - Present (7 months)

California, United States

Member of the Board of Directors

June 2014 - Present (10 years 7 months)

Co-President

June 2023 - June 2024 (1 year 1 month)

San Francisco Bay Area

Healthcare and Life Sciences Industry Committee - Co-Lead

December 2007 - February 2024 (16 years 3 months)

San Francisco Bay Area

Board Officer and Director - Executive Committee Member and Secretary of the Board

December 2018 - September 2020 (1 year 10 months)

San Francisco Bay Area

Sia Partners

Associate Partner, Healthcare and Life Sciences Bay Area Lead and Global Business Unit Team Member

July 2021 - November 2021 (5 months)

San Francisco Bay Area

Sia Partners is a next generation management consulting firm. We offer a unique blend of AI and design capabilities, augmenting traditional consulting to deliver superior value to our clients. Beyond our own culture, practices, and policies, we believe that incorporating CSR into how we serve our clients will allow us to have next-level impact. Learn more and engage with us at <https://www.sia-partners.com/en>.

Slalom

7 years 8 months

Senior Director, Healthcare & Lifesciences Market Head - Silicon Valley & NorCal Leadership Team

December 2020 - July 2021 (8 months)

Client Service Partner, Healthcare & Lifesciences Market Head - Silicon Valley

May 2019 - December 2020 (1 year 8 months)

Silicon Valley, California, United States

Client Service Leader, Healthcare & Life Sciences

January 2016 - May 2019 (3 years 5 months)

Silicon Valley, California, United States

Delivery Leadership

December 2013 - December 2015 (2 years 1 month)

Silicon Valley, California, United States

Gouvernement

Candidat Elections Consulaires 2021

February 2021 - May 2021 (4 months)

San Francisco

Numéro 3 sur la liste indépendante de Jean-Pierre Bernard, comprenant 11 positions pour la circonscription Amérique de l'Ouest. Organisation des soutiens, événements de campagne (en présence et digital), préparation des meetings de campagne et débats clés. Tête de liste élue au poste de Conseiller des Français de l'étranger pour 6 ans.

Capgemini Consulting

12 years 11 months

Senior Manager - Capgemini Consulting - Life Sciences

July 2010 - November 2013 (3 years 5 months)

South San Francisco

Manager - Capgemini Consulting - Life Sciences

July 2005 - June 2010 (5 years)

Cupertino

Senior Consultant - CGEY, Consulting Services - Business & Information Strategy

December 2002 - June 2005 (2 years 7 months)

Consultant - CGEY, Consulting Services - Business & Information Strategy

January 2001 - November 2002 (1 year 11 months)

Education

HEC School of Management

MBA, International and Corporate Finance · (September 1999 - January 2001)

Institut National Polytechnique de Lorraine

Master of Science (DEA) in Biotechnology applied to Food Industries and Life Sciences, Biotechnology applied to Food Industries and Life Sciences · (1998 - 1999)

ENSAIA

Master of Science in Agronomy and Biotechnology, Agronomy and Biotechnology · (1996 - 1999)

Lycee St Louis

Bachelor of Science (BS), Biology/Biological Sciences, General · (1994 - 1996)

References:

Lisa Brown – EVP Chamber of Commerce -

Dori Bonn – Co-Chair, NorCal French Heritage Society -

Sebastien Pridmore - Painter -

From: Sebastien Pridmore [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 4, 2025 11:53 AM
To: Molly James <mollyj@cupertino.gov>
Cc: Thomas Celerier [REDACTED]
Subject: Letter of Support for Thomas Célérier

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Dear Molly,

I'm writing this short note to express my full support for the candidacy of poet Thomas Célérier.

Thomas is a passionate advocate for poetry and the literary arts. He regularly shares his beautiful poems with us during cultural evenings, and publicly during events such as the French-American Cultural Days and the poetry contest he is organizing again this year. Beyond his talent, Thomas is an incredibly generous and open-hearted person. He is always eager to connect people, promote culture, and encourage meaningful human connections. As a visual artist who arrived in California just a year ago, I can personally attest to how much Thomas has helped me gain visibility and feel welcomed in the local cultural scene. I wholeheartedly recommend him and remain available for any further information you may need.

Warm regards,
Sebastien Pridmore
Artist Painter

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illustrateur - artiste peintre
www.spridmore.ch

From: Dori Bonn [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 7:40 PM
To: Molly James <mollyj@cupertino.gov>
Subject: I nominate Thomas Celerier for Poet Laureate

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Dear Molly,

Please accept my nomination of Thomas Celerier to be the Cupertino 2026-2028 Poet Laureate. You have heard about the Poetry Contest founded by Thomas just three years ago and it now crosses borders worldwide. I'll give you two recent examples of how Thomas can reach out to all ages using not only social media, but also in a very special way among small groups gathered. At a dinner of dignitaries, Thomas ended the evening with a lovely poem as the goodbye. At another gathering, Thomas ended the event producing a basket of poems. Guests could choose their poem, whether in French or English. It was a lovely way to say "goodbye and thank you" to the guests. The memories they hold will last with the written words they carried with them.

Thank you for helping to give poetry a wider audience.

Best regards,
Dori

Dori Bonn
[REDACTED]



Eternal Dawn

This eve, as all before, in mists so cold,
Leaning against my old sequoia, dazed, my senses uncontrolled.
The pallid moon, a vibrant smile, the stagnant lake,
Plunging in putrid reflections, heartache.

The bark of the redwood, scratching at my back,
The treacherous sap of this vegetal pachyderm, a misact,
Pulling me toward long horizons, dull and dim,
Nothing to my eyes, is then less precious than my own skin.

Without a shred of pride, I could have been a knight,
From the other camp, maybe a lover slighted in the fight,
From causes born of sources, dead, tarnished and marred,
Or just, perhaps, following my missteps and scarred.

Suddenly, a fractal, in shades of pale, but vibrant green,
The song of the first black redstart, blending in the morning's first preen,

Along the robin's melody, amongst a thousand scents,
Of life anew, wrapped in the dawning day's radiant accents.

A choir of finches, blackbirds, stirs my heart's core,
Cladded in astral powerful rays that the entire wood wore.
A fleeting orange shadow, is already in sight,
Even the *fauho* dares not to approach, in dawn's eternal light.

Le Bain des Anges

Dans la lumière du levant, inondant,
Ils sont là, les Anges, déployant leurs ailes,
Vrombissant, ruisselant, face à l'astre puissant,
Peut-être les vois-tu, innocents ou prêts?

Je vois leurs auras briller de mille flammes,
Volant, narguant au lointain les cerfs qui brament,
Leurs ailes, battant, une nuée de gouttes,
Prisme giclant, leurs silhouettes découpent.

Une Chloé blanche aimerait les toucher,
Ou même, avec ses griffes les enserrer,
Rêvant mets plus gouteux que la coquerelle,
Mais, surnaturels, tour à tour sauterelles,

Tourterelles, s'éclipsant en un becquerel,
Ils sont là les Anges, déployant leurs ailes,
Vestes, leurs parures, iris bleus et jaunes,
Étincelles scintillantes, Amazones.

Vite, le bain touche à sa fin, empressant,
Car le temps est venu, maintenant, c'est l'heure !

La dure et noble besogne, leur labeur,
Pour les âmes perdues, bien les nécessitant.

Ici et là, en une éclipse de temps,
Ils sont là les Anges, déployant leurs ailes,
Pour toi et moi, pour nous tous, pour lui et elle,
Pour toujours, jamais statiques plus d'un instant.



The Angels' Bath

In the light of the rising, flooding,
There they are, the Angels, spreading their wings,
Roaring, streaming, facing the mighty star,
Maybe you see them, innocent or frail?

I see their auras shine with a thousand flames,
Flying, taunting the bawling deer in the distance,
Their wings, flapping, a cloud of drops,
Prism squirting, their silhouettes cut out.

A white Chloe would like to touch them,
Or even, with its claws to grip them,
Dreaming of food tastier than cockroach,
But, supernatural, in turn locusts,

Doves, slipping within a becquerel,
There they are the Angels, spreading their wings,
Green, their adornments, blue and yellow irises,
Sparkling sparks, Amazons.

Quick, the bath is coming to an end, hurrying,
Because the clock turns, now is the time!

The hard and noble work, their labor,
For the lost souls, well needing them.

Here and there, in an eclipse of time,
There they are the Angels, spreading their wings,
For you and me, for all of us, for him and her,
Forever, never static for more than a moment.

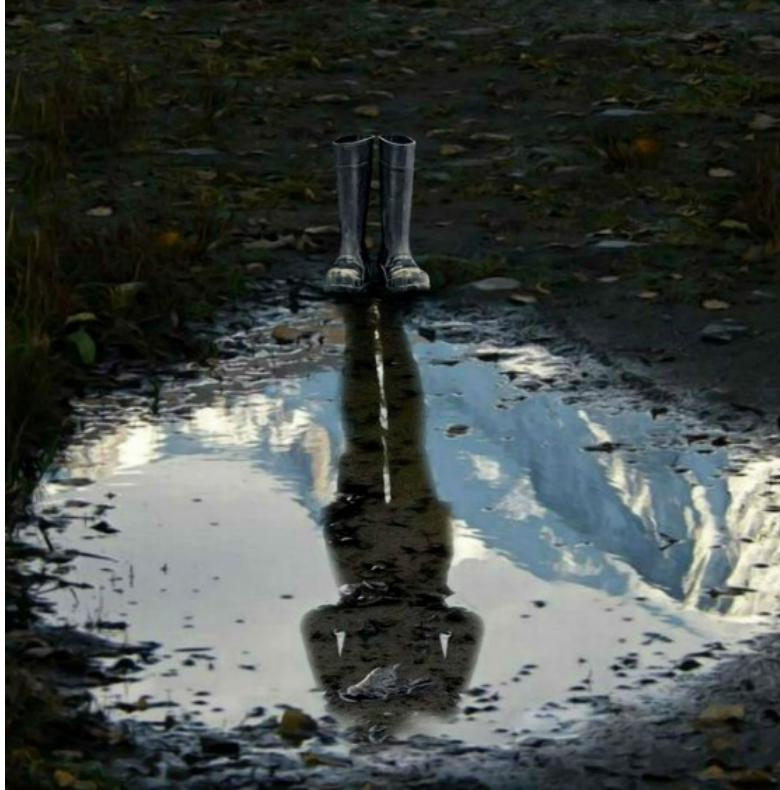




Mater. Madre. Mother.

Hello from the end of the week, Sundays make you stronger,
Apart you are not, as we continue to battle for her,
Possibly your sister, daughter, grand-mother or wife,
Possibly your aunt or just a friend, but for sure the ones who give life,
Yesterday, today, tomorrow, and always there for you,
Most of the times forgetting her own self,
Outstanding, outstanding and standing true.
Today, I wish we can all breathe, laugh, smile, chat very soon,
Here, there, under the sun or the low light of the moon,
Eyes into eyes, close, touch, smell, taste, with no mask,
Remembering the times, darkened, when a plague,
Saddened our world and spirits, sending into the vague,
Dreaming of you, travels and carefree seasons, that is my ask,
All, together, thanks to you, your joy, your love, unconditional, you all,
You, our mothers, the ones through which everything and everyone rise and fall.

Happy Mother's Day, take care of your mothers and all the women that are mothers, by blood or bond, or will be one day!



Mirage

In the cool morning light, in the pool's gentle water,
Stroke by stroke, length after length, I do bother,
Movements rhythmical, matching the woodpecker's chatter,
Stirring the liquid, arms as foils, in muscular manner.

The pool's liquid matter, often so clear,
This morning seems different, fills me with fear,
The traitor from lands where the Abbasids steer,
Instills a serpentine poison, its intentions unclear.

A rupture, a breach, in the dawn's tender light,
My vision obscured, in cottony night,

Distances entangle, the end's cruel bite,
Approaches stealthily, a destiny quite trite.

A quantum fracture, or a deceptive jest,
From its hole emerges a shark, with a crest,
Striped, from the void it manifests, a Jacquou, a sudden guest,
Into me, it bites, a red cloud, no hunger in its chest.