



# CITY OF CUPERTINO

## AGENDA

### LIBRARY COMMISSION

10800 Torre Avenue, Cupertino Library, Room 201A

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

7:00 PM

#### CALL TO ORDER

#### ROLL CALL

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Subject: June 4, 2025 Library Commission Meeting Minutes  
Recommended Action: Review and approve the June 4, 2025 Library Commission meeting minutes.  
[A - Draft Minutes](#)

#### POSTPONEMENTS

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### NEW BUSINESS

2. Subject: Cupertino Poet Laureate Subcommittee's Recommendation of Thomas Celerier for appointment of the new 2026-2028 Cupertino Poet Laureate  
Recommended Action: Consider and approve the Poet Laureate Subcommittee's recommendation of Thomas Celerier for appointment of the new 2026-2028 Cupertino Poet Laureate for recommendation to City Council.  
[A - Completed Application Packet - Thomas Celerier](#)
3. Subject: Mayor's Storytelling Initiative Subcommittee Update  
Recommended Action: Receive an update from the Mayor's Storytelling Initiative subcommittee.

**REPORTS/UPDATES**

4. Subject: Monthly Update Reports  
Recommended Action: Receive Monthly Update Reports from:
- Cupertino Community Librarian
  - County Librarian

**STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS****FUTURE AGENDA SETTING****ADJOURNMENT**

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# CITY OF CUPERTINO

## Agenda Item

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**25-14173**

**Agenda Date: 8/6/2025**  
**Agenda #: 1.**

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Subject: June 4, 2025 Library Commission Meeting Minutes

Review and approve the June 4, 2025 Library Commission meeting minutes.



**DRAFT MINUTES  
LIBRARY COMMISSION**  
Wednesday, June 4, 2025

**LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:03 p.m., Chair Zhao called the meeting to order at the Cupertino Library, 10800 Torre Avenue, Room 201A.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners present: Liyan Zhao, Janki Chokshi (7:05 p.m.), Qin Pan, Minna Xu, Chandra Sakthivel  
Commissioners absent: None  
City/County Staff present: Molly James, Bryant Bao, Jennifer Weeks  
Guest Speakers: None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Subject: April 1, 2025 Library Commission Special Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Review and approve the April 1, 2025 Library Commission special meeting minutes.

Commissioner Pan motioned to approve the April 1, 2025 Library Commission special meeting minutes as submitted. Vice Chair Chokshi seconded. Motion carried with 4 yes (Zhao, Chokshi, Pan, Xu) and 1 abstain (Sakthivel).

**POSTPONEMENTS**

None

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

2. Subject: Cupertino Poet Laureate Subcommittee Update

Recommended Action: Receive an update from the Cupertino Poet Laureate subcommittee on the recruitment for the 2026-2028 Cupertino Poet Laureate.

Vice Chair Chokshi and Commissioner Xu informed the Commission that two Poet Laureate interviews have taken place.

Molly James, Recreation Manager, informed the Commission of the next steps per the Poet Laureate Playbook – subcommittee will select the final candidate and make an offer, once accepted then the candidate will meet with Recreation Manager James to complete the background check and fingerprinting, and the subcommittee will present the final recommendation to the Library Commission in August.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

3. Subject: April 1 Library Commission Special Meeting Written Communications

Recommended Action: Discuss the April 1 Library Commission special meeting written communications with the Cupertino Community Librarian.

Bryant Bao, Cupertino Community Librarian, provided an update on some of the points brought up in the April 1 Library Commission special meeting written communications.

- *Extending Operating Hours to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays*
  - o The Cupertino Library is open the most hours out of all libraries in the Santa Clara County District.
- *Enforcement of Quiet Rules*
  - o When library staff receive complaints, they help patrons relocate to the correct place that helps them facilitate quiet study. If patrons are in a silent zone and conversating, library staff will help relocate them to a space that is more appropriate for the activity they are engaging in.
- *Unhoused Patrons in the Library*
  - o The Cupertino Library is committed to being an equitable space for anyone coming through, treating everyone the same regardless of the circumstances so long as they are not violating the Behavior Policy.
  - o The library does have a Community Outreach Specialist whose job is to help patrons who may need community resources, not just for the unhoused but anyone who may be struggling with food, shelter, or mental and physical health. Patrons can book a one-hour appointment on Tuesday and Thursdays with the Community Outreach Specialist.
  - o Care kits are also available in the library – small packets with hygiene items to help patrons who are unhoused.
- *Enhance and Streamline Book Return System*
  - o In January 2026, the library will be replacing the automated return system with a new machine that will be faster and more efficient. The library will also be adding back an internal slot for returns.
- *Supply Issue in Restrooms*
  - o Janitorial staff are at the library all day long, and they have a schedule for cleaning restrooms. When issues are reported, janitorial staff will immediately take care of any problems.
- *Patron Entry Process for Private Rooms in Library*
  - o Part of the library's customer service is how involved staff are. To avoid conflicts between patrons, library staff have professional conversations with patrons who

are occupying a room that is reserved for use and will help offer to find an alternative space.

- *Planting Additional Trees Surrounding the Library and Elimination of Permit Parking*
  - o Within the City's jurisdiction – information to be passed along to City staff.
- *Space Availability Concerns for Students Doing Homework*
  - o Community Librarian Bao shared a floor plan map of the main children's room and front area (attached as a desk item under supplemental reports in the June 4 meeting details). As part of the play space initiative, the library expanded the children's space into the front area and expanded the room with more seating and tables. The main front room is going to be reserved for materials for children on the older side called tweets – a middle school zone.

Commissioner Sakthivel requested clarification on extending operating hours to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Community Librarian Bao clarified that the hours are based on the County budget, and expanded hours would require additional funding. Added that the library is already maxed out currently. Commissioner Sakthivel requested clarification on whether or not the Commission could recommend the extended hours to City Council. Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian, clarified that the County is always looking at opportunities to run efficient and effective libraries, and expanding the times on the weekend would incur a significant increase in staffing and facility costs. Added that the Cupertino Library is open the most number of hours out of any public library in the County.

Commissioner Xu requested clarification on whether or not there is any existing contract between the County and City that says if the City can provide extra funding for extra hours, then the City can pay for the library staff to keep the facility open later. County Librarian Weeks clarified that the City has been very happy with the current number of hours that the library offers.

Chair Zhao requested clarification on whether or not the weekday library hours (closing at 9 p.m.) could switch with the weekend library hours (closing at 6:30 p.m.). County Librarian Weeks clarified that the County employees are in a unionized environment and their current contract holds till 6:30 p.m. on some days, creating other boundaries that need to be taken into consideration. Added that they do their best to respond to community need and will be exploring this over the next fiscal year and can bring back the information to the City.

Commissioner Sakthivel requested clarification on what the next steps are to expand the weekend hours. County Librarian Weeks clarified that it would be good for the Commission to understand the data behind the most popular times for visitors, and that is information that the Library District can bring back to Commission. Added that there was a community survey done at the end of last year, and there are some data points that can be shared with the Commission. Added that they do need to analyze visitor data along with what's possible within the funding formula, and how they can reach the greatest number of patrons with effective hours.

Recreation Manager James clarified that Commissioners can always go to a City Council meeting and speak on concerns as a Cupertino community member.

Chair Zhao commented that the Mayor is aware of this concern, however, cannot make any decisions by herself.

County Librarian Weeks added that the library is looking into providing innovative services that maybe aren't full services and using technology to expand access for patrons.

Commissioner Xu requested clarification on whether or not there was any community outreach when the County decided to extend the library's opening time on the weekends from noon to 10 a.m. several years ago. County Librarian Weeks clarified that the County's process of [changing library hours] would be using data as to when patrons are using the library, opportunities for programming, and data from the survey that takes place every three years. Added that the survey does ask which hours are most desirable in the community.

Commissioner Pan requested for the County to share the [survey] results in a future meeting. County Librarian Weeks commented that the library will share the public document survey results summary with the Commission for review, and then the Commission can decide what is appropriate to discuss.

Commissioner Xu recommended that the County include a question that asks community members whether they prefer the morning or evening hours on the weekend. County Librarian Weeks clarified it is a split down the middle, but they will continue to look into it.

Community Librarian Bao added that he can pull hourly day data for the Commission so they can see where there are foot traffic dips throughout the days.

Chair Zhao expressed appreciation for the current Cupertino Library operating days and hours, when comparing to the Calabazas Branch Library as they are closed on Sundays and closed earlier throughout the week. Chair Zhao commented that she recognizes some residents have requested extended hours [on weekends], and maybe there are other options [the County] can explore to meet the resident request.

Commissioner Sakthivel recommended the library to ask the maintenance staff to keep a log of when the restrooms are cleaned and paper towels are restocked to help staff determine what time period may require more service and restocking of supplies. Community Librarian Bao responded that the maintenance contractor is through the City and he will reach out to the Facilities Manager to find out more details regarding the specific [cleaning] schedules.

Commissioner Sakthivel recommended that receipts for the new automated book return machine be paperless and digital only. Community Librarian Bao clarified that is something they would need to check with the vendor, however, often patrons have multiple accounts and

they are returning books for friends or family members so it's not always one library card that's having items returned on.

Commissioner Sakthivel recommended the room booking availability online be mobile friendly, rather than a desktop website view on the phone. County Librarian Weeks clarified that there should be a mobile accessibility button, but she can look into that.

Commissioner Sakthivel requested clarification on the [space availability concern for middle school students] on the first floor. Community Librarian Bao reviewed the floor map again and informed the Commission that the front area will become the middle school space. Added that the project is still in progress as furniture has not yet arrived, and the anticipated project finish date is October 2025. Commissioner Sakthivel requested clarification on whether or not there will be added signage identifying the new designated areas. Community Librarian Bao agreed that the way finding signage does need to be updated.

Commissioner Sakthivel requested clarification on the process if someone volunteered to create a self-service application for reserving rooms. County Librarian Weeks clarified that all services go through public procurement.

Commissioner Xu requested clarification on the concern for the amount of permit parking. Recreation Manager James will look into the details behind parking permits for City Hall employees. Commissioner Xu shared feedback from some of the library program volunteer teachers – the volunteers would like to know if it is possible for them to have a temporary parking permit which would allow them to park anywhere.

Commissioner Sakthivel recommended library cards be accessible in a digital wallet on a mobile device. County Librarian Weeks clarified that the app already has that feature.

#### 4. Subject: Commissioner Discussion on Mayor's Initiatives

Recommended Action: Discuss how the Library Commission can support the Mayor's Initiatives.

Commission Pan introduced the item and informed the Commission of the Mayor's Initiative that celebrates the City of Cupertino's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on October 10 [voters approved incorporation on September 27, 1955].

- The initiative involves collecting stories from residents [sharing their personal stories about their connection to the City].
- The item is assigned for the Commission to brainstorm ideas as the library is a beautiful space with a lot of foot traffic.
- Found out through CLF Board Member and former Mayor, Orrin [Mahoney], that a video was created for Cupertino's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary showcasing how the City was formed.
- Some ideas for supporting the Mayor's Initiative:



- A separate event or exhibit at the library displaying the stories that are being collected
- Contributing old photos
- Screen display the stories and interviews

Commissioner Xu recommended putting flyers on the counter at the entrance of the library directing patrons to the Mayor's Initiative website.

Commissioner Pan requested clarification on whether or not the library room 201B has a [projector] screen. Community Librarian Bao clarified that 201B has a television screen. Added that there are options depending on the size and scope of the proposed event.

Vice Chair Chokshi recommended having a small writing pad [sticky notes] and asking patrons to write about their library experience, then having a display board where they can post the sticky note. Added that the Commission could gather photos from the library expansion project and previous years and display those on the board.

Chair Zhao commented that Cupertino residents should know more history about the City and proposed forming a subcommittee to support and discuss ideas.

Recreation Manager James commented that she will look into what the City already has planned for the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and follow-up with the Commission. Recommended potentially including Keiko O'Leary, Cupertino Poet Laureate, as well.

Community Librarian Bao commented that he is happy to work with the City in terms of promoting or doing an event, however, needs additional information to move forward and explore options.

Chair Zhao motioned to create a subcommittee composed of Vice Chair Chokshi and Commissioner Sakthivel to support the Mayor's storytelling initiative at the library. The subcommittee will work with Community Librarian Bao to brainstorm ideas and present them at the August Commission meeting. Vice Chair Chokshi seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **REPORTS/UPDATES**

5. Subject: Monthly Update Reports

Recommended Action: Receive Monthly Update Reports from:

- Cupertino Community Librarian  
Reported as submitted.
- County Librarian  
Reported as submitted.

## **STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS**

Recreation Manager James provided a Staff Liaison Update on the following:

- Recreation Event Volunteers (REV) is a new teen volunteer program in the Parks and Recreation Department. These volunteers help support recreation events.
- Jollyman All-Inclusive Playground Ribbon-Cutting – Friday, June 13 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Jollyman Park
- Blackberry Farm is now Open for the Season
  - o Visit [cupertino.gov/bbfcalendar](http://cupertino.gov/bbfcalendar) to see the schedule for lap swim, open swim, and picnic rental hours and dates.
- Summer Concert Series – Thursdays, June 12 to August 21 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Memorial Park Amphitheater
- Disco at Dusk Intergenerational Event – Friday, June 20 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Community Hall. Advanced registration required.
- Fourth of July Celebration – Friday, July 4
  - o Pancake Breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Quinlan Community Center
  - o Flag Raising and Children's Parade at 10 a.m. at the Veteran's Memorial in Memorial Park
  - o Billy Martini Band Concert from 10:30 a.m. to Noon at the Memorial Park Amphitheater
  - o Fireworks at 9:30 p.m. Viewing sites at Creekside Park, Sedgwick Elementary School, and Miller Avenue near Bollinger Road
  - o Visit [cupertino.gov/july4](http://cupertino.gov/july4) for more information.
- Cupertino Campout – Saturday, July 19 at 4 p.m. to Sunday, July 20 at 10 a.m. at Creekside Park. Advanced registration required.
- Shakespeare in the Park – Saturday and Sunday, July 19, 20, 26, 27, and August 2, 3 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Memorial Park Amphitheater

Commissioner Xu reported on the upcoming Mayor's Initiative Bobateeno event on August 17.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA SETTING**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Zhao adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Jessica Suntay, Administrative Assistant  
Parks and Recreation Department

*Minutes approved at the \_\_\_\_\_ regular meeting*



# CITY OF CUPERTINO

## Agenda Item

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**25-14175**

**Agenda Date: 8/6/2025**  
**Agenda #: 2.**

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Subject: Cupertino Poet Laureate Subcommittee's Recommendation of Thomas Celerier for appointment of the new 2026-2028 Cupertino Poet Laureate

Consider and approve the Poet Laureate Subcommittee's recommendation of Thomas Celerier for appointment of the new 2026-2028 Cupertino Poet Laureate for recommendation to City Council.



# 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
I am an active poet and have been published or been publicly recognized for my contributions to poetry	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
I am the sole creator of the attached poems	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
I have strong, demonstrable ties to the City of Cupertino	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
I am comfortable speaking in public. If speech impaired, I may delegate reading tasks to qualified speaker	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
I am comfortable teaching community workshops and leading collaborative community partner events	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

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](https://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 Célérier

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

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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.

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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

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## 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)

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## 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 - [REDACTED]

Dori Bonn – Co-Chair, NorCal French Heritage Society - [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sebastien Pridmore - Painter - [REDACTED]

**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

sebastienpridmore  
illustrateur - artiste peintre  
[www.spridmore.ch](http://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.



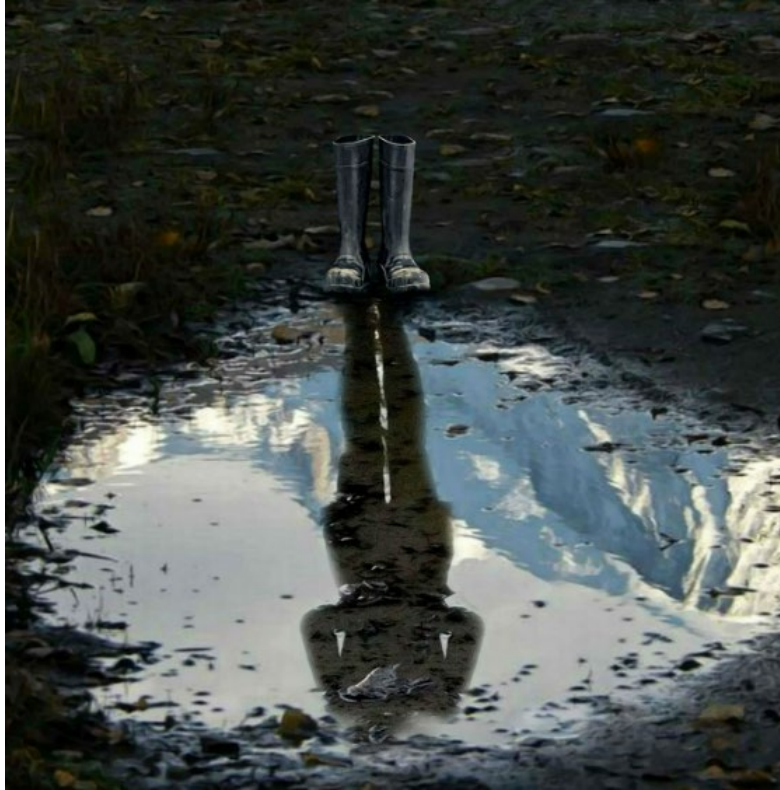


### ***Mater. Madre. Mother.***

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.



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## Agenda Item

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Subject: Mayor's Storytelling Initiative Subcommittee Update

Receive an update from the Mayor's Storytelling Initiative subcommittee.



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**25-14177**

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Subject: Monthly Update Reports

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- Cupertino Community Librarian
- County Librarian