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CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: October 3, 2017

Subject

Approval of the Library Commission's recommendation of Kaecey McCormick for the appointment of the new Cupertino Poet Laureate.

Recommended Action

Adopt Resolution No. 17-___ approving the Library Commission recommendation and appoint the new Cupertino Poet Laureate.

Description

Resolution No. 11-163 designated a Cupertino Poet Laureate and requested the Library Commission to appoint a selection committee to oversee and administer the program including recruitment.

Discussion

After months of recruitment and review, Kaecey McCormick is the finalist selected by the Cupertino Poet Laureate Selection Committee and approved by the Library Commission to serve as the Cupertino Poet Laureate for 2018 through 2019. Kaecey is a poet, writer, artist and teacher. She believes poetry can change the way we view ourselves and others, the way we see where we live and how we live our lives. Poetry can transport the reader from the physical world to another place in time and space.

Kaecey is especially eager to contribute to the Cupertino community after having personally benefited from participation in the Poet Laureate program last year. Her intention is to learn from the experience and from those she meets and to strive to provide meaningful experiences to others.

Her poetry has been most recently published or is forthcoming in *Linden Avenue Literary Journal*, *The Red Earth Review*, *Literary Orphans*, and *Right Hand Pointing: One Sentence Poems*. In 2016 she won the *Writer's Digest 2016 Annual Awards in Writing Competition* and has won multiple awards for poetry from the same organization.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Sustainability Impact

None.

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Attachments:

A – Draft Resolution