

RESOLUTION NO. 50-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE OFFICE OF RICHMOND POET LAUREATE

WHEREAS, the study of literature forms a vital part of our shared and diverse culture;
and

WHEREAS, poetry expresses personal and public stories in an art form accessible to all;
and

WHEREAS, poetry forms an important part of our children's education about culture and history; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that children who read poetry show improvements in vocabulary, critical analytical skills and reading comprehension; and

WHEREAS, reading and writing poetry give children and adults alike an outlet for their feelings, experiences, and questions about the world; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond is fortunate to have an active and growing community of poets living and working in our midst,. And

WHEREAS, California was the first state to appoint a poet laureate, and many communities in California have successfully appointed poets laureate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the office of Poet Laureate is hereby established in the City of Richmond.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Richmond Public Art Advisory Committee and Arts & Culture Commission shall administer and oversee the selection of the Poet Laureate.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held on April 17, 2012, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Boozé, Butt, Ritterman, Vice Mayor Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

DIANE HOLMES
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND

(SEAL)

Approved:

GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN
Mayor

Approved as to form:

BRUCE GOODMILLER
City Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa } : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 50-12, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on April 17, 2012.