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Agenda Placement: 10A

NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Danis Kreimeier - Director
Library
REPORT BY: Danis Kreimeier, Library Director - 253-4208
SUBJECT: Appointment of Napa County's Poet Laureate

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Library Services and Community Outreach requests the appointment of one of the following individuals to serve as the Poet Laureate for a new two year term to commence February 10, 2015:

Beclee Wilson
Bonnie Long

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As an ambassador for poetry, the Poet Laureate is expected to promote citizens' awareness of poetry as well as heighten their appreciation of the art form. The Poet Laureate will strive to forge a meaningful connection between poetry and the populace, undertaking projects that make poetry more accessible to people in their everyday lives. During the Poet Laureate's two year appointment, he or she will be expected to officiate at selected public gatherings, initiate a dialogue between poets and the community, inspire others in their writing and personal expression and bring recognition to the history and tradition of poetry in Napa County.

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PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Staff reports.
2. Public comments.
3. Motion, second, discussion and vote on the item.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

On July 30, 2002, the Board of Supervisors established the honorary title of Napa County Poet Laureate. The Poet Laureate is nominated by the Arts Council Napa Valley (ACNV) through a prescribed process with a term of appointment of two years, and appointed by the Board.

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Attached are ACNV's nomination letter, nomination guidelines and application packets from BecleeWilson and Bonnie Long containing nomination forms, letters of support and poems.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . Beclee Wilson
- B . Beclee Wilson Support Letter
- C . Beclee Wilson Submission letter and poems
- D . Bonnie Long
- E . Bonnie Long Support Letter

F . Bonnie Long Poems

G . Bonnie Long Poems

H . Bonnie Long Poems

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi