



CITY OF
HAYWARD
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DATE: June 1, 2015
TO: City Council
FROM: Mayor
SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 11 - Revised Attachment I**

Attached is a revised resolution (Attachment I) related to Agenda Item #11, Establish a Poet Laureate Program and Appoint Bruce Roberts as Poet Laureate for the City of Hayward. This revised resolution corrects a typographical error and defines the Poet Laureate Pilot Program and the appointment of Mr. Bruce Roberts, as being for a one-year term rather than a two-year term as shown in the original resolution.

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Recommended by: Kelly McAdoo, Assistant City Manager

Approved by:

Fran David, City Manager

Attachments:
Revised Attachment I- Resolution

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 15-

Introduced by Council Member _____

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A POET LAUREATE PROGRAM AND
APPOINT BRUCE ROBERTS AS POET LAUREATE FOR THE CITY OF
HAYWARD

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hayward as follows:

WHEREAS, the title Poet Laureate was first used in England during the 17th century when Ben Johnson was named Poet Laureate in 1616; and

WHEREAS, a poet laureate is a poet officially appointed by a government or conferring institution, who is often expected to compose poems for special events and occasions; and

WHEREAS, a poet laureate's responsibility is to increase the public's awareness of the benefits of poetry and raise awareness of the power of poetry along with other forms of literature to uplift and inspire people; and

WHEREAS, this is the first appointment of an official Poet Laureate for the City of Hayward; and

WHEREAS, this first appointment is made without compensation or financial recognition as a pilot program; and

WHEREAS, as part of this pilot effort, Mr. Bruce Roberts has graciously agreed to serve without monetary or other material recognition for a period of time not to exceed one year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roberts, a Hayward resident, is a published poet and has taught poetry to students at a credentialed school or community class; and

WHEREAS, within the next year, Council will determine if this is a position they wish to permanently establish;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hayward hereby authorizes the creation of a Poet Laureate pilot program; a volunteer unpaid position with a one-year term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hayward here by appoints Bruce Roberts as the First Official Poet Laureate for the City of Hayward starting June 2, 2015 through June 2, 2016.

ATTACHMENT I

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA _____, 2015

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
MAYOR:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney of the City of Hayward