



**NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT BY OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
TO BOARD OR COMMISSION**

TO: City Council

THROUGH: Todd Stermer, City Clerk

BY: Jerry P. Dyer, Mayor

 X Reappointment

 New Appointment

Name of person replaced: N/A

Name: Jessica Giffen

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Appointed to: Poet Laureate Selection Committee
(Category: Literary Arts and Education)

Term: Through December 31, 2028

City Council 12/12/2024

Application Form

Profile

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Fresno Poet Laureate Selection Committee: Appointed

Jessica _____ J _____ Giffen _____
 First Name Middle Initial Last Name

 Email Address

 Home Address

Fresno _____ CA _____ _____
 City State Postal Code

What district do you live in? *

District 1

Home: _____ Home: _____
 Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Briefly explain why are you interested in serving on this board or commission?

I love supporting local arts in any capacity, and it would be such an honor to represent the Fresno County Public Library in this way. I am also an avid reader and writer, and have been following the national and local Poet Laureate selections for years.

Educational background, Schools Attended, Degrees and Certifications

My most recent degree is an MFA in Fiction, from CSU, Fresno, but I also have a BA in Linguistics and a BA in English Literature.

Briefly explain your qualifications or areas of demonstrated expertise for this board or commission.

As a former adjunct English teacher at Fresno City College, I am used to the portfolio reading format and using a rubric to assess writing. I also enjoy reading poems recreationally! While I tend to write fiction most of the time, I do also write poetry and use it as part of my journaling process, so I think that I would be able to approach the bodies of work as both a reader and a writer.

Do you or an immediate family member have any professional or financial relationship that may present a potential conflict of interest for this board, commission or similar body?

Yes No

Work History

Fresno County Public Library
Employer

Library Assistant
Job Title

Work Address

[REDACTED]

City, State, Zip Code

[REDACTED]

Provide 3 Personal and Professional References. Provide name, address, and phone number where they may be reached during the day.

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[REDACTED] James Tyner [REDACTED]
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