



**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

 Reappointment

 X New Appointment

Name of person replaced: Brynn Saito

Name: Danielle Shapazian

Address:



Phone:



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

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: Submitted

Danielle _____ R. _____ Shapazian _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Email Address

Home Address

Fresno _____ CA _____ _____
City State Postal Code

What district do you live in? *

District 3

Home: _____ Home: _____
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

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

As founder and director of The San Joaquin Bookfest in 2024, I have a growing interest in the literary arts community of Fresno. Also, I am a writer and have had many essays published by The Fresno Bee.

Educational background, Schools Attended, Degrees and Certifications

BS, Nursing, California State University, Fresno (1981) MS, Health Science, California State University, Fresno (1989) Middlebury College, Bread Loaf Writers' Conference (2011)

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

I have been a life-long reader, an interested writer, and have lived in Fresno (where I have been a registered nurse) for more than 40 years. I have always participated in activities which support the health of our community and its citizens. The arts do that. Most recently (in 2024), I developed The San Joaquin Valley Bookfest and am becoming more familiar with the literary talent that is present in our city. I believe I have a well-rounded background that could serve this commission well.

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

Central California Health
Care System (retired, 1987-
2019)

Employer

Registered nurse

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.

Alan Per [REDACTED] irector, VA Central California Health Care System). He lives in Clovis.
Phone: [REDACTED]. Professional reference. Elaine Stamper (Instructor/English, State
Center C [REDACTED] lege District). She lives in Fresno. Phone: [REDACTED]. Personal
reference. Charlotte Ara [REDACTED] elor, State Center Community College District). She
lives in Fresno. Phone: [REDACTED]. Personal reference.