JERRY P. DYER
MAYOR

NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT BY 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: Megan Bohigian

Address: [redacted]

Phone:

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

Term: Through 12/31/2024

Application Form

Profile

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Fresno Poet Laureate Selection Committee: Submitted

Megan
First Name

Bohigian
Last Name

[redacted]
Email Address

[redacted]
Home Address

Fresno
City

CA
State

93728
Postal Code

What district do you live in? *

- [x] District 1

Home: [redacted]
Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

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

I am the current Fresno Poet Laureate, and am interested to help choose my successor.

Educational background, Schools Attended, Degrees and Certifications

BFA-California Institute of the Arts Secondary and K-8 Teaching Credentials MFA in Poetry, Fresno State

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

I am a poet, arts organizer, and advocate. I have organized several readings during my tenure as Fresno Poet Laureate, and I also curate the Respite by the River--a 7 m outdoor reading series sponsored by the San Joaquin River Parkway and Trust--which gives Fresno Poets and other writers an audience for their work.

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

retired/self-employed
Employer

Poet
Job Title

Work Address

[redacted]

City, State, Zip Code

Fresno CA 93728

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

Lilia Chavez: Fresno Arts Council, [redacted] Andrea Mele: Fresno Arts Council, [redacted] Connie Hales: [redacted]

Question applies to multiple boards

I declare under penalty of perjury the above information is true and correct.

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

Megan Bohigian

Resume for Megan Anderson Bohigian

2003-Present, and continuing: Poet and Writer Coordinator and Introducer for the Respite by the River, a 7-month literary reading series sponsored by the San Joaquin Valley Writing Project.

2006-Present, and continuing: Published many poems in journals, most recently a 3-page-long poem "The Verge" in the journal *SALT.*

2021-2023: City of Fresno Poet Laureate.

2018: Poetry collection *Vanishing Point* published by The Orchard Street Press.

2014: 3 poems anthologized in the book *Shadowed: Unheard Voices,* Meg Withers, Joelle Hallowell, Eds., published by the CSUF Press.

2012-14: Taught poetry and memoir workshops under a grant from the James Irvine Foundation.

2012-2015: Taught poetry and memoir classes for the Osher Institute, Fresno State.

2012-14: Taught writing at Fresno City College as adjunct professor.

2013: Full poetry collection, *Sightlines*, published by Tourane Poetry Press

2012: Retired from teaching at Roosevelt High where I was the English Department Lead Teacher.

2008: Ran the International Saroyan Centennial Writing Competitions in Short Story, Essay, and One-Act Play for the William Saroyan Society.

2006: Earned Masters of Fine Arts Degree in Creative Writing/Poetry Concentration, with distinction, at Fresno State.

2003-2012: Organized a week-long series of readings by Fresno area poets who read original work and answered questions—held in the Roosevelt High School library, 5. Poets a day for 5 days, in Celebration of National Poetry Month. Over 1800 students per year experienced at least 1 of the poets' readings.

1999-2012: K-12 teacher in Fresno Unified: Lawless Middle School (7th and 8th grade Language Arts, Art, and Drama); Wishon Elementary School (3rd grade ELD students. My class had its own radio program biweekly on KBIF-FM, where students performed readers' theatre plays and read their original writing), Manchester GATE Elementary School (6th grade); Roosevelt High

School (9th grade GATE English, 10th grade GATE English, 12th Grade World Humanities, Academic Decathlon, and Journalism. My students all benefited from hearing all the poets who read in my National Poetry Month week of readings. I was the lead teacher for my department.

1999: Earned teaching credential at Fresno State.

1996-98: Artist in Residence for the Young Playwrights Project—taught playwriting, assisted students in turning their original scenes into 1-act plays, acted as dramaturge for the writers whose plays were selected for production, directed a play each year at Second Space Theatre.

1994-1996: Directed PR and Marketing for PRN, a home health agency.

1978-1994: Freelance writer. And PR consultant.

1980-85: Founding member, Theatre 3 Repertory Company, Fresno.

1974-77: News Reporter, early morning news broadcaster, talk show host, at the ABC affiliate, KJEO TV, channel 47, in Fresno.

1973: Graduated with a BFA in Theatre from the California Institute of the Arts.

1970: Graduated from C.L. McLane High School, Fresno, where I edited *Now*, the literary magazine.