

RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANTONIO DE JESÚS LÓPEZ TO THE HONORARY POST OF SAN MATEO COUNTY POET LAUREATE FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM FROM APRIL 8, 2025 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2027

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, San Mateo County is fortunate to have a thriving and active community of poets; and

WHEREAS, in April 2013, this Board established the honorary post of San Mateo County Poet Laureate for the purpose of promoting awareness and appreciation of poetry and the spoken word throughout San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, to qualify as the Poet Laureate, an individual should be a San Mateo County resident of five years or more, demonstrate a commitment to reading and writing poetry, embrace the opportunity to engage in civic discourse, and commit to serve a two-year term in the post; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Poet Laureate represents San Mateo County and the art of poetry through outreach activities related to poetry; will propose and lead a community project throughout their term; present appropriate works at a minimum of four selected County-sponsored events during the year, including events involving schools and youth; and will open the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors meetings with a poem every quarter; and

WHEREAS, an *ad hoc* Poet Laureate Advisory Committee—co-chaired by Supervisors Noelia Corzo and Lisa Gauthier and which includes members from the Office of Arts and Culture, San Mateo County Arts Commission, San Mateo County Libraries, and poets laureate emeritus—unanimously recommends the appointment of, and this Board desires to appoint, Antonio De Jesús López as San Mateo County Poet Laureate for a two-year term from April 8, 2025 through March 31, 2027, or otherwise until a new San Mateo County Poet Laureate is appointed.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby appoints Antonio De Jesús López as San Mateo County Poet Laureate for a two-year term from April 8, 2025 through March 31, 2027, or otherwise until a new San Mateo County Poet Laureate is appointed by the Board.

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