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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BOARD AGENDA MEMO

MEETING DATE: August 12, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Tine Mathiasen, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Resolution accepting the nomination and designation of Karen Terrey, by Nevada County Arts Council, as the fourth Nevada County Poet Laureate

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: Since 2009, the Arts Collaborative of Nevada County, also referred to as the Nevada County Arts Council, has been the county-designated organization for the California Arts Council (CAC) State-Local Partnership Program (SLP). As the County's designated partner, they also administer the County's Poet Laureate Program (Program) established through Resolution 17-150 on March 28, 2017, which also accepted the nomination and designation of Molly Fisk as the Nevada County Poet Laureate for the first year of the program.

The Program was later amended via Resolution 18-121 to provide the Nevada County Arts Council with greater latitude when selecting and nominating the Poet Laureate and extended the term in perpetuity as determined and approved by the Board of Supervisors. On April 9, 2019, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 19-141 accepting the nomination and designation of Chris Olander as the second Nevada County Poet Laureate. On April 27, 2021, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 21-138 accepting the nomination and designation of Kirsten Casey as the third Nevada County Poet Laureate.

Recently, the Nevada County Arts Council held nominations for the fourth Nevada County Poet Laureate from a competitive pool of applicants. They appointed a review panel from literary and arts professionals for the selection. Subsequently, the Nevada County Arts Council is recommending the nomination and designation of Karen Terrey as the fourth Nevada County Poet Laureate. Karen Terrey earned her MFA from Goddard College in 2007, founded Tangled Roots Writing, a hub for literary mentorship and workshops. She teaches poetry and creative writing at Sierra College's Tahoe-Truckee Campus, and her efforts to bridge communities through writing have included

co-hosting a literary reading series in Truckee and leading a popular workshop series in partnership with the Truckee Library, Truckee Cultural District, Nevada County Library, and the Senior Center. Her poetry collection, *Bite and Blood* (Finishing Line Press, 2015), reflects her distinctive voice.

Therefore, Nevada County Arts Council is recommending that the Board adopt the attached Resolution accepting the nomination and designation of Karen Terrey as the Nevada County Poet Laureate.

Initiated: Carissa Cyr, Senior Management Analyst
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