

Proclamation

Alameda is a community known for the vitality of its arts and culture; and poetry is a revered and elegant form of spoken language chronicling the broadest scenes of our accomplishments, failures, hopes and fears, and

A Poet Laureate is a symbol of the significant part that the arts play in the lives of our community; and

the honorary position of Poet Laureate honors outstanding poets whose work has enriched the Alameda community; and carries with it the esteem and appreciation of Alameda's residents; and

the applications submitted were so highly qualified and so aptly reflected the diverse demographics of our city that the Poet Laureate Selection Committee decided to select two Poets Laureate; and

the two selected Poets Laureate have written a broad variety of outstanding poetry that reflects life experiences, crossing age, race, gender, life experience and ethnicity; and

Cathy Dana is an award-winning Alameda poet, writer, and teacher who founded the Mighty Pens teen poetry group; and

her poetry has been published in many literary circles, and in the collection, "My Dad Believed in Love;" and

Cathy Dana has facilitated numerous workshops and classes in creative writing at the Alameda Community Learning Center, the Frank Bette Center for the Arts, and other locales; and

Cathy Dana will share the joy of poetry, literature and the written word in Alameda and beyond.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that I, Trish Herrera Spencer, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby proclaim

Cathy Dana, Alameda Poet Laureate

I encourage all residents to join in the enjoyment of the works of this accomplished poet and author, in the celebration of the rich artistic literary heritage in the City of Alameda.

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Mayor