



**PROCLAMATION HONORING D.L. LANG
FOR HER SERVICE AS THE SECOND POET LAUREATE FOR THE CITY OF VALLEJO**

WHEREAS, Ms. D.L. Lang, a well-known and respected Vallejo citizen and published poet, has participated in Vallejo and Bay Area poetry events, and has written poetry since her elementary school years in Enid, Oklahoma, and for many years, Ms. Lang has actively encouraged poetry in Vallejo; and

WHEREAS, in September, 2017, Ms. Lang was chosen as Vallejo's second Poet Laureate by the Poetry Vallejo Committee, a committee consisting of the Solano County Chapter of The Links, Incorporated (Arts Facet) and the Vallejo Community Arts Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lang has brought her artistry and her lengthy experience to the City of Vallejo in service as City of Vallejo's Poet Laureate, and since becoming the Vallejo Poet Laureate and during her tenure, Ms. Lang has written poems in honor of and for many occasions; spoken for, mentored to, hosted, advocated for and presented at numerous civic functions, group meetings and organizations; joined and worked with poets and Poet Laureates throughout the Bay Area; hosted poetry readings and events, edited and published poetry; and

WHEREAS, as the Vallejo Poet Laureate, Ms. Lang edited the anthology, "Verses, Voices & Visions of Vallejo," featuring 43 writers, published poetry in ReformJudaism.org, Marin Poetry Center Anthology Vol. XXI, Light & Shadow, A Poet's Siddur, released three new poetry collections, Resting on my Laurels, The Cafe of Dreams, and Midnight Strike. Ms. Lang spoke about the work of Alicia Ostriker and Emma Lazarus for the American Association of University Women's Voices of Change, created two poems using vocabulary suggested by San Francisco Grattan School students, spoke about the future of poetry and her role as poet laureate at the San Mateo County Fair's Poets Speak Forum, gave the 2019 Women Building Vallejo Summit invocation, participated in Bookshop Benicia's 2019 Independent Bookstore Day, organized Unity Day 2018's Up Bay Poetry Showcase, creating a community poem with contributions from Unity Day visitors, and regularly curated a newsletter, websites and social media pages to connect and inform local poets of opportunities, and co-created the Vallejo Poetry Society; and

WHEREAS, as the Vallejo Poet Laureate, Ms. Lang gave 141 public performances, including Vallejo events Solidarity with Charlottesville, Queer Words Vallejo, Families Belong Together, Women Building Vallejo Summit, Vallejo March for Peace & Justice, Participatory Budgeting, International Peace Day, Flyway Festival, Vallejo United Against Hatred & Anti-Semitism, Unity Day, Vallejo SOUP, the McCune Symposium, Voices of the Season, the Vallejo Peace Project's Speak Up For Peace, Jews of Vallejo and their Fabulous Friends' Hanukkah & Hilarity, Resilient by Design, Coal Sheds Books Unbound Show, Solano County Fair, and Ode to Labor at Georgia Galleria. She co-hosted Poetry in Notion, and regularly performed at Poetry by the Bay and on Art Beat Poetry Hour on KZCT. She interviewed and performed for BAJABA Jazzline's Poetry Month and Nina Serrano's Poet to Poet on KPFA radio, and on Art Beat on KZCT radio. She organized and hosted the JFK Library's 2018 and 2019 National Poetry Month shows, Poetry in Notion Live at the McCune, and the Verses, Voices, & Visions of Vallejo Anthology Launch. She served as a judge for the Solano County Library's Write On! Teen poetry contest, Poetry Out Loud, the Joel Fallon Poetry Scholarship, Vallejo Poetry Slam, and the 2019 Solano County Fair Talent Show, and many other events outside of Vallejo in Alameda, Benicia, Berkeley; Corte Madera; Millbrae, Monterey, Napa, Orinda; Fairfield, Los Angeles, Novato, Oakland, Pleasanton, San Francisco, San Mateo, San Rafael and Sonoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Bob Sampayan, Mayor of the City of Vallejo, and the Vallejo City Council, do hereby honor D.L. Lang's service to Vallejo as our second Poet Laureate, and are grateful for her gifts to the City, of her splendid, compelling poems and oratory; for raising Vallejo's awareness of the benefits of poetry; and for bringing the power of poetry to uplift and inspire Vallejo residents during her two-year term, September, 2017 to December, 2019.

Dated: January 28, 2020

BOB SAMPAYAN, Mayor



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