



PROCLAMATION

HONORING JACALYN EYVONNE AS CO-POET LAUREATE FOR THE CITY OF VALLEJO

WHEREAS, the Vallejo Poet Laureate Program is sponsored by the Vallejo Center for the Arts's Poetry Vallejo Committee, through which the Poet Laureate for the City of Vallejo is selected, and then officially appointed by the City of Vallejo; and

WHEREAS the duties of the Vallejo Poet Laureate include composing poems for and hosting special events and occasions, through which increases the public's awareness of the power of poetry along with other forms of literature, fosters appreciation of poetry in all its forms, and serves Vallejo residents and visitors with expressions of culture through words; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vallejo is fortunate to have an active community of poets living and working in our midst from which the Poetry Vallejo Committee chose the finalists, and in a historic first, has appointed two poets to serve the community side by side as co-poet laureates for the term of the fourth Poet Laureate of the City of Vallejo, California; and

WHEREAS, Vallejo resident Jacalyn Eyvonne was selected from this community and has graciously agreed to serve jointly as Vallejo's Poet Laureate for the term of January 2024 to December 2025; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Eyvonne, is a Motion Picture and Television Graduate from the Academy of Art University at San Francisco, an internationally published poet, a multi-talented visual artist, and award-winning filmmaker with experience in television production, and photography; and

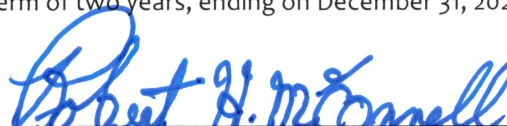
WHEREAS, Ms. Eyvonne is the author of several books, including *I Am Not An Inconsequential Word* (2022), *Venting to Verse* (2023), she has edited and published several volumes of the international magazine *In the Company of Poets* which she transformed into a television show of the same name, featuring several seasons interviewing a wide variety of poets and spoken word artists, her work has appeared in *The Oakland Tribune*, and in the anthologies, *Sistah's With Ink* (2013) and *Wheelsong Poetry Anthology 3* (Wheelsong, United Kingdom, 2023), her poem "The Talk" won second place at the Jackson Book Festival poetry competition in Mississippi, her recent exhibit at Vallejo's McCune Room melds photography and poetry, she has two forthcoming poetry collections, *The Unyielding Weight of Words* and *The World in Black and Words*, and her work is featured on her website <https://www.JacalynEyvonne.com>; and

WHEREAS, during her term as Poet Laureate, as the city's second African-American Poet Laureate, Ms. Eyvonne hopes to bring her experience as a poet and visual artist to the City of Vallejo by continuing to organize and host the Poetry and Monologues and KidsNFilm film festivals.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Robert H. McConnell, Mayor of the City of Vallejo, and the Vallejo City Council, do hereby appoint Jacalyn Eyvonne as the Official Co-Poet Laureate of the City of Vallejo, in recognition of her significant body of work, and her service to poetry and poets in Vallejo, for a term of two years, ending on December 31, 2025.

Dated: March 12, 2024




ROBERT H. MCCONNELL, MAYOR

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