



County of Sonoma
State of California

Date: August 18, 2026

Item Number: 2026-0404

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Congratulating Claire Drucker On Being Named Sonoma County Poet Laureate For The 2026-
2028 Term**

Whereas, the Sonoma County Poet Laureate program recognizes a Sonoma County resident whose poetry demonstrates excellence, whose body of work reflects literary achievement, and whose commitment to the literary arts strengthens the cultural life of Sonoma County; and

Whereas, the Sonoma County Poet Laureate Selection Committee, hosted through the Sebastopol Center for the Arts, has selected Claire Drucker to serve as Sonoma County Poet Laureate for the 2026-2028 term; and

Whereas, Claire Drucker is a poet, educator, dancer, educational consultant, and longtime contributor to Sonoma County's literary community, whose work reflects a deep commitment to language, memory, creativity, and the power of individual stories; and

Whereas, Claire Drucker's first full-length collection of poems, *The Life You Gave Me*, was published in 2023 by Kelsay Books, and her chapbook, *The Fluid Body*, was published in 2014 by Finishing Line Press; and

Whereas, Claire Drucker's poetry has appeared in numerous literary journals and publications, including *CA Quarterly*, *Jewish Literary Journal*, *Rust & Moth*, *Epiphany*, *Puerto del Sol*, *The Freedom of New Beginnings*, and *Women Artists Datebook*; and

Whereas, Claire Drucker served for 27 years as an English professor at Santa Rosa Junior

College, where she taught creative writing, composition, and critical thinking, inspiring students to develop their voices, strengthen their craft, and engage deeply with the written word; and

Whereas, Claire Drucker also served for 13 years as a poet-teacher with California Poets in the Schools, bringing poetry into public school classrooms and helping elementary-age students experience the joy, confidence, and imagination that poetry can awaken; and

Whereas, Claire Drucker continues to support Sonoma County's literary community as the poetry curator for The Sitting Room, a community library dedicated to women's literature and home to more than 7,000 titles; and

Whereas, Claire Drucker's Poet Laureate project, "Voices Across Time: An Intergenerational Poetry Project," will pair high school students with elders in Sonoma County to create collaborative poems drawn from oral history interviews, honoring lived experience and amplifying voices across generations; and

Whereas, through her poetry, teaching, mentorship, and community engagement, Claire Drucker has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to honoring stories, building connections, and uplifting the literary arts in Sonoma County.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma hereby congratulates Claire Drucker on being named Sonoma County Poet Laureate for the 2026-2028 term.

Be It Further Resolved that the Board of Supervisors expresses its appreciation for Claire Drucker's contributions to poetry, education, and the literary arts, and extends best wishes for a meaningful and inspiring term as Sonoma County Poet Laureate.

Supervisors:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Hermosillo:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.