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## **Stockton Arts Commission Accepting Poet Laureate Applications** **Stockton City Council Initiative**

(Stockton, CA) – As far back as the 1300s, poet laureates have been appointed by governing bodies to memorialize special occasions and events. In that tradition, the City of Stockton is seeking a Poet Laureate to bring poetry to the community and to foster an appreciation of poetry in the lives of citizens. The Poet Laureate will serve a term beginning July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016. This appointed position may serve for a maximum of two years with a stipend available. Candidates with a connection to Stockton through family, history, work (produced or published), or other significant tie to the City will be considered. Qualified applicants will be interviewed no later than April 5, 2015.

Applications are due Tuesday, March 31, 2015, by 4:00 p.m. Candidates may apply directly or be nominated by a Stockton organization or resident. Interested individuals should complete the application package including a complete listing of published work and samples of work, such as poetry and literary compositions as directed. Applicants who have previously published work are preferred. Application process details are available at [stocktongov.com/arts](http://stocktongov.com/arts).

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Please email the completed packet to [Nelson.Cortez@stocktongov.com](mailto:Nelson.Cortez@stocktongov.com) or send by mail to The Stockton Arts Commission c/o the Stockton Community Services Department, 605 N. El Dorado Street, Stockton, CA 95202. All applications must be received by the March 31, 2015, deadline.

Contact Carolyn Godwin at [Carolyn.Godwin@stocktongov.com](mailto:Carolyn.Godwin@stocktongov.com) or call (209) 937-8298 for more information. To learn more about the Stockton Arts Commission, visit [stocktongov.com/government/arts](http://stocktongov.com/government/arts) and “Like” at [facebook.com/stocktonarts](https://facebook.com/stocktonarts).

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*The Stockton Arts Commission serves as the arts advocacy commission for the City – a catalyst to support and strengthen the community by increasing awareness, opportunities, and involvement in arts and culture. The Commission was founded by Marian Jacobs and a group of local arts supporters in the mid-1970s. Today, the Commission operates within the City's Community Services Department. Business is conducted by the arts director and a 16-member volunteer commission appointed by the Mayor and City Council.*

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