



**NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT BY OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
TO BOARD OR COMMISSION**

TO: City Council

THROUGH: Todd Stermer, City Clerk

BY: Jerry P. Dyer, Mayor

 X Reappointment

 New Appointment

Name of person replaced: N/A

Name: Honora Chapman, PhD

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Appointed to: Poet Laureate Selection Committee
(Category: Literary Arts and Education)

Term: Through December 31, 2028

City Council 12/12/2024

Application Form**Profile****Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Fresno Poet Laureate Selection Committee: Appointed

Honora

First Name

Chapman

Last Name

Email Address

Home Address

Fresno

City

CA

State

Postal Code

What district do you live in? *☒ District 1

Mobile:

Primary Phone

Business:

Alternate Phone

Briefly explain why are you interested in serving on this board or commission?

As Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities at Fresno State, I have a keen interest in promoting the importance of poetry for our city and the wider world. I helped create both the Laureate Lab for Juan Felipe Herrera and the Philip Levine Reading Room in the Fresno State Library and believe we need to continue celebrating the fact that we grow writers in this Valley.

Educational background, Schools Attended, Degrees and Certifications

Stanford University, BA in Latin and PhD in Classics (ancient literature, history, and religion)

Briefly explain your qualifications or areas of demonstrated expertise for this board or commission.

I have judged the Saroyan Prize for writers at Stanford as well as Provost's Awards for faculty at Fresno State. I was also asked by the Swedish Academy to submit a Nobel Prize in Poetry nomination three years ago. Finally, I have judged grants for the National Endowment for the Humanities, Swiss National Science Foundation, Israel Science Foundation, and California Humanities.

Do you or an immediate family member have any professional or financial relationship that may present a potential conflict of interest for this board, commission or similar body?☐ Yes ☒ No

Work History

Fresno State
Employer

Dean, College of Arts and
Humanities
Job Title

Work Address

[Redacted]

City, State, Zip Code

[Redacted]

Provide 3 Personal and Professional References. Provide name, address, and phone number where they may be reached during the day.

Dr. Sergio La Porta, Associate Dean, Arts and Humanities, Fresno State, [Redacted]
Brenna Barks, Administrative Analyst, Arts and Humanities. Fresno State, [Redacted]
William Skuban, Professor of History, Fresno State, [Redacted]