



DATE: December 6, 2021

AGENDA ITEM # 2

**TO:** Youth Commission  
**FROM:** Will Hanel, Staff Liaison  
**SUBJECT:** Poet Laureate Program

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Discuss partnering with the Public Arts Commission to bring the National Youth Poet Laureate Program to Los Altos

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**BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION**

At the November 22, 2021, Special Meeting Commissioner Hilary King of the Public Arts Commission presented an opportunity for the Public Arts Commission and Youth Commission to form a partnership to facilitate the Youth Poet Laureate program in Los Altos.

The national youth poet laureate program works with local youth literary arts organizations across the United States to identify and celebrate exceptional youth poets who use their voice to inspire change.

The program model supports local literary partners in launching their local youth poet laureate program, elevating these young poet-activists, and creating opportunities and resources to expand and elevate platforms for these youth poet laureates.

The program is supported by the Academy of American Poets, Poetry Society of America, the Library of Congress, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Parks Service, Cave Canem, and many more.

The Commission will need to discuss partnering with the Public Arts Commission to bring the National Youth Poet Laureate Program to Los Altos.