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MAYOR ASHLEY SWEARENGIN

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

**TO:** City Council  
**THROUGH:** Yvonne Spence, City Clerk  
**BY:** Ashley Swearengin, Mayor

Reappointment  
 New Appointment

**Name of person replaced:**

**Name:** Francine L. Oputa  
(Director of Cultural Heritage Institute – Fresno State)

**Address:** 245 North U Street  
Fresno, California 93701

**Home Phone:** (559) 259-5030

**Other Phone:** (559) 278-6946

**Appointed to:** Fresno Poet Laureate Selection Committee

**Term:** Through 12/31/2016

*City Council Agenda 03/07/2013*

Name: **Francine L. Oputa**

Home Phone: **559.259.5030** Work Phone: **559.278.6946**

Home Address: **245 N. U Street** Zip: **93701**

Work Address: **5241 N. Maple Ave M/S TA35** Zip: **93740**

E-Mail Address: [francine@csufresno.edu](mailto:francine@csufresno.edu)

Council District: **7**

Occupation/Employer: **Fresno State** Years: **21** Months: **3**

Educational Background, Schools Attended, Degrees and Certifications:

**BA, Speech Communication-California State University, Stanislaus**

**MA, Mass Communication - California State University, Fresno**

**Ed.D., Educational Leadership - UC Davis/California State University, Fresno**

Professional and Community Affiliations:

**National Coalition Building Institute, Campus Affiliate Director**

**Fresno Metro Ministry, Board Member**

**The Way Ministries...John 14:6, Educational Coordinator**

For what Board or Commission are you applying?

**Fresno Poet Laureate Selection Committee**

Briefly explain why you are interested in serving on this Board(s) or Commission(s):

**As a performer one of my areas of expertise is performing poetry, stories, and songs. I love poetry and recognize the diverse forms and styles of poetry. As the director of Fresno State's Cultural Heritage Institute I am also aware of the various cultural nuances in the written word and I am open to the variances in individuals expression of their thoughts and feeling in poetry. Finally, one of my skills is in group facilitation. As a result I bring to this group the ability to help groups reach consensus in what may, at times, be contentious situations.**

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?

**No.**

Provide 3 Personal and Professional References.

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

**Della Garrett - 559.285.5864**

**Thomas Ellis - 323.620.0132 (c) or 559.278.2646 (w)**

**Matilde Gonzalez - 559.312.0478**

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**Name of person replaced:**

**Name:** James M. Poptanich  
(Board of Director – Friends of the Fresno County Library)

**Address:** 3076 West Escalon Avenue  
Fresno, California 93711

**Home Phone:** (559) 435-3442

**Other Phone:** (559) 289-8680

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Name: **James M. Poptanich**

Home Phone: **(559) 435-3442** Work Phone: **Cell (559) 289-8680**

Home Address: **3076 W. Escalon Avenue, Fresno, CA 93711-1614** Zip: **93711**

Work Address: **N/A Retired** Zip: **93711**

E-Mail Address: [JamesPoptanich@aol.com](mailto:JamesPoptanich@aol.com)

Council District: **2**

Occupation/Employer: **Retired / Volunteer for the City of Fresno** Years: **11** Months: **8**

Educational Background, Schools Attended, Degrees and Certifications:

**Schools Attended: California State University, Fresno B.S. in Business, 1974**

**California State University, Fresno Graduate Business courses**

**Internal Revenue Service Trained as Facilitator**

**Department of the Treasury Trained as EEO Counselor**

**Employer: Retired from Department of the Treasury / Internal Revenue Service**

**Title: Retired Field Advocacy Analyst for The National Taxpayer Advocate**

**Length of Employment: December of 1982 to May of 2005.**

Professional and Community Affiliations:

**Chair: District 2 Implementation Committee, City of Fresno, 11+ years, 2001 to present**

**Board of Directors: Friends of the Fig Garden Regional Library, 10+ years, 2002 to present. President and Secretary positions held.**

**Chair: Bullard High School Site Council, Fresno Unified School District, 4 years, 2003-07**

**Police Chief's Advisory Board: City of Fresno, 5+ years, 2007 to present**

**Mayor's Citizen Advisory Panel: City of Fresno, 3+ years, 2009 to present**

**Facilitator for the first Fresno Citizen's Academy: City of Fresno**

**Board of Directors (Treasurer): Friends of the Fresno County Public Library, 2011-present**

For what Board or Commission are you applying? **Fresno Poet Laureate Selection Committee**

Briefly explain why you are interested in serving on this Board(s) or Commission(s):

**I have been working with the library system to help promote literacy and the continued support of the library since 2000. I strongly believe that starting the children reading and helping to promote their interest in the library helps to make a strong start for productive and caring citizens for our community. I have supported the libraries as a safe meeting place for the local community as an ongoing effort to expand the regional library's influence on its surrounding community members. Poetry is a great way for individuals to express themselves and for others to understand and interpret their own meaning. Fresno should have its own Poet Laureate since we are a great city.**

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? **No.**

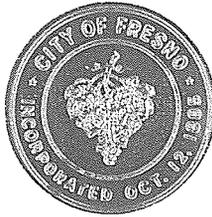
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**Jerry Dyer, Police Chief - City of Fresno / 2323 Mariposa Street / Fresno 621-7000.**

**Andreas Borgeas, Supervisor Second Council District - City of Fresno / Fresno621-8000.**

**Ashley Swearengin, Mayor - City of Fresno / Fresno, CA 93721 (559) 621-8000.**

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**Name of person replaced:**

**Name:** Laurel Prysziazny  
(Fresno County Head Librarian)

**Address:** Home: 4183 North Bodega Bay Road – Clovis CA 93619  
Work: 2420 Mariposa Street - Fresno, CA 93721

**Home Phone:** (559) 765-0862

**Other Phone:** (559) 600-6237

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Name: **Laurel Prysiazny**

Home Phone: **559-765-0862** Work Phone: **559-600-6237**

Home Address: **4183 N. Bodega Bay Rd., Clovis, CA Zip: 93619**

Work Address: **2420 Mariposa Street, Fresno, CA Zip: 93721**

E-Mail Address: [laurel.prysiazny@fresnolibrary.org](mailto:laurel.prysiazny@fresnolibrary.org)

Council District: **Not Sure**

Occupation/Employer: **County of Fresno --- County Public Library** Years: **2** Months: **6**

Educational Background, Schools Attended, Degrees and Certifications:

**Masters of Library and Information Science (MLIS). University of Western Ontario, London, ON, Canada.**

**Bachelor of Arts (BA) - Economics. University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, AB, Canada.**

Professional and Community Affiliations:

**Member, Downtown Rotary Club of Fresno**

**Vice-Chair, San Joaquin Valley Library Cooperative Library System**

**Secretary, County Historic Landmarks and Records Commission**

**Member, California Library Association**

**Member, American Library Association**

**Member, Public Library Association**

**Member, Library Administration and Management Association**

**Member, Friends of the County Public Library**

For what Board or Commission are you applying?

**FRESNO POET LAUREATE SELECTION COMMITTEE**

Briefly explain why you are interested in serving on this Board(s) or Commission(s):

**As County Librarian for the County of Fresno I feel I am uniquely qualified to offer expertise on the selection of a Poet Laureate for Fresno. The library strives to provide materials of literary merit, particularly those with a local connection to Fresno. The National Poet Laureate, Phil Levine, is an ardent user of our Politi Branch. We have an impressive collection of William Saroyan's and many others.**

**The Library is also uniquely positioned to assist the Poet Laureate with offering programs to promote community awareness related to literary arts and the history of this field that is unique to Fresno.**

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? **No.**

Provide 3 Personal and Professional References.

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

**1. Jim Poptanich, Treasurer, Friends of the Fresno County Public Library.**

**2. John Navarrette, County Administrative Officer. County Administrative Office, 2281 Tulare, Suite 304, Fresno, CA 93721. Ph: 559-600-1221.**

**3. Kathleen Donawa, County Budget Director. County Administrative Office, 2281 Tulare, Suite 304, Fresno, CA 93721. Phone: (559) 600-1223.**

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**Name of person replaced:**

**Name:** Cindy Wathen  
(President – Fresno Arts Council)

**Address:** 2106 North Farris Avenue  
Fresno, California 93704

**Home Phone:** (559) 593-3604

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Name: **Cindy Wathen**

Home Phone: **559 5933604** Work Phone: **559 5933604**

Home Address: **2106 N. Farris Avenue, Fresno, CA Zip: 93704**

Work Address: **7160 W. Kearney Blvd., Fresno, CA Zip: 93706**

E-Mail Address: [cindy@cindywathen.com](mailto:cindy@cindywathen.com)

Council District: **1**

Occupation/Employer: **Director of PR& Events/Fresno Historical Society** Years: **0** Months: **5**

Educational Background, Schools Attended, Degrees and Certifications:

**San Joaquin Memorial High School**

**Fresno State, B.A in Marketing, B.S. Psychology**

**San Joaquin College of Law, Juris Doctor**

Professional and Community Affiliations:

**President of the Fresno Arts Council**

**Former Fresno Historical Society board member**

**Former Fresno Filmworks board member**

**Previously worked as Public Relations Specialist-Fresno State's Creative Writing program**

**Former editor and publicist for UC Press and McGraw Hill**

**Former Executive Director of the Yosemite Writers Conference**

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**I've been an active advocate for the Valley's literary community with a strong publishing and marketing background.**

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

**David Kennedy**

**2106 N. Farris Avenue**

**Fresno, CA 93704**

**559-285-8177**

**Lilia Chavez**

**Fresno Arts Council Executive Director**

**1245 Van Ness Ave. Fresno CA 93721 559-237-9734**

**Ruth Lang**

**Fresno Historical Society Director**

**7160 W. Kearney Blvd. Fresno, CA 93706**

**559-441-0862**