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Gary Christenson, Mayor

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Malden City Council
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

RE: Poet Laureate Program

Dear Members of the City Council:

I write to inform you that I have requested that Cherie D. “CD” Collins of 26 Irving Street, Malden, continue to serve as the City’s Poet Laureate for another two-year term to expire on May 16, 2027.

As you know, the Poet Laureate program was initiated in May of 2023 and per a Resolve of the City Council, *Paper #201 of 2023*, we worked together to appoint CD as Malden’s first in this role. As the official City poet, she has worked for the past two years to encourage and highlight the art of poetry and the written word as well as educate and entertain folks of all ages. She has performed at several City events, including Malden High School’s graduation, the Malden Pride Flag Raising, the Veterans Day Ceremony, the Malden Reads Kick-off, Stargazing at Waitt’s Mountain and at the opening of the Bike Kitchen. In addition, CD has organized readings at the Library, Gallery 57 and has taught writing classes and workshops for both adults and children.

This new initiative is now off to a good start, and I am confident that CD will continue to have a positive impact in our community. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

GARY CHRISTENSON
Mayor, City of Malden