



## Legislation Text

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### Fiscal Note

No additional City appropriation required.

### Title

SUBSTITUTE-Naming Maliha Nu'Man (~~Name TBD~~) as Madison's next Youth Poet Laureate.

### Body

WHEREAS, poetry promotes dialogue and understanding between generations; and

WHEREAS, poetry promotes civic responsibility, civic engagement, empathy, understanding, and mutual connection; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2021, the Madison Common Council passed Resolution No. 68286, RES-21-00343, establishing a Youth Poet Laureate Program; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2022 the Madison Common Council passed Resolution No. 71285, RES-22-00343 amending the Youth Poet Laureate Resolution so that the Youth Poet Laureate serves a one-year term in alignment with the National Youth Poet Laureate Program; and

WHEREAS, on the Madison Common Council passed Resolution No. 72241, RES-22-00491 appointing Madeleine Bohn the City's first Youth Poet Laureate; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2023 the Madison Arts Commission issued a call for the Madison Youth Poet Laureate; and

WHEREAS, by the deadline of May 5, 2023 four (~~number TBD~~) youth had submitted applications for the position; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2023 the Madison Arts Commission met to vet four (~~number TBD~~) applications; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration the Madison Arts Commission recommend Maliha Nu'Man (~~Name TBD~~) to serve as the next Madison Youth Poet Laureate and Sai Snigdha Denduluri (~~Name TBD~~) as first runner up, and Claire Bunders (~~Name TBD~~) second runner up.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Madison names Maliha Nu'Man (~~Name TBD~~) to serve as Madison's next Youth Poet Laureate, with Sai Snigdha Denduluri (~~Name TBD~~) first runner up, and Claire Bunders (~~Name TBD~~) as second runner up; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Maliha Nu'Man (~~Name TBD~~) will be invited to read a poem at the September 5, 2023 Common Council meeting.

BE FINALLY RESOLVED, that Maliha Nu'Man (~~Name TBD~~) shall be known as the "Madison Youth Poet Laureate" from July 13, 2023 until July 12, 2024.

