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To Whom It May Concern,

Caddo Parish is proud to have its Poet Laureate, Poetic X, exploring opportunities to expand his work through his fellowship application. Poetic X was selected as the Caddo Parish Poet Laureate in late 2021. He has been an innovative and reflective voice for our community and has lived up to the recommendation that we received when selecting Poet Laureate in late 2021. Then Louisiana Poet Laureate John Warner Smith wrote of Poetic X, " I am greatly impressed, not only by the creative talent of Poetic X, but by the poet's strong, energetic voice, which appears to reach deep into the Caddo community. Poetic X has a wider body of creative work than the others who applied and the poet also appears to have been more active in bringing poetry to the Caddo community. "

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns that you may have. Additionally, If I may, I would like to recommend Poetic X for your consideration. He is consistent, talented, earnest, engaging and understands how to weave disparate viewpoints into a fabric of community. It is a skill we are proud to appreciate and know that you will too.

Sincerely,

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