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### TOWN COUNCIL APPOINTS NEW POET LAUREATE

**Los Gatos, CA** – On December 17, the Los Gatos Town Council appointed Erica Goss as the Town's next Poet Laureate for a two-year term from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2014. Ms. Goss is an award-winning poet with numerous honors, is well connected to the local poetry community through her work with Poetry San Jose, and is committed to connecting the Los Gatos community to the world of poetry.

Ms. Goss has published a significant body of work in many journals and anthologies, as well as her own book, *Poems by Erica Goss*, released this year. Among the many awards Ms. Goss has received for her poetry are: finalist in the Fermoy International Poetry Contest; honorable mention in the Passager Poetry Contest; winner in the Many Mountains Moving Poetry Contest; and the Edwin Markham Poetry Award, judged by the Poet Laureate Of California in 2007. As part of the application process, Ms. Goss submitted original poems, *Dinner at Manresa* and *Mt. Hamilton in January*.

Ms. Goss holds a Master of Fine Arts, with a poetry emphasis and a Bachelor's Degree in English from San Jose State University. She is an adjunct professor for Humanities and English at DeVry University in San Jose, and has been a poetry teacher and an English instructor at high schools in Saratoga and Cupertino.

Ms. Goss will work with the Library Board, the Friends of the Los Gatos Library and Town staff to design activities that bring awareness to the Los Gatos community about the world of poetry. She will also be asked to write original poems for major Town events during her tenure.

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