

February 20, 2012

City of Key West Commissioners:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Mr. Kirby Congdon as the Poet Laureate for the City of Key West. He has made significant and noteworthy contributions to our City and the cultural arts community. He is most deserving of consideration for this important title.

I have known Mr. Congdon for many years and have great respect for his passion, knowledge and wisdom. He is dedicated to his work and his life here in Key West.

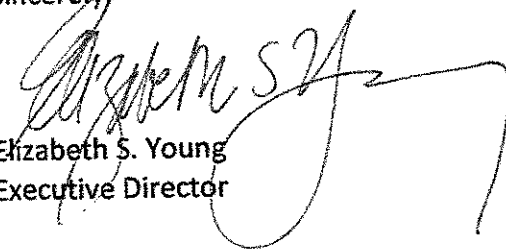
Most recently, I had the opportunity to work with Kirby when he was chosen for a grant award panel to review excerpts from novels written by local, emerging writers. He took great care in giving each application his time and attention, and graciously made comments on each.

Mr. Congdon has devoted his life to his art as a writer, poet and visual artist. His work is cutting-edge, ambitious and sensitive. Kirby's artistic achievements are quite remarkable, and he continues to seek new horizons and opportunities to express his artistry.

I, without reservation recommend Kirby Congdon, as the Poet Laureate for the City of Key West.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth S. Young
Executive Director