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Candidate; Verses Candidate

While most of my focus has been on my own election campaign, we have another election coming up: the election for [Cambridge's first Poet Populist](#). I'm pleased to announce we will have a public reading by the poet populist finalists on November 1st, from 6-8 pm, at the [Jose Mateo Ballet Theatre](#), 400 Harvard Street in Harvard Square. This is a great chance to hear some of Cambridge's finest poets, and to become more informed as you cast your poet vote!

I initiated the Cambridge Poet Populist program to heighten awareness and appreciation of poets and poetry in our community. After all, Cambridge represents the long and short of poetry, from [Henry Wadsworth Longfellow](#) to [e.e. cummings](#)! More importantly, there are some wonderful poets writing and performing in our community, and we need to celebrate and spread their accomplishments.

Cambridge residents will be able to vote for our poet populist -- a poet of the people, for the people, selected by the people. Voting will take place in the first part of November, and we will announce our poet populist later that month. I'll post more details on the election as we get closer. Thanks for [Nick Licata](#) of the Seattle city council, who started the [Seattle Poet Populist program](#) and encouraged me to do the same for Cambridge.

See you on the poetry campaign trail!

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