



**Greene County
Legislature**

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Dear Stella Yoon, Executive Director

I regret to inform CREATE that as Chairman of the Greene County Legislature I am rescinding the appointment of Esther Cohen as Greene County Poet Laureate, effective immediately.

Having investigated allegations of the promotion of violence on social media pages controlled by Esther Cohen, it is my conclusion that the allegations are reasonably true. By her own admission, as published in the Mountain Eagle, Esther "removed" the posts from her page when they were brought into question. I believe the same admission was made to Stella Yoon, Executive Director for CREATE. Multiple Legislators viewed them first-hand.

Greene County must take a zero-tolerance stand against the promotion of violence of any kind, made by anyone. Ms. Cohen is encouraged and welcome to have her opinions and share them at will. As the Poet Laureate is a public-facing representative appointment, those opinions cannot violate the trust of the general public in Greene County in any way, shape, or form.

It is my hope that we can work with CREATE to tighten the requirements of this position and move forward.

Sincerely,

Patrick S. Linger, Chairman
Greene County Legislature

