

**TACOMA (WA) LINKS**  
**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (LI&PA) REPORT**  
**Covering January 2019**  
**Provided for January 26, 2019 Chapter Meeting**

**LOCAL**

The chapter has been invited to participate in a pre-African-American Legislative Day training event, “Prep for African-American Legislative Day” that will occur on February 2, 2019, at Shiloh Baptist Church. The event is designed to prepare attendees for optimal interaction with their legislators at the upcoming statewide African-American Legislative Day, in Olympia, on February 18, 2019. The day will cover legislative bills of concern to the African-American community, an update on Initiative 1000, plans to further address homelessness, and much more.

Chapter members may be asked to assist at the February 2 event. At a minimum, Links are strongly encouraged to attend both events. The chapter logo is being added to the below flyer.



The link to February 18 event details is: <https://www.apriseattle.org/events/charles-rolland-african-american-legislative-day-2>

Several Links turned out to support Link Ella Williams and Connecting Link Charlie Williams during the historic, standing-room-only swearing-in of their son Karl Williams to the Pierce County District Court bench. Congratulations, Williams Family!







## AREA

Link Kirsten Watts continues to work with the Area LI&PA committee. She submitted the name of Judge Karl Williams to satisfy the request for committee members to share names of Links, Connecting Links, and Heir-O-Links elected during the Midterms. An Area-wide elections list will be shared with the Area.

Additionally, the committee is busy developing a 2019 Area conference workshop on the importance of the 2020 Census and 2020 presidential election. Stay tuned for more information on the HBCU Legislative Summit being designed for September 2019 implementation.

Respectfully Submitted by R. Kirsten Watts, Legislative Issues and Public Affairs Chair, on January 22, 2019