

**TACOMA (WA) LINKS  
LEGISLATIVE ISSUES AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (LIPA) COMMITTEE REPORT  
COVERING MAY - SEPTEMBER 2019**

Provided for September 28, 2019 Chapter Meeting

**Committee Members**

La'Tonja Hunter, JoAnn Jones, Vera Marks, Donella Pearson, Iris West, Ella Williams, and R. Kirsten Watts (chair)

**Western Area Committee Work**

In June 2019, Link Kirsten Watts stepped down from her role as chapter representative on the Western Area LIPA Committee, but not before recommending Link LaTonja Hunter as her replacement. The Area accepted the recommendation and invited Link LaTonja to join the Area committee in July 2019. Congratulations, Link Hunter! Your commitment to ensuring the chapter continues to be represented on this important committee is very much appreciated.

Link La'Tonja started work on communications for a possible Western Area gun control initiative.

**Chapter Committee Work**

**Committee meeting, September 24, 2019**

Attendance: 1 (Link Kirsten); excused: 1 (Link Donella). No business was conducted or concluded.

**Candidates' Forum, October 5, 2019, 11 AM- 1 PM:** Link Kirsten ensured the chapter was formally invited to Allen AME Church's 2019 candidates' forum. Chapter members are strongly encouraged to participate. Two Links will be identified to work the on-site voter registration table with two Tacoma Deltas.

**Chapter Community Health Forum, October 19, 2019, 11:30 AM – 2: 30 PM:**

This committee received permission to conduct voter registration at this forum. Link Kirsten will provide the materials and banner. Committee members are encouraged to help with set-up and registration.

**Census 2020:** Depending on committee interest, there may be opportunities to partner with other community organizations on endeavors to urge the community, especially African-Americans, to complete the census in April 2020.

Respectfully Submitted by R. Kirsten Watts, on September 24, 2019