

**TACOMA (WA) LINKS
LEGISLATIVE ISSUES AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (LIPA) COMMITTEE REPORT
COVERING DECEMBER 2019 AND JANUARY 2020**

Provided for January 25, 2020 Chapter Meeting

Committee Members

LaTonja Hunter (Area representative), JoAnn Jones, Vera Marks, Donella Pearson, Iris West, Ella Williams, and R. Kirsten Watts (chair)

Western Area LIPA Committee Work

Link LaTonja reported the following information.

General Update

- LIPA and Program Alignment Webinar was held on Jan 9th. A secondary session will be held on Jan 30th. The link will be sent to committee members to join as soon as it's available.
- Workplan was approved by Link Lorna.
- Links Day at the Capital - need to determine how to push this forward in each area (collaboration with other groups is encouraged)

Census 2020

- Additional ticklers should be prepared and sent to chapters on some frequency leading up to the Census Impact Day. Intent is to have communications for January, February and March.
- **ACTION:** Will have January draft no later than Monday, January 20th. (Link Tiffany)

Townhall Event

- Link Sherry joined the committee this evening to discuss. The goal is to plan and implement a townhall event in Arizona that will involve the US Senate Race candidates.
- Link Sherry reported that she has discussed with the Phoenix chapter - this will be coordinated between both chapters. Working to determine location - likely in Phoenix. Expect to share additional information by end of January.
- Key learnings from the Texas Townhall Event were shared and will be forwarded to Link Sherry to review with the Phoenix chapter.
- **ACTION:** Will need to validate budget allocation within Western Area (Link Sandra)
- Will encourage committee members to be prepared to support them on the ground.

Live Stream Communication Details from Link Teresa Cox

- We will need to determine if this company is only based in California or other locations. Additional quotes on professional services will be needed for cost comparisons.

Resolutions

- Sub-team assigned to work on drafting something for the Western area. Links Teresa, Latonja, Tiffany, Julie.
- A few areas discussed are listed below:
 - Wage Disparities
 - Women supporting Women
 - Call to Action - Running for Office - Community Leaders
 - Phase 2 of Census 2020
- Team can view if there is anything documented from past assemblies in the National Website Documents

Other

- Link Julie: National Black Legislatures Conference - will circle back with them to see what the goals and objectives
- Link Julie/Teresa: Crown Act (going to the Federal Level) - what can we do now?
- Jamaica initiative - are there any items we want to have Link Denise do while she is there...

Next Mtg

Tuesday, Feb 11th
8:30 p.m. CST

Chapter LIPA Committee Work

Census 2020

January 25, 2020 Tutorial

Link Kirsten completed the following actions:

- continued training planning with the U.S. Census Bureau's Congressional Partnership Specialist on December 4, 2019
- created and started disseminating "Save the Date" messages on December 14, 2019
- created and finalized Evite invitations and guest list through late December
- released invitations on January 14, 2020
- started finalizing Census training details with a different U.S. Census Bureau Partnership Specialist on January 21, 2020
- touched base with President Davis on January 21; both agreed the January 25 beverage service (coffee, water, orange juice) should be replenished for our afternoon training.
- NEW ACTION ITEMS
 - finalize training planning with U.S. Census Bureau Partnership Specialist on January 22
 - buy and bring cookies
 - prepare thank you for guests
 - work with Technology Committee on adding Census messaging to website
 - work with collaborative community partners on community forum

Respectfully Submitted by R. Kirsten Watts, on January 21, 2020