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## **Tacoma Branch NAACP Announces Support for Yolanda Lewis Ahead of City Manager Vote**

Tacoma, WA — The Tacoma Branch of the NAACP formally announces its support for Yolanda L. Lewis to serve as the next City Manager for the City of Tacoma.

For more than a century, the NAACP has stood for equity, justice, transparency, and accountable leadership in public institutions. Those values continue to guide the Tacoma Branch as we engage in decisions that shape the future of our city.

After careful review of the candidates and thoughtful engagement throughout the interview process, the Tacoma NAACP believes Ms. Lewis embodies the leadership principles that align with our mission.

“I believe Ms. Lewis is what’s needed to take Tacoma to the next level,” said Rev. Malando Redeemer, President of the Tacoma Branch NAACP. “This is not a moment for maintaining the status quo. It is a moment for disciplined, accountable leadership that prioritizes people and delivers measurable progress.”

The Tacoma NAACP values leadership that centers community well-being, strengthens public trust, advances equity in tangible ways, and ensures institutional accountability — particularly in public safety, economic opportunity, and governance. Throughout the process, Ms. Lewis demonstrated a clear understanding that equity must be operationalized and that executive leadership must be willing to take responsibility for outcomes.

“It is evident that Ms. Lewis genuinely cares about the people of Tacoma,” Redeemer continued. “Leadership is not about protecting systems for their own sake — it is about ensuring those systems serve the community fairly and effectively. We believe she will put people first while maintaining the operational excellence required to lead a city of Tacoma’s size.”

The Tacoma Branch NAACP remains committed to working collaboratively with City leadership to advance the values that have defined our organization for generations — justice, transparency, civic engagement, and equal opportunity for all residents. These same principles also inform our local efforts, including initiatives such as Project HOPE, which focuses on strengthening health, opportunity, policy engagement, and education in our community.

Residents are encouraged to remain informed and engaged as the City Council considers this important decision for Tacoma’s future.

The Tacoma City Council is scheduled to vote on the selection of the next City Manager at its upcoming meeting on Tuesday, March 3rd at 5:00 p.m