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PITTSBURGH NAACP HIRES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Pittsburgh branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) welcomes Kellie Ware-Seabron, Esq. as its Executive Director. In her new role, Ware-Seabron will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the branch and manage its programming, community outreach, strategic planning, and fundraising efforts. She will report to the organization’s Executive Committee.

In a statement from the branch’s Search Committee Chairman, K. Chase Patterson says, “Kellie is smart, serious about justice, and totally committed to the mission of the NAACP movement. We believe that she brings a valuable combination of professional and leadership experience that will help to grow the work of the Pittsburgh NAACP as well as our impact on the condition of Black lives in our region. The Executive Committee is excited to work with Kellie and to see the results of her hard work and great ideas.”

Ware-Seabron comes to the NAACP from the City of Pittsburgh, where she served as its inaugural Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy Analyst for City Council. In this role, Kellie worked closely with numerous community and non-profit organizations, and government entities to advance racial equity in the City. A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, and Northeastern University School of Law, Ware-Seabron’s professional experience includes community economic development and government. Immediately before joining the City, she worked to secure tenants’ rights as a staff attorney at Neighborhood Legal Services.

A Pittsburgh native, Ware-Seabron, said she is “very excited for the opportunity to support the work of the Pittsburgh NAACP at this critical juncture. We’re at a crossroads as to what the future holds for Black folks in this City. Racism is a public health crisis, Black Pittsburghers could move virtually anywhere and have a better quality of life. Now what? I believe the Pittsburgh NAACP can and will play a critical role in moving the needle in the right direction for our City.”

Ware-Seabron officially joins the NAACP on February 1, 2020 and will make her first presentation to the General Membership on February 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM at Jeron X. Grayson Center – 1852 Enoch St, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

The Pittsburgh Unit of the NAACP was organized in 1915 in the home of Attorney William H. Randolph. Among those present during the first meeting where NAACP founder W.E.B DuBois, James Weldon Johnson, and Walter White. Since its founding the Pittsburgh NAACP has intently focused on racial disparities in economics, health care, education, voter empowerment and the criminal justice system while also continuing its role as legal advocate for civil rights issues.