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NAACP Bucks County Chapter Launches Criminal Justice and Education Initiative New Effort Designed to Advance Equality in Policing, Voting, and Education Throughout County

July 28, 2020 – The Bucks County Chapter of the NAACP today announced formation of a new Criminal Justice & Education Committee that will develop and implement strategies to advance racial equality in policing; encourage full voting participation; promote anti-racist policies, practices, and culture in schools; and increase public awareness of racism.

Inspired by strong public support throughout Bucks County following the brutal murder of George Floyd, the Committee is bringing together long-time racial justice leaders with volunteers who are new to the cause to focus on key areas of opportunity. “Every child in Bucks County should grow up knowing they are valued and their future is bright, and every person should know they can count on equal protection under the law,” said Karen Downer, President, Bucks County NAACP. “We look forward to productive discussions with county, municipal, police, school, and community leaders about how we can ensure equal treatment for Black and Brown people and embrace the value of our diversity to strengthen our county.”

The Committee is led by labor, employee relations, and municipal law attorney Patrice Tisdale of Warrington and former Pennsylvania State Representative and Solebury Township Supervisor Helen Tai, who runs a consulting firm. The NAACP brings together people of all racial backgrounds who are committed to racial justice, and all Bucks County residents interested in getting involved with this new effort are encouraged to reach out to buckscountynaacp@gmail.com. More information is available at <https://www.facebook.com/BucksNAACP>.

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Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation’s oldest and largest nonpartisan civil rights organization with a mission to secure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights in order to eliminate race based discrimination and ensure the health and well-being of all persons. Its members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities. The Bucks County Chapter was chartered in 1951 and pursues the same mission.

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