



Lauren Walker Lee

Appointed Executive Director of
Tacoma Community House



TACOMA, WA — Colette Smith, Tacoma Community House (TCH) Board President, announced the appointment of Lauren Walker Lee as the new Executive Director of Tacoma Community House. Walker Lee will begin her official duties on May 1st. Smith noted the Executive and Search Committees conducted an extensive search and are excited with their selection in Walker Lee.

“ My entire career has focused on working to ensure a wide range of services for those in need.” Walker Lee says. “I am deeply passionate about Tacoma Community House’s mission, vision, values and history of services to immigrants and refugees throughout the region.”

Since 2017, Lauren has served as Community Action Programs Manager for Pierce County Human Services which provides multiple services to low income people - energy assistance, minor home repair, weatherization and early childhood preschool programs. Under her leadership, services expanded to more diverse communities and different language groups with a race and equity focus. Lauren previously served as executive director (1995 – 2017) of the Fair Housing Center of Washington, a nonprofit civil rights agency addressing housing discrimination in western and central Washington.

In addition, Lauren served two separate terms as City Council Member, City of Tacoma 2008 -15 & 2017 and as Deputy Mayor in 2011. Lauren is a longtime resident of the Hilltop neighborhood where she lives with her husband, Sid.

About Tacoma Community House

As one of the longest, continuously operating social service agencies in Washington State, TCH has improved the lives of generations of immigrants, refugees, and other (predominantly low-income) community members through the four cornerstones of Education, Employment, Immigration and Advocacy.

Founded by Methodist women in 1910 in the small room of a private home in Tacoma’s Hilltop neighborhood, TCH originally served a couple dozen neighborhood children. Today, TCH is a multiservice center providing 3,800 program services to 3,500 adults and youth from the U.S. and over 100 other countries.

TCH's service area of Pierce, South King, Kitsap, Thurston, and Mason counties represents a growing population of 1.7 million individuals, 11% of whom are immigrants. TCH is the only organization that provides a full range of services to immigrants and refugees between Portland and Seattle. Learn more at www.TacomaCommunityHouse.org