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NAACP JOINS COUNCILMEMBER JANESE LEWIS GEORGE FOR A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE GREEN NEW DEAL FOR HOUSING, GREEN JOBS AND LEAD PIPE REPLACEMENT

WASHINGTON, D.C. —NAACP DC Branch leaders will join Councilmember Janeese Lewis George and other community organizations at a press conference today, Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 10:00am at the Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC introducing a ***Green New Deal Housing Act for Housing, Green Jobs and Lead Pipe Replacement.***

Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George and five other Councilmembers introduced the Green New Deal for Housing Act to produce and preserve more affordable housing by creating sustainable, climate-neutral social housing. Social housing is publicly-owned, mixed-income housing that generates deeper affordability by reinvesting rent payments in lowering costs for tenants and establishing more social housing across the city. Councilmember Lewis George also introduced the Green New Deal for a Lead-Free DC to accelerate the removal of hazardous lead water service lines on public and private land in DC, while also expanding the District’s lead remediation specialist workforce with a new job training program.

The NAACP is the nation’s oldest and largest civil rights organization, advocating to advance racial equity, housing justice and environmental justice through political, educational and economic empowerment. The NAACP mobilizes over 3 million members and 2,000 units nationwide. The NAACP DC Branch represents over 20,000 members, stakeholders and partners that are voting residents across all 8 wards of the District of Columbia.

Akosua Ali, NAACP DC Branch President, stated, “Housing justice and Environmental justice are civil rights issues. Environmental injustices, housing injustice and lead exposure have disproportionately severe, health-impacts on lower-income, Black and Brown people in the District of Columbia. Not all residents in the District are equally impacted. Race, class, income, housing, healthcare access and privilege influence the health impacts of environmental toxins. Today affordable housing, Green Jobs and reducing Lead Exposure are critical to promote healthier communities.”

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ABOUT NAACP:

Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation’s oldest and largest civil rights organization. Its members throughout the United States and the world are premier advocates for civil rights in their communities. The mission of NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic quality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.