

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - LATASHA WARE

Tasha is a lifelong resident of Tacoma, WA, who graduated from Lincoln High School and received her bachelor's degree from the Tacoma branch of the Evergreen State College. Her family moved to Tacoma two generations ago via the military and chose this beautiful state as their home. Coming from a long line of army veterans and civically engaged civilians, Tasha's commitment to public service was instilled in her at a very young age.



Tasha began her career in public service 11-years ago, first working as a case manager for Tacoma Community House. During her nine-year career at Tacoma Community House she served in several capacities including case manager and outreach coordinator. Her background includes supporting community members in economic development opportunities and connecting them to higher education opportunities. She also served on the Development and Marketing team, contributing to the organization's outreach and fundraising efforts.

In 2019, she completed a Master's in Public Administration and was awarded a fellowship from the International City/County Management Association, the leading organization of local government professionals throughout the world. Tasha completed her fellowship in the City of Tacoma's City Manager's Office where she worked on local policy and provided staff support to the City Manager, City Council, Neighborhood Councils and City Commissions, Boards, and Committees. After completion of her fellowship, Tasha was hired by the City to serve as Executive Assistant/Policy Analyst at Tacoma Public Libraries where she is working to revise and update the Library's policies.

Tasha joined the League in mid-2020, with her primary interest being in civic education. Tasha hopes to participate in as many League activities as possible that allow her to build a bridge between the community and government. Tasha is also interested in advocating for transparency in government and the implementation of innovative approaches to engage historically marginalized communities.