

Legislative Issues and Public Affairs

2020-2022 Advocacy Agenda

Operating Principle

Diversity and Inclusion

The Links, Incorporated's legislative and public affairs priorities are considered through a lens of diversity, equity, and inclusion. The Links, Incorporated is uniquely positioned to leverage the collective strength, resources, and energy of our members to ensure that public policy being considered is reflective of our membership and the global community we serve.

Advocacy Priorities

While we continue to monitor and advocate on numerous public policy issues, The Links, Incorporated has identified four priorities for the biennium. Our efforts in these areas do not imply that other areas are excluded from our engagement.

- **Health**
 - Public Health | COVID-19
 - Research, Access & Distribution of Vaccines
 - Education | Impact on our Communities (virtual learning, schools, etc.)
 - Community | Individual Safety Protocols
 - Affordable Health Care (protect pre-existing conditions)
 - Environmental Justice (clean air, water, housing)

 - Reducing Health Disparities | Equity
 - Mental and Behavioral Health

- **Economic Sustainability**
 - Recovery (jobs and business ownership)
 - Racial and Gender Economic Equity

- **Civil and Voting Rights**
 - Maintain voter protections and expand access to the polls
 - Increasing voter participation and engagement
 - Advocate for fair representation (redistricting)
 - Sentencing reform
 - Civil protections under the law

- **Criminal Justice and Public Safety**
 - Law Enforcement Reform
 - Reduce Gun Violence
 - Bail
 - Police Review and Policing

2020 – 2022 Partners

- Congressional Black Caucus (CBC)
- White House – Office of Public Engagement
- When We All Vote (WWAV)
- National Medical Association (NMA)
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
- National Bar Association (NBA)