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**National Expert on Homelessness Solutions Coming to Tacoma**

**Tristia Bauman, Senior Attorney for The National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty in Washington, DC will be joined by local experts to discuss effective strategies for resolving homelessness**

**(Tacoma, WA)** Tristia Bauman, a national expert on solutions for homelessness, will be making a special presentation in Tacoma on Thursday, July 18.Ms. Bauman is an excellent resource person as our community – like so many others – struggles to find innovative, feasible, appropriate and cost effective strategies to resolve homelessness.

The gathering will take place in the Alberta Canada Room at Catholic Community Services, 1323 Yakima Avenue, Tacoma from 7:00-8:30 pm. The event is cosponsored by Associated Ministries and Catholic Community Services. There is no cost to attend.

As senior attorney at the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty in Washington, DC, Tristia Bauman has extensive experience consulting with cities across the country who struggle with integrating people without shelter into the community. Ms. Bauman also conducts nationwide policy and legal trainings for lawmakers and attorneys regarding the criminalization of homelessness. She has lobbied and testified at federal, state and local levels to expand access to affordable housing and prohibit discrimination against homeless people.

Ms. Bauman will be joined by local community leaders responding to her presentation, including Michelle Thomas (Washington Low Income Housing Alliance), Michael Mirra (Tacoma Housing Authority), and Denny Hunthausen (Catholic Community Services). Ample time will be available for audience participation.

Though she works from an organization based in Washington, DC, Ms. Bauman has a specific interest in Pierce County, having been raised in Sumner.

Some of Ms. Bauman’s publications are: *Cruel and All Too Usual,* (Sojourners Magazine*,* 2019)*; Protect Tenants/Prevent Homelessness* (2018); *Public Property, Public Need: a Toolkit for Using Vacant Property to End Homelessness* (2017)*; No Safe Place: The Criminalization of Homelessness in US Cities* (2016, 2014); *Eviction without Notice: Renters and the Foreclosure Crisis* (2012).

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