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## **Rep. Stubbs Elected to Chair Wisconsin Legislative Black Caucus**

MADISON- On Tuesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Representative Shelia Stubbs (D-Madison, 77<sup>th</sup> Assembly District) was selected by fellow members of the Wisconsin Legislative Black Caucus (WLBC) to become the next caucus Chair. She will be the first representative from Dane County to chair the WLBC since its creation in 1955. After being selected by her peers, Representative Stubbs released the following statement:

“I am honored to have the confidence of my colleagues to chair the Wisconsin Legislative Black Caucus throughout this next legislative session. I want to thank previous leaders in the WLBC for paving the way forward, and creating caucus that allows Black voices to be effective within the Wisconsin State Legislature.”

“Since 1955, the WLBC has continued to foster diversity within state government, and advocate for what matters to people of color in Wisconsin. Groundbreaking leaders such as congresswoman Gwen Moore, and Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes have been apart of this caucus, and their continued success has improved the lives of many across our state. As the next WLBC Chair, I am honored to continue the fight for racial justice across all issues, and tackle the public health crisis of racism that continues to plague our communities.”

“The members of the WLBC are among some of the hardest working legislators in this building. As Chair, I will work diligently to support their continued success, and ensure that our voices hold weight within the broader Wisconsin Legislature. This growing caucus of dedicated leaders is set up for success, and I am honored to help ensure that it happens. Together, we will be able to create real change, and pass meaningful legislation.”

Joining Representative Stubbs in WLBC leadership is Representative-Elect Dora Drake (D-Milwaukee, 11<sup>th</sup> Assembly District) as Vice-Chair, Representative-Elect Samba Baldeh (D-Madison, 48<sup>th</sup> Assembly District) as Secretary, and Representative Kalan Haywood (D-Milwaukee, 16<sup>th</sup> Assembly District) as Treasurer.

