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Thomas J. Lyons appointed Managing Director of Government Affairs and Communications for MassHousing

BOSTON – March 7, 2016 – Thomas J. Lyons was recently appointed Managing Director of Government Affairs and Communications for MassHousing (the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency).

In his new role, Mr. Lyons will oversee MassHousing's Governmental Affairs and Corporate Communications efforts to ensure that elected officials, state and municipal officials, Agency stakeholders and Massachusetts residents are aware of the Agency's affordable housing programs and low-cost financing options.

"Tom brings a wealth of experience in affordable housing, homelessness prevention and advocacy as well as veterans affairs to his new position," said MassHousing's Timothy C. Sullivan. "He knows many of our state's governmental leaders and will be spearheading our efforts to make our programs more widely known at a time when housing affordability is a growing concern."

From 2002 to 2016 Mr. Lyons was MassHousing's Manager of Community Services, which provides a variety of programs and resources for the property managers and residents of MassHousing-financed apartment communities.

"This is an exciting new opportunity and I am enthusiastic about spreading the word about all of the great programs that MassHousing has to make housing more affordable," said Mr. Lyons. "Whether it is an affordable loan for a homebuyer or a complex loan for a developer to build mixed-income rental housing, we have the products and the team that can deliver."

From 1995 to 2002, Mr. Lyons, a United States Marine Corps veteran, served as the Executive Director of the New England Center for Homeless Veterans in Boston.

Mr. Lyons is a Trustee of the Chelsea Soldiers Home; a member of the Board of the Brighton Marine Health Center; Vice President of the Board of Fisher House Boston; Chairman of the Massachusetts Veterans and War Memorial Commission; Chairman of the South Boston Vietnam Memorial Committee; and, Founder of the Semper Fidelis Society of Boston.

Mr. Lyons is a resident of Wakefield, Massachusetts and a former resident of South Boston.

About MassHousing

MassHousing (The Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency) is an independent, quasi-public agency created in 1966 and charged with providing financing for affordable housing in Massachusetts. The Agency raises capital by selling bonds and lends the proceeds to low- and moderate-income homebuyers and homeowners, and to developers who build or preserve affordable and/or mixed-income rental housing. MassHousing does not use taxpayer dollars to sustain its operations, although it administers some publicly funded programs on behalf of the Commonwealth. Since its inception, MassHousing has provided more than \$19 billion for affordable housing. For more information, visit the MassHousing website at www.masshousing.com, follow us on Twitter [@MassHousing](https://twitter.com/MassHousing), subscribe to [our blog](#), [watch us](#) on YouTube and [Like us](#) on Facebook.

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