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## **MassHousing Names Thomas J. Lyons Acting Executive Director**

BOSTON – November 14, 2017 – Today MassHousing’s Board of Directors voted to appoint Thomas J. Lyons as the Agency’s Acting Executive Director. Lyons, MassHousing’s Managing Director of Government Affairs and Communications, will lead MassHousing on an interim basis, while the Board conducts a search for a permanent executive director. Lyons replaces Tim Sullivan, who stepped down today as Executive Director to pursue a private sector employment opportunity.

“MassHousing deeply values Tom Lyons’s commitment to public service, collaborative spirit, and ability to forge strong relationships” said Michael J. Dirrane, Chairman of the Board of Directors of MassHousing. “Tom is well known, well liked and incredibly well respected at the federal, state, and local levels, and he brings a true sense of team to his work. He will provide important continuity and leadership as the Agency searches for a permanent executive director.”

In his current role as MassHousing’s Managing Director of Government Affairs and Communications, Lyons manages all aspects of the operations of the Agency’s Corporate Communications, Marketing, Government Affairs and Comprehensive Permit divisions. He previously served, for 13 years, as the Manager of MassHousing’s Community Services Department.

Prior to joining MassHousing, Lyons was the Executive Director of the New England Center and Home for Veterans. He has extensive experience with Veterans issues, particularly in Veterans Housing. Mr. Lyons is currently a Trustee at the Chelsea Soldiers Home, a Brighton Marine Health Center board member and a member of the Legislature’s Joint Commission on Veterans Housing and Long-Term Care Services.

MassHousing’s Board of Directors has charged the Board’s Human Resources and Compensation Committee with leading the search for a permanent executive director. The committee is comprised of Dirrane, the Board’s chairman; Ping Yin Chai, the Board’s vice-chairman; and Andris J. Silins, the Board’s treasurer.

***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 \$22 billion for affordable housing. For more information, visit the MassHousing website at [www.masshousing.com](http://www.masshousing.com), follow us on Twitter [@MassHousing](https://twitter.com/MassHousing), subscribe to our [blog](#) and Like us on [Facebook](#).