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Massachusetts Association of Realtors® (MAR) names Catherine Rollins Manager of Local Public Policy

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WALTHAM, Mass. – August 5, 2020 - The Massachusetts Association of Realtors® (MAR) today announced that Catherine Rollins has joined the Government & Legal Affairs team as Manager of Local Public Policy. In her new role, she will be assisting the 12 regional MAR associations across the Commonwealth with local municipal issues relating to land use.

Rollins brings a wealth of public policy experience to MAR. Prior to joining the team, Rollins was most recently the Director of Operations and Special Projects at the Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce, where she managed the organization and served as chief advisor on people and processes. She also served as the Deputy Chief of Staff and Director of Policy for the City of Everett, Massachusetts, advising the mayor on all public policy changes. In this role, she successfully coordinated city involvement with a \$2.6 billion resort casino development process, the largest privately funded single-phase development in state history.

Rollins will monitor issues across the Commonwealth related to local land use, zoning, economic development and other real property issues. In addition, Rollins will partner with the 12 local REALTOR associations to work with their members on educating them about the potential impacts of any changes proposed.

“Catherine is an exciting addition to our government affairs team,” said Theresa Hatton, CEO and Executive Vice President of MAR. “Her depth of knowledge and experience with relationship building across all types of organizations, communities, and government offices throughout New England makes her well-suited to help MAR navigate complex municipal issues. She will be a tremendous resource for our members, and we’re thrilled to have her on the team.”

In addition to her work at the Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce and City of Everett, Rollins spent time as a legislative analyst with the Massachusetts Municipal Association, managing an issue portfolio including land use, housing, and economic development. She has also held positions with the City of New Bedford and Dewey Square Group and worked on several campaigns including Rhode Islanders for a Strong Economy, Patricia White for Boston City Council At-Large, and John Kerry for President. She holds a M.A. in Public Affairs from Brown University and a B.A. in Government from Wesleyan University.

About the Massachusetts Association of Realtors®:

Organized in 1924, the Massachusetts Association of Realtors® is a professional trade organization with more than 25,000+ members. The term Realtor® is registered as the exclusive designation of members of the National Association of Realtors® who subscribe to a strict code of ethics and enjoy continuing education programs. ### Editors and reporters: Please note that the term Realtor® is properly spelled with an initial capital “R”, per the Associated Press Stylebook.

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