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**Community Housing of Maine (CHOM) Board of Directors Announces Leadership Transition:**

After many years of exceptional service to CHOM, Executive Director Cullen Ryan has stepped down from his role. Throughout Cullen's tenure, CHOM has significantly expanded affordable housing opportunities across Maine and strengthened its advocacy on behalf of people experiencing homelessness. Under his leadership, CHOM deepened collaborations with partners statewide and advanced impactful housing development efforts that continue to benefit communities across Maine. We are pleased that Cullen will continue contributing to the housing field in his new role as Director of Strategy at 3Rivers.

"On behalf of CHOM, we are deeply grateful for Cullen's outstanding leadership over the last twenty-two years. He not only guided the organization with integrity and vision but also elevated our statewide advocacy for safe, stable, and affordable homes," said Jennifer Putnam, CHOM Board President. "We are excited that he will continue advancing housing initiatives and expanding opportunities for Maine residents in his next chapter." We welcome you to join us in thanking Cullen for his many contributions. Cullen will continue to assist CHOM during this transition until the last week of February.

Kyra Walker, former Chief Operating Officer at CHOM, has returned to serve as Interim Executive Director. Kyra brings a wealth of experience in Maine's affordable housing sector and has a deep knowledge of Maine's housing needs. "Kyra is smart, thoughtful and innovative" noted Jennifer Putnam. "We are thrilled that she is leading CHOM through this transition".

CHOM has several major initiatives underway, including ongoing housing development projects and advocacy efforts aimed at strengthening Maine's affordable housing system. We encourage our partners and supporters to join us at upcoming events, continue engaging in statewide advocacy, and stay tuned for updates as CHOM enters this new period of growth.

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