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### New Executive Director to Lead Marin County Housing Authority

San Rafael, CA - Lewis Jordan, an accomplished housing authority director, has been selected by the Marin County Housing Authority Board to lead the 50-person agency that serves over 12,000 residents. The Board will formally make the appointment at its meeting on October 16, 2012.

Jordan, most recently led the Chicago Housing Authority for three and a half years, and prior to that, served as the head of smaller organizations, including the Cook County Housing Authority and the Rockford Housing Authority in Illinois. Jordan has 20 years corporate management experience and extensive work around diversity education and corporate relations

“We are pleased to have Lewis join Marin County. He demonstrates great leadership, innovative approaches to improve the lives of our residents,” said Board President Steve Kinsey. “Further, as a former public housing resident, Lewis has a unique understanding of both issues and opportunities that residents face.”

Jordan was instrumental in moving the beleaguered Chicago Housing Authority from a 23-year court-ordered receivership and worked in partnership with residents and other stakeholders to create better housing options and improved public spaces. He resigned his position in 2011 after a change in mayoral leadership.

His peers and federal partners have called him “one of the best executive directors” as well as “smart, honest and with an ability to get things done.”

“I am very excited about the many opportunities to enhance affordable housing in this great community,” said Jordan. “I look forward to strengthening relationships with MHA

residents, board, staff and community partners. I am also ecstatic about the possibilities to partner with new stakeholders as we work together to provide affordable housing choices and positive resident opportunities throughout the county.”

Jordan officially takes the reins on October 29, 2012. His annual salary will be \$169,456. He follows former executive director Dan Nackerman, who served the agency since 2008 and left the agency to become the head of the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino.

The Marin County Housing Authority is responsible for various housing programs for low and moderate-income people, including the management of 2,100 vouchers, 500 housing units in Marin City and a portfolio of four sites consisting of 80 units.

Jordan holds a degree from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee.