

My name is Terri Tauro and I was appointed to the Housing Authority in January of 2023 to fill a vacated seat as interim commissioner.

A lifelong resident of Marblehead, I attended Marblehead Public Schools and have been a town employee for twelve years. Having recently run for state office, I have expanded my relationships and increased my understanding of community needs. During my campaign, I knocked on many public housing doors and met with senior tenants' associations in Marblehead, Lynn, and Swampscott. A recurring theme I discovered is that while housing conditions are not always ideal, residents are often afraid to advocate for themselves. I also learned that many seniors worry they won't be able to afford to stay in Marblehead. It is unimaginable that our seniors should be forced to choose between staying in a house that is too big or no longer safely accessible or leave the town where they lived, worked, and raised families. Addressing these challenges as part of the Housing Authority would be an honor.

Serving on the Marblehead Housing Authority has even greater meaning to me because of the role it played in affording my family the opportunity to live in this beautiful town. My father, Danny Colbert, served in the United States Air Force for fifteen years. As a USAF veteran, he was eligible to live in federally funded housing at Barnard Hawkes Ct. and Broughton Rd. As a result, our family was able to live in Marblehead, continuing a six-generation family legacy.

Thanks to the Marblehead Housing Authority, my four siblings and I were able to grow up in our father's hometown and benefit from its many resources. We received a top-notch public education and exposure to the arts, sports, and music while other communities were cutting these programs. At a time when many did not continue their education beyond high school, the academic guidance Marblehead High School provided, encouraged us to reach higher. While I credit our success to the love and support of my wonderful parents, their job was made easier by being part of this family-oriented town. I am proud my siblings and I have made our way in the world, no longer rely on any sort of public assistance, and are involved in various community service initiatives.

As a member of the Executive Board and the Affordable Housing Committee of the AFL-CIO, North Shore Labor Council, I actively work to find ways to mitigate the housing challenges facing North Shore towns and cities. My network of statewide building and trades unions and non-profits will be a valuable source of information and resources for the board. With the possibility of two new housing developments on Marblehead school properties, this is the time to use all the tools at our disposal to build and maintain these vital assets.

Thank you,
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