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Tucson Association of REALTORS® Announces New Director, Government Affairs

TUCSON, AZ. — (July 28, 2010) — Steve Huffman has been hired by the Tucson Association of REALTORS® to serve as Director, Government Affairs. Huffman most recently served as the Intergovernmental Affairs Administrator for the Town of Marana.

In his highly-visible role as Director, Government Affairs, he will be responsible for developing and implementing legislative positions on local issues for the Tucson Association of REALTORS®. He will interact with elected and appointed public officials, community boards and coalition partners to further the Association's goals. In this position, Mr. Huffman will also oversee fundraising efforts for RAPAC (the REALTORS® of Arizona Political Action Committee) as well as coordinate grassroots political efforts for the Association.

"Steve brings with him over two decades of experience both within the real estate industry, as well as a Member of the Arizona House of Representatives, which will be critical to the Association as we continue to increase the political influence of REALTORS® within Tucson. I am confident that Steve's background and relationships throughout the region will bring the Association's legislative agenda to the next level," said Philip Tedesco, RCE, CAE, Chief Executive Officer for the Tucson Association of REALTORS®.

In addition to the lobbying role for the organization, this position will also involve outreach and continual relationship-building with neighborhood groups and stakeholders throughout the Tucson community. "I am looking forward to joining the team," Steve Huffman said. "I think my experience has given me the background needed to be a strong advocate on issues facing the real estate industry. I hope to help the Association become a leader in the political arena by successfully communicating the industry's position on various legislative issues."

Steve will begin his position as Director, Government Affairs sometime in the middle of August.

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