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THE SOPOS COALITION is a multi-disciplinary group that grew out of the publication of the SOPOS Report, "Shut Out, Priced Out and Segregated: The Need for Fair Housing for People with Disabilities."* The Coalition includes architects, developers, builders, lenders, professors, attorneys, disability advocates, government agencies, nonprofits, and other individuals and organizations. The Coalition currently works to create more accessible, affordable and integrated housing for Georgians regardless of age or ability by advocating for:

1. Enhancing opportunities for the education of architects, designers, real estate agents, developers and builders of single and multi-family housing.
2. Increasing availability of Low-Income Housing Tax Credit properties to people with disabilities who have very low incomes (below 30 percent of AMI).
3. Ensuring local zoning codes allow for a wide range of housing types and include basic access features in all homes (visitability).
4. Providing support services for those people with disabilities who need them in order to live in the community (and not in an institution).

*This report was published in September, 2011 and is available at www.silcga.org



BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Receive quarterly newsletter, access to information, legislative updates and resources
- Learn about housing opportunities and programs pertinent to different constituencies represented in the coalition (aging, receiving visitors, living with a disability, affordability)
- Referrals to appropriate housing resource organization
- Access to speakers bureau
- Opportunities to advocate with other like-minded organizations on common issues to increase accessibility in housing for all people.

HOW TO JOIN THE COALITION

Those interested in joining the Coalition would need to review emails, attend periodic meetings to plan and help mobilize their membership for action/advocacy/educational efforts. Please send your organization's representative(s)' contact information (or if individual, your name), email address and phone number to Shelly Simmons at the SILC of Georgia (address on back of flyer).

COSTS OF MEMBERSHIP

Each individual and member organization is encouraged to review their budget and resources to see what they are able to contribute to the Coalition. Some member organizations provide grant funds, volunteer labor, staff support, meeting space, photocopies, graphics design work and other things.



All of this and more is needed! **PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING!** You never know when **YOU** will need a more accessible world. Help make it happen now.