



## The D.C. Senior Advisory Coalition 2016-2017 Membership

Dear SAC Members,

It is time to renew your membership in the Senior Advocacy Coalition (SAC) for the 2016-2017 year. This has been an exciting year for the Coalition and our work will include significantly more challenges in the coming year.

In January 2016 we revised our mission statement to read, "Our mission is to unify the voices of older adults in D.C. to improve their quality of life." Consistent with that goal, the SAC has taken major steps to make sure that senior voices have a key role in shaping our agenda moving forward, and influencing the District's aging policy.

Founded in 2009, the Senior Advisory Coalition includes over 200 individuals from our 50+ member organizations. In addition, throughout 2016 the Coalition has trained hundreds of senior advocates throughout the city. We have worked to integrate seniors from all 8 of the District's wards into advocacy efforts that address the ongoing needs of nutrition, transportation, housing, and DC Office on Aging programming.

We are currently finalizing policy recommendations for the upcoming budget season, FY 2018, and we need your support. The FY 2017 loss of crucial transportation and case management funding threatens to repeat itself as the Mayor has asked for agencies to prepare budgets with across the board cuts for the FY18 budget. This is a major threat to the safety and well-being of our frailest seniors. The SAC has increased its commitment to bringing senior voices to the Wilson Building in the coming year by providing advocacy training to interested seniors and bringing Councilmembers to meet with senior constituents. We hope you will join us.

**Membership in the S.A.C. is open to non-profit organizations serving residents of the District of Columbia. Annual dues are required (see attached application). Scholarships are available. We encourage participation of individuals and members of for-profit or governmental agencies but membership and voting privileges are limited to those described above.**

All members and participants are asked to serve on at least one issue work group – Nutrition, Transportation, or Housing.

**Please complete the separate membership form and payment.**

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