## HOUSING - AGING IN PLACE ITEMS TO CONSIDER

- 5 feet by 5 feet landing space outside and inside entrance door
- □ Weather protection: Covering over entrance roof, canopy, or awning
  - No step entrance to main floor living spaces
    - Kitchen
    - Bedroom
    - Laundry
    - Full Bathroom
  - Attached garage/covered parking with adequate space for maneuvering walker/wheelchair
- 36" Doors
- 42" Hallways
- Accessible Bathroom
  - □ Curb-less shower
  - □ Walk-in shower
  - □ Grab bars
  - □ Hand-held showerhead and seat in shower
  - Comfort height toilet
- Sufficient space (36" and 42" ideal) to use a walker or wheelchair and space that makes appliances accessible
- □ Windows -24'' 30'' above floor
- Nonslip floor/stair surfaces
- Adequate Lighting (well lit)
- □ Outlets and Jacks 18" 24" above floor
- Electrical panel on main floor
- Open plan design Avoiding loadbearing inside walls
- Rollout storage shelves Adjustable height closet rods and shelves
- Pocket (sliding doors)
- Stairways
  - □ 48" wide to allow for future chairlift
  - □ Sturdy handrails on both sides
  - □ Straight stairway that will accommodate chairlift

## Accessories

- Rocker-style electrical switches
- Lever door handles
- Single-lever hot and cold water faucets
- Appliances with front-mounted controls; front-load washer and dryer
- Garage door high enough for to accommodate vans
- Peep hole at low level with high window or side windows
- Outside light sensors and way for visitors to communicate with residents
- □ Multi-level work spaces in kitchen and space under sink for wheel chairs

