



# Call for Issues

Now is the time for CO-AGE members to submit ideas for the 2021 Issue Priorities

Evaluate your potential issue by reviewing this Priorities Setting Checklist

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## Does your issue:

- ☐ Affect older Georgians throughout the state?
- ☐ Require state legislative action or budget request for correction?

If the answer is "yes" to both of these questions, then your issue may be eligible to become one of the 2021 CO-AGE Priorities! For an issue to be voted on, **it must be:**

- *submitted on time,*
- *impact seniors,*
- *be a statewide issue, and*
- *be solvable by budget or legislative changes.*

## Here's what you need to submit:

- ☐ Description of specific problem and possible solution
- ☐ Description of how legislative OR budget request would address the issue
- ☐ Available research, data or evidence to support your concern/solutions
- ☐ Georgia statute affected by legislation, if available
- ☐ Contact information for additional groups that may be supportive

If your submission meets the above criteria, GCOA will make it part of the issue summaries. If it lacks enough research to prevent completion prior to January, your issue will be tabled and you will be notified that it needs further research or expertise input. All accepted issues will be presented to CO-AGE members for the 2021 Priority Setting Meeting on July 9, 2020 in Macon. Members will then vote to determine the CO-AGE priorities.

**For advice/technical assistance  
contact Natasha Taylor at:**

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Complete the Attached & Return to:

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-3142  
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**DEADLINE MAY 1, 2020**

# CO-AGE ISSUE SUBMISSION FORM

The Coalition of Advocates for Georgia's Elderly votes on policy issues each summer. This form is to help you propose an issue. For an issue to be voted on, it must *be submitted on time, impact seniors, be a statewide issue, and be solvable by budget or policy changes.*

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Can your issue be solved with:

Legislation

Budget

Don't Know

2. Please state the problem and tell why you believe it should be a top priority for the Coalition of Advocates for Georgia's Elderly (CO-AGE).

3. Please describe what other states are doing for this issue.

4. Please provide any data or evidence to support your idea (additional info can be added in the comments/information section on last page).

5. What could legislation do? Be as specific as possible. Describe how the legislation or funding solves the problem you identified.

6. Please supply any references or resources with whom you have discussed this issue and who may have the expertise to help you and the committee with additional research into the problem, including how to reach other groups that have an interest in the issue.

7. Please list or describe any opposition or barriers to enacting the policy suggestion. Be as specific as possible.

Additional Comments / Information:

**Please send your completed issue summary by mail to:**

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Atlanta, GA 30303-3142

**or by email to:** [natasha.taylor@gcoa.ga.gov](mailto:natasha.taylor@gcoa.ga.gov)

*\*Please include any additional or supporting documentation with your submission form.*

For any questions, contact: **Natasha Taylor, Social Services Program Consultant**, at 404/657-5348

**REMEMBER ISSUE SUMMARIES SHOULD BE**  
**POSTMARKED BY MAY 1, 2020!**