

# it's SMART BUSINESS

There are currently 54 million Americans living with disabilities, with roughly half that population living with severe mobility impairments. With this number expected to be on the increase, accessible housing is becoming a top priority among home builders, industry leaders and government agencies.

With a mission to promote accessibility first, the MHRP's philosophy is grounded in the belief that companies that proactively embrace compliance with accessibility laws not only become industry leaders, but also create sound business models. The MHRP has proven to help members **expand their customer bases** by making "equal access and opportunity for all" part of their business strategy.

## Join US!

The MHRP can help you to **promote equal access and opportunity for all** as part of a sound business strategy.

Contact our MHRP staff to discuss how we can assist your business or for more information about MHRP membership and pricing:

- Call the ERC directly at (202) 234-3062
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**The Equal Rights Center (ERC)** is a national non-profit civil rights organization dedicated to promoting equal opportunity for all. The ERC, and our thousands of members across the country, promote equal opportunity in housing, employment, and access to public accommodations and government services.

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## Advancing Accessible Housing



## The Multifamily Housing Resource Program

# the MULTIFAMILY HOUSING RESOURCE PROGRAM

The Multifamily Housing Resource Program (MHRP) is a national membership program made up of industry leaders dedicated to promoting accessibility in housing. Since 2008, the MHRP has worked to increase the number of accessible housing units across the country and to enhance industry compliance with accessibility laws.

Established with founding member Trammell Crow Residential, the MHRP has expanded to include housing developers that impact over 600,000 units across the country. Today the MHRP remains as one of few collaborative programs that works to distribute important guidance on accessibility laws. In turn, MHRP staff strive to promote members' proactive commitment to accessibility among various industry publications, news sources, and more!

The MHRP offers a variety of resources to assist housing developers, accessibility service providers and other housing industry leaders to enhance compliance with the accessibility requirements of the Fair Housing Act (FHA), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and state and local laws as they relate to accessible housing.

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## membership LEVELS

The MHRP reflects the thirty years of experience the ERC has with federal and local civil rights laws. The MHRP offers three levels of membership to suit the needs of all interested partners.

### **Executive Members**

Available to industry leaders in the areas of multifamily housing development, management, and construction.

### **Advisory Members**

Available to housing industry members and professional services firms with distinct accessibility-related expertise.

### **Associate Members**

Available to housing industry businesses and organizations such as product or service vendors and subcontractors.

## our SERVICES

With a variety of services which can be tailored to meet individual needs, MHRP membership will surely be value added to your company.

Services include, but are not limited to:

- **Corporate policy and “best practices” review**
- **Participation in quarterly member meetings**
- **Promotion of members through leading industry news sources**
- **On-site training for staff**
- **Access to online trainings, webinars and website available exclusively to members**
- **Access to publications, reports, toolkits, and other resources**
- **Accessibility site surveys**
- **Technical guidance and information**

## the IMPACT

Through the MHRP's work with housing developers, our members have helped make **nearly 60,000 housing units more accessible** for people with disabilities.

We've trained thousands of executive teams, architects, design & construction personnel, and others on how to **embrace compliance** with the Fair Housing Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and other state and local accessibility laws.

## industry OPINION

*“Camden Property Trust is proud to demonstrate our commitment to accessible housing and join other industry leaders at the forefront of promoting fair housing. This collaboration with the ERC and other developers will not only improve our business model, but also improve the lives of thousands through more accessible living options.”*

-Steve Hefner, Senior Vice President  
Camden Property Trust

*“The [MHRP] is a welcome change for many multifamily housing owners and developers who have expressed frustration in the past over compliance with accessibility regulations. The MHRP strives to serve as a resource for developers to bridge the gap between regulations and the implementation of their requirements in everyday work.”*

-National Apartment Association  
“Collaborative Compliance,” *units Magazine* June 2012