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Dear Ms Hoekzema and Mr. Cohen,

Please be sure to have the entire Shoreline Place for both Merlone Geier Partners and RIOC developers to follow these guidelines to be accessible to all people with disabilities. I hope they will consider to add more than what is necessary for the ADA requirements. As a long time resident of Shoreline (22 years), I'll be sure to watch for any construction violations and will be enforcing these ADA Laws on Shoreline Place property.

Enclosed federal ADA guideline for developers to use.

<https://www.access-board.gov/attachments/article/1350/adaag.pdf>

In addition to this, I'm appalled at the lack of retail spaces. I would highly recommend 30% retail spaces and 70% residential spaces including rental units to be accessible to all people with disabilities. The more retail businesses, the better tax revenue for the city of Shoreline to keep property taxes low and more monies for social programs and schools. PLEASE consider more retail businesses: restaurants, entertainment type of venues and small local business.

Universal design is, in fact, designing for the best situation because it better accommodates everyone by meeting the needs of a changing population. An accessible or universally designed environment is not just for those who use walkers, canes, crutches, wheelchairs or guide dogs. Barriers are a problem for anyone whose mobility or navigation of the environment is limited due to size, age, pregnancy, vision, hearing, broken bones, sprains, arthritis or painful joints. Often, universal design costs no more than making the appropriate design decisions. And it is an important consideration because, looking at the bottom line, it allows people to maximize their independence. All businesses want to increase their market. Incorporating universal design features will help do that.

Some of the recommendations I have for barrier-free access:

- Barrier-free access to the building and the shops
- Wide entrance doors, partially with automatic door opening mechanism
- Wider parking spaces for handicapped people, women; partially also family parking spaces
- Light situation allows safe access, incl. access to parking spaces
- Easy-to-read signage, also from a distance and in dark conditions (also applies to parking spaces)
- Non-slip staircases with stable handrails
- Tactile pavers and Directional Tactile Pavers leading to all doors of each buildings.
- Accessible toilets
- Public buildings should have signs to let your customers understand where they need to go.
- Be designed according to best practice guidelines
- Have Braille or raised lettering wherever possible
- Have writing that is large enough for your customers to read
- Use appropriate Universal Design symbols
- Read visual information
- Add visual contrast: Use differences in colors and color intensity to create visual contrast. This will help people with vision impairments to distinguish between walls and floors, door backgrounds and fittings.

Thank you,

Eric Scheir