

# Coalition for a New Georgia

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June 16, 2006

## **Coalition for a New Georgia Memorandum of Understanding**

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) delineates the responsibilities of organizational involvement for the Coalition for a New Georgia.

The Coalition for a New Georgia has the following **PURPOSE:**

- Provide and disseminate information regarding laws, policies and practices that impact the state's immigrants.
- Educate the state's business, political, religious and immigrant communities.

The Coalition for a New Georgia has the following **VALUES:**

- Respect for each other's time, opinions and the limitations some of us may have
- All people, including immigrants, have inalienable rights, including human dignity
- Advocate and defend the rights of all immigrants and refugees regardless of immigration status
- Seek collaboration with other groups
- Value our diversity

### **"Voting for a New Georgia" Campaign**

As part of the Coalition for a New Georgia, we have initiated a **"Voting for a New Georgia" Campaign**. These are some guidelines established and should be followed by supporting organizations.

- Supporters are encouraged to engage in community engagement towards voter registration and "Get Out The Vote" campaigns.
- Voter education will be essential as part of this initiative.
- All voter mobilization efforts will be conducted in a non-partisan fashion and will not engage in any political activity or with any candidate for public office.
- This effort coincides with the "We Are America Alliance", [www.weareamericaalliance.org](http://www.weareamericaalliance.org).
- GALEO is heading the effort for targeted Latino community engagement through the "Georgia Latino Vote 2006" campaign. 877.4GA.VOTA or 877.442.8682, [www.eslahora.com](http://www.eslahora.com) / [www.galeo.org](http://www.galeo.org).
- Each organization is encouraged to engage in coordinated efforts or individual organizational efforts of voter mobilization. However, coordination with the Coalition for a New Georgia would enhance our impact and all are encouraged to engage with the Coalition.

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By entering into this MOU, these are the requirements depending upon the level of involvement each organization would like to have.

## **Level 1: STEERING COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS**

- ❑ Must be an organization.
- ❑ The Coalition must be a priority for the organization.
- ❑ The Coalition will meet every three weeks.
- ❑ Attend Steering Committee meetings either in person or via teleconferencing.
- ❑ Bring a resource to the table (staff, office space, copies, volunteers, etc.)
- ❑ Two people from the same organization can attend Steering Committee meetings but they only have one vote.
- ❑ Organization must be willing to “be known” as a Steering Committee member and will be publicized as a member of the Coalition for a New Georgia.
- ❑ The organization will communicate with its membership or contacts, when appropriate, information regarding activities for any of the agreed upon campaigns.
- ❑ The organization will be encouraged to participate and collaborate with the Coalition for opinion/editorials on immigrant issues to be sent to various media outlets.

## **Level 2: Public Support for the “Voting for a New Georgia” Campaign. REQUIREMENTS**

- ❑ The organization must publicly support the voter mobilization efforts in their own way, but consistent with the guidelines established above.
- ❑ The organization will communicate with its membership or contacts, when appropriate, information regarding activities for the “**Voting for a New Georgia**” Campaign.

Steering Committee and Public Support organizations will play an integral role in moving forward on immigrant issues. This can be accomplished by expanding and reaching into the various communities and constituencies being served. These organizations will have an opportunity to become involved, at a minimum, in one of the two levels:

- ❑ **Level 1: Steering Committee.** Organization must meet the requirements listed above.
- ❑ **Level 2: Public Supporting Organization “Voting for a New Georgia” Campaign.** Organization must meet the above identified requirements.

The leadership and supporting organizations agree to use their best efforts to execute the various functions to achieve our end goal. However, nothing in this MOU should be construed as a legally binding agreement. Any legal agreements between parties will be documented separately.

***The Coalition for a New Georgia and the “Voting for a New Georgia” Campaign consider ourselves to be a non-partisan voter education campaign on immigrant issues, as such, will maintain a neutral position on all political party activity and candidate campaigns.***

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**Main Contact:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Secondary Contact:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of organization to be included for publication listing of Coalition for a New Georgia and/or the "Voting for a New Georgia" Campaign:

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

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Numbers of both contacts:

Work- \_\_\_\_\_ Fax- \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile- \_\_\_\_\_ Home- \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please indicate (check) level of support/participation:**

- Level 1: Steering Committee Candidate
- Level 2: Public Supporting Organization for "Voting for a New Georgia" Campaign

***In order to be included with the Coalition for a New Georgia and our efforts, please return this page with the appropriate information to:***

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Thank you for joining the Coalition for a New Georgia!  
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