

LAPD AAR Informed Consent Form

Summary

You are being asked to participate in a research study. The information presented in this document is for you to carefully consider when making a decision whether or not to participate in the research study. Please ask questions about any of the information you do not understand before deciding whether to participate.

Study Purpose

The National Police Foundation (NPF) was contracted by the Los Angeles Police Foundation and Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners to conduct an independent assessment of the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) response to mass demonstrations, protests, and First Amendment assemblies that occurred between May 27, 2020, and June 7, 2020 from a variety of perspectives that includes LAPD personnel, community-based organizations, elected officials, the local business community, LAPD staff involved in command and control operations, as well as additional stakeholders.

Your participation in this research led by the National Police Foundation is designed to collect information and perspectives on the LAPD response, which will be analyzed and used to inform findings and recommendations that will be listed in a final report that will be provided to the Los Angeles Police Commission.

Study Duration

Focus group sessions and interviews will last about 60-90 minutes and you are free to leave at any time without questions or penalty.

Study Procedures and Activities

You will be asked a series of questions designed to gather information of your perceptions of the LAPD's response to mass demonstrations, protests, and First Amendment assemblies that occurred between May 27, 2020, and June 7, 2020. The ultimate goal of the questions is to inform findings and recommendations that will be listed in a final report that will be provided to the Los Angeles Police Commission.

Study Risks

There are minimal foreseeable risks of participating in this study. Some participants may experience discomfort during the focus groups or interviews as a result of discussing police-community relations. If you do not feel comfortable contributing to the discussion, you may state "no comment" if called upon by the facilitator or another participant or you may leave at any time.

Participants in the focus groups may know each other. We understand some of you may know each other and ask you to respect the privacy of other participants and not repeat what is said during the focus group. While the information you provide to us will be

confidential, please be aware that for focus groups we are not able to guarantee that what you say here will not be repeated by others in the room, and we are asking all participants to cooperate by not sharing the names or specific responses of other participants with anyone outside this room.

Study Benefits

This study is an opportunity for you to provide your perceptions, recommendations, and feedback to help inform strengthening police-community relations and the response to First Amendment assemblies and demonstrations.

Study Alternatives

Participation in this study is voluntary. While we are aware of similar studies being conducted in LA regarding the LAPD response to these demonstrations, we are not sure to what extent they will involve the opportunity for you to participate. We are not sharing our notes or list of persons we speak to with any of the other groups conducting similar reviews.

What happens to the information collected for this research?

Information collected will be analyzed and used to inform findings and recommendations that will be listed in a final report that will be provided to the Los Angeles Police Commission. Your name will not be used in any published reports or presentations about this study. The Los Angeles Police Commission may make the report public. If you choose to share any photos and/or videos from the demonstrations with our team, they will be stored on an encrypted website accessible only to our team and will not be shared with anyone external unless we receive your authorization in writing, prior to doing so.

How will my privacy and data confidentiality be protected?

We will take several measures to protect your privacy. Despite taking steps to protect your privacy, we can never fully guarantee your privacy, however, we will take every precaution. Measures we will take include: Conducting the interview or focus group in a private setting and not using your name in any notes or published reports or presentations. Other than a note-taker, our interviews, focus groups, and community listening sessions are not being recorded and the notes will not contain your name or any personally-identifiable information.

We will take several measures to protect the security of your personal information. Measures we will take include: not including your name or any personally-identifiable information in our notes and storing all of our notes in a secure and encrypted online file storage system that is compliant with federal safety regulations.

Despite taking steps to protect your information, we can never fully guarantee confidentiality of all study information, however, we will take every precaution. While the information you provide to us will be confidential, please be aware that for focus groups we

are not able to guarantee that what you say here will not be repeated by others. If however, you are concerned about information you have for which sharing may be personally detrimental, we suggest that you not share that during the focus group, but if you feel comfortable doing so, sharing it with one of our team members afterwards.

Individuals and organizations that conduct or monitor this research may be permitted access to and inspect research records. These individuals and organizations include our Institutional Review Board, which reviewed this study.

We protect your information from disclosure to others to the extent required by law. You should understand that a researcher may take steps, including reporting to authorities, to prevent serious harm to yourself or others.

Will I be paid for participating in this research?

You will not be paid for taking part in this research.

What if I want to stop participating in this research?

Taking part in this research study is your decision. Your participation in this study is voluntary. If you decide to participate you can choose to stop at any time. You can choose to skip certain study activities or completely withdraw from continued participation without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

Who can answer my questions about this research?

If you have questions or concerns about the research study itself, please contact:

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An Institutional Review Board (IRB) is overseeing this research. An IRB is a group of people who perform an independent review of research studies to ensure the rights and welfare of participants are protected. If you have questions about your rights or wish to speak with someone other than the research team, you may contact:

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STATEMENT OF CONSENT

I understand the information above, and I have had all of my questions answered to my satisfaction. I voluntarily agree to participate in this research.