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## Consent to Participate in a Community Survey Panel

Title of the Project: YourVoiceCLT

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You are invited to participate in a community survey panel. Participation in this survey panel is voluntary. The information provided is to give you key details to help you decide whether or not to participate.

- The purpose of this panel is to collect public opinion information from community members to inform programs, policy, and research.
- You must be age 18 or older to participate in the surveys.
- You will be asked to complete surveys asking a series of public opinion questions. The questions are not sensitive or overly personal and you are free to skip any question you do not wish to answer.
- You will not need to take every survey to continue participating. However, if you do not respond to 3 consecutive surveys, we will follow-up with you to see if you would like to remain a panel member.
- You will also be asked to fill out demographic information about yourself in a profile. This demographic information will be linked to each survey, but your name and contact information will not be linked.
- Each survey will take between 5 and 20 minutes to complete.
- We do not believe that you will experience any risk from participating in these surveys.
- You will not benefit personally by participating in these surveys. What we learn about public opinions in Charlotte may be beneficial to the community at large.
- You will receive points after you register, complete your profile, and finish each survey. Those points will be redeemable for items or drawings.
- If you become inactive by not responding to 3 or more consecutive surveys, we will notify you to see if you wish to remain on the panel. If you do not respond within a two week period, your account will be removed from the panel and your points will be forfeited.

Your privacy will be protected and confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible. Your responses will be treated as confidential and will not be linked to your identity. Survey responses and contact information will be stored separately with access to this information controlled and limited only to people who have approval to have access. We might use the opinion data for future research and we might share the non-identifiable survey data with other researchers for future research without additional consent from you.

Participation is voluntary. You may choose not to take part in the study. You may start participating and change your mind and stop at any time.

If you have questions concerning the survey panel, contact the principal investigator, Diane Gavarkavich at 704-687-1194 or by email at [d.gavarkavich@uncc.edu](mailto:d.gavarkavich@uncc.edu). If you have further questions or concerns about your rights as a participant in this survey panel, contact the Office of Research Compliance at (704) 687-1871 or [uncc-irb@uncc.edu](mailto:uncc-irb@uncc.edu).

You may print a copy of this form. If you are 18 years of age or older, have read and understand the information provided and freely consent to participate in the survey panel, you may proceed to the survey.