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To start, please select:

Q1. What type of jurisdiction do you represent?

- County
- Township
- City
- Village

What is the jurisdiction's name? _____

(If not a county) In what county is it located? _____

What position do you hold? _____

First, we're interested in your views on the relationship between the State and local governments in Michigan. Please think about the state's legislative and executive branches overall, including both elected officials and professional staff.

Q2. Thinking about the relationship between the State government and local jurisdictions, overall, to what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Michigan state government officials value input from local government officials.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The State is taking too much decision-making authority away from local governments.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The State holds local governments to a higher standard than it holds itself to.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The State's decision-making is transparent to local officials.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The State unfairly treats some jurisdictions (or types of jurisdictions) better than others.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q3. To what extent, if any, would you say the following factors have had a positive or negative impact on the relationship between the State and local governments in Michigan?

	Very Positive Impact	Somewhat Positive Impact	Mixed Positive and Negative Impact	Somewhat Negative Impact	Very Negative Impact	No Impact	Don't Know
Communication between state and local officials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Term limits for state officials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Behavior of <u>state</u> officials (professionalism, ethics, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Behavior of <u>local</u> officials (professionalism, ethics, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The State's system of funding local government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q4. How much of the time do you think Michigan's state officials trust local governments to do what is right?

- Nearly always Most of the time Some of the time Seldom Almost never Don't know

Q5. How much of the time do you think you can trust each of the following levels of government to do what is right?

	Nearly Always	Most of the Time	Some of the Time	Seldom	Almost Never	Don't Know
The federal government in Washington	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The state government in Lansing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other local governments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Local officials should try to influence state policy issues affecting local governments.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
State officials should frequently reach out to local officials to get feedback on pending policy changes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q7. Thinking about communication between state and local officials specifically regarding State actions affecting your jurisdiction, in a typical 12-month period, how often...

	At least once a month	A few times a year	Rarely or never	Don't Know
... do you or a representative of your jurisdiction contact state officials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... does a state official contact your jurisdiction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q14. Thinking overall about local governments that have faced—or will face—a financial emergency, how effective or ineffective do you believe the Emergency Manager Law has been, or will be, at restoring fiscal health in the short-term (i.e., balancing the books)?

Very Effective Somewhat Effective Neither Effective nor Ineffective Somewhat Ineffective Very Ineffective Don't Know

Q15. Now, still thinking overall about local governments that have faced—or will face—a financial emergency, how effective or ineffective do you believe the Law will be at establishing sustainable financial conditions for the long-term?

Very Effective Somewhat Effective Neither Effective nor Ineffective Somewhat Ineffective Very Ineffective Don't Know

Q16. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the Emergency Manager Law...

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
... is undemocratic?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... helps difficult decisions to be made because the Emergency Manager is an "outsider"?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... is racially discriminatory (by design, or as implemented)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... pays insufficient attention to the underlying structural problems leading to local fiscal stress?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... serves the interests of local residents by improving their jurisdiction's fiscal sustainability?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... leads to an overemphasis on cost-cutting at the expense of service quality, public health and safety, or other important considerations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q17. Thinking overall, to what extent do you support or oppose the Emergency Manager Law?

Strongly Support Somewhat Support Neither Support nor Oppose Somewhat Oppose Strongly Oppose Don't Know

Q18. Recently, there have been calls for reforms to the Emergency Manager Law. To what extent would you support or oppose the following potential changes to the Emergency Manager Law?

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neither Support nor Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
Require Emergency Managers (EMs) to plan for improving factors beyond just finances (e.g., service delivery, infrastructure, quality of life)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Include provisions for possible new (time limited) local or state revenue options for jurisdictions with EMs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Require EMs to analyze impact on disadvantaged groups when making decisions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Require EMs to consider <u>local elected official</u> input before making decisions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Require EMs to consider <u>citizen</u> input before making decisions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Add state-level ombudsperson oversight for citizens and local officials to appeal any EM decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q19. Some believe that more proactive monitoring of local government finances by the State could help avoid local fiscal emergencies through earlier detection and intervention. Others believe this may be unnecessary or even counterproductive. To what extent would you support or oppose more proactive State monitoring of finances for all local governments in Michigan?

Strongly Support Somewhat Support Neither Support nor Oppose Somewhat Oppose Strongly Oppose Don't Know

Finally, we're interested in citizen engagement with your jurisdiction's policymaking process or operations. This might include formal and informal interactions, such as contacts with local officials, attendance at local meetings, participation on local boards/commissions, voting, and more.

Q20. We want to start by getting a very broad sense of citizen engagement with your local government. How would you describe current levels of citizen engagement with your jurisdiction? Overall, would you say citizens in your jurisdiction are...

Very Engaged Somewhat Engaged Not Very Engaged Not at all Engaged Don't Know

Q21. To what extent do you feel your jurisdiction offers opportunities to citizens for engagement with your jurisdiction in its policymaking and/or operations?

A Great Deal Somewhat Very Little None at all Don't Know

Q22. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following general statements about citizen engagement? (We understand these might be sensitive questions, however, please remember we do not release any MPPS data that identify respondents or jurisdictions individually.)

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
We make opportunities for engagement available, but our citizens rarely take advantage of them.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some of our best engagement with citizens happens informally around the community (such as at the grocery store or in a restaurant, etc.).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Most citizens we hear from are more interested in complaining than in finding solutions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Citizens in our jurisdiction want access to information about the government's finances and operations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Most citizens aren't willing to take the time to become well-informed on issues facing the jurisdiction.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our jurisdiction reaches out to groups that typically might not engage in our policymaking processes (e.g., low-income or racially diverse populations).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Citizens tend to only be engaged on issues that affect them directly and not on issues affecting the community overall.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our jurisdiction's decision-making is transparent to our citizens.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We struggle to find enough citizens to serve on our jurisdiction's appointed boards/commissions or elected offices.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q23. Citizens are often asked on opinion surveys how much trust they have in their government. Now we'd like to ask you, as a local official, about trust you have in your jurisdiction's citizens. In terms of their engagement in your jurisdiction's policymaking and/or operations, how much of the time do you think you can trust the citizens in your community to be responsible participants?

- Nearly always Most of the time Some of the time Seldom Almost never Don't know

Q24. One way of thinking about the proper role for citizen engagement in local policymaking is along a spectrum from low engagement to high engagement. At the low end, citizen engagement would focus just on keeping citizens informed about issues. At the high end, citizens would actually make decisions for the jurisdiction. While it might differ depending on the issue, in general, what do you think the following people believe is the proper role for citizen engagement in local governance?

	Low Engagement: Just keep citizens informed	Have citizens provide input	Have citizens recommend decisions	High Engagement: Have citizens make decisions	Don't Know
The majority of your jurisdiction's citizens believe the role of citizen engagement is to...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
You personally believe the role of citizen engagement is to...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q25. Now thinking about particularly controversial issues, who do you think should have the final say on the most controversial issues in your jurisdiction?

- Citizens Public officials Don't know

Q26. Overall, how satisfied are you regarding citizen engagement in your jurisdiction's policymaking and/or operations today?

- Very Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied Somewhat Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied Don't Know

Q27. CLOSUP will protect your privacy and anonymity to the full extent provided by law. We need to confirm your personal information such as name and email address for tracking and administrative purposes only. Your personal information will not be shared with any outside sources. As with all of the questions in this survey, these are optional.

Your name _____ Your email address _____

Today's date _____ / _____ / 2016

Q28. What is your gender? Male Female

Q29. In what year were you born? 19 ____ ____

Q30. How many years have you served in your current position? _____

Q31. Are you of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino descent? Yes No

Q32. Please check one or more categories below to indicate what race(s) you consider yourself to be. (check all that apply)

- White Asian
 Black or African American Multiracial
 American Indian or Alaskan Native Other
 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander Don't know

Q33. What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?

- 12th grade or less/no diploma Bachelor's degree
 High school graduate or GED Master's degree
 Some college, no degree Professional/Doctorate degree
 Associate's degree

Q34. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a... ?

- Republican Independent Democrat
 Something else (please specify) _____

Q35. (if Republican or Democrat) Would you consider yourself a strong or not very strong Republican/Democrat?

- Very strong Not very strong Don't know

Q36. (if Independent or something else) Would you consider yourself closer to... ?

- the Democratic Party the Republican Party Neither