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## MICHIGAN PUBLIC POLICY SURVEY (MPPS) LOCAL GOVERNMENT PELATIONSHIPS WITH THE STATE & CITIZENS

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	tart, please select: What type of jurisdiction do you represent?										
	☐ County	Wha	What is the jurisdiction's name?								
	☐ Township ☐ City	(If n	(If not a county) In what county is it located?								
	☐ Village	Wha									
legis	, we're interested in your views on the relation stative and executive branches overall, includi	ng both elect	ed officials an	d 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 in local government officials.	put from									
	The State is taking too much decision-making away from local governments.	ng authority									
	The State holds local governments to a high standard than it holds itself to.	ner									
	The State's decision-making is transparent officials.	to local									
	The State unfairly treats some jurisdictions jurisdictions) better than others.	(or types of									
<b>Q</b> 3.	To what extent, if any, would you say the follo	wing factors	have had a po	sitive or negati	ve impact on	the relationshi	p between th	e State			
	and local governments in Michigan?  Mixed										
		Very Positive Impact	Somewhat Positive Impact	Positive and Negative Impact	Somewhat Negative Impact	Very Negative Impact	No Impact	Don't Know			
	Communication between state and local officials										
	Term limits for state officials										
	Behavior of <u>state</u> officials (professionalism, ethics, etc.)										
	Behavior of <u>local</u> officials (professionalism, ethics, etc.)										
	The State's system of funding local government										
	Other (please specify)										
<b>Q4</b> .	How much of the time do you think Michigan'	s state officia	ls trust local g	jovernments to	do what is rig	ht?					
	☐ Nearly always ☐ Most of the tim	ne 🗌 S	ome of the tim	ie 🗌 Sel	dom 🗌	Almost never	☐ Do	n't know			
<b>Q</b> 5.	How much of the time do you think <u>you</u> can tr	ust each of th	ne following le	vels of governr	nent to do wh	at is right?					
			Nearly Always	Most of the Time	Some of the Time	Seldom	Almost Never	Don't Know			
	The federal government in Washington										
	The state government in Lansing										
	Other local governments										
26.	To what extent do you agree or disagree with	each of the fo	ollowing state	ments?							
			Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know			
	Local officials should try to influence state pissues affecting local governments.	oolicy									
	State officials should frequently reach out to officials to get feedback on pending policy of the state of th										
<b>2</b> 7.	Thinking about communication between state	and local off	icials <u>specific</u>	ally regarding S	State actions a	ffecting your j	urisdiction, i	n a typica			
	12-month period, how often			A	t least once	A few times	Rarely	Don't			
	do you or a representative of your jurisdi	ction contact	state officials	?	a month	a year	or never	Know			
	does a state official contact your jurisdic		2.2.2 20.010				Ħ	H			

. Some people think that certain policy issues should be managed at the state level rather than the local level for a variety of reasons (for example, efficiency or consistency across jurisdictions). Others think local home rule is more important. In each of the following broad policy areas, how do you generally think authority should be divided between the state and local levels of government?							
	Completely State Authority	Mostly State, Some Loca		l, Lo tate Auth		Don't Know	
Economic development							
Local finance and tax policy					]		
Environment and natural resources (e.g., water, solid waste, agriculture, forestry)							
Land use and planning (e.g., zoning, permitting)							
Business issues (e.g., minimum wage, plastic bags, puppy				Г			
mills, Uber, Airbnb) Anti-discrimination policies (e.g., LGBTQ, equal							
opportunity) Social issues (e.g., public welfare, homelessness, gun policies)							
How local governments conduct business (e.g., open meetings, public notices)				Г			
29. Now, how would you describe the overall relationship between	the State gove	ernment and					
	Excellent	Good	Fair	D.	oor	Don't Know	
your jurisdiction in particular?		Good					
other local jurisdictions overall?						H	
<b>,</b>	_	_	_	_	_		
Q11. What do you think <u>local governments</u> could do to improve the	relationship b	etween the St	tate and local	government	s?		
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Q14.					or will face—a financial emergency, how effective or ineffective do you t restoring fiscal health in the <u>short-term</u> (i.e., balancing the books)?					
	Very Effective □	Somewhat Effective	Neither Effections	1	Somewhat Ineffective	Very Ineffecti □	ive	Don't Know		
Q15.	Now, still thinking overall about local governments that have you believe the Law will be at establishing sustainable finance.		ve faced—or will face—a financial emergency, how effective or ineffective do ncial conditions for the <a href="Long-term">Long-term</a> ?							
	Very Effective □	Somewhat Effective	Neither Effect	1	Somewhat Ineffective	Very Ineffecti		Don't Know		
Q16.	— — ——————————————————————————————————			Manager La	w	Neither				
				Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Agree nor Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	
	is undemocratic?									
	helps difficult decisions Emergency Manager is a		e the							
	is racially discriminatory		nplemented)?							
	pays insufficient attention	on to the underlying								
	problems leading to loca serves the interests of lo jurisdiction's fiscal susta	ocal residents by imp	proving their							
	leads to an overemphasi of service quality, public	s on cost-cutting at health and safety, o	•							
017	important considerations Thinking overall, to what e		rt or oppose the	Emorgono	y Managor Law	2				
Q17.	-			_	-		ls.	Donle		
	Strongly Support □	Somewhat Support	Neither Suppose ☐		Somewhat Oppose	Strong Oppos		Don't Know □		
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Q18.	Recently, there have been potential changes to the E			Manager La	aw. To what ex	tent would you	u support or o	ppose the fo	llowing	
	potential onlinges to the L	mergency manager	Luw.	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neither Support nor Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know	
	Require Emergency Manag factors beyond just finance infrastructure, quality of life	es (e.g., service deliv								
	Include provisions for poss state revenue options for ju									
	Require EMs to analyze imp when making decisions	oact on disadvantag	ed groups							
	Require EMs to consider <u>lo</u> making decisions	cal elected official i	nput before							
	Require EMs to consider <u>ci</u> decisions	tizen input before m	aking							
	Add state-level ombudsper local officials to appeal any		tizens and							
	Other (please specify)									
Q19.	Some believe that more pr through earlier detection a you support or oppose mo Strongly	ınd intervention. Öt	hers believe thi	s may be un nances for a	nnecessary or e	ven counterp	roductive. To gan?			
	Support	Support	nor Oppos		Oppose	Oppos		Know		
	ly, we're interested in citize actions, such as contacts w									
	We want to start by getting citizen engagement with y	a very broad sense	of citizen enga	agement wit	h your local go	vernment. How				
	_ Ver	,	ewhat	Not Very		at all	Don't			
	Enga	ged Eng	aged ¬	Engaged	Eng	jaged □	Know			
Q21.	To what extent do you feel	L your jurisdiction of	⊐ fers opportuniti	∟ ies to citize	ا ns for engagem	∟∟ ent with your	☐ jurisdiction in	its policyma	king and/or	
	operations?	eat		Very	NI.	one	Don't			
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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.)										
		S	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know			
	We make opportunities for engagement available citizens rarely take advantage of them.										
	Some of our best engagement with citizens hap informally around the community (such as at the store or in a restaurant, etc.).										
	Most citizens we hear from are more interested complaining than in finding solutions.	in									
	Citizens in our jurisdiction want access to information about the government's finances and operation.										
	Most citizens aren't willing to take the time to be well-informed on issues facing the jurisdiction.										
	Our jurisdiction reaches out to groups that typic not engage in our policymaking processes (e.g. income or racially diverse populations).										
	Citizens tend to only be engaged on issues that directly and not on issues affecting the commun										
	Our jurisdiction's decision-making is transparer citizens.										
	We struggle to find enough citizens to serve on jurisdiction's appointed boards/commissions of offices.										
Q23.	Offices.  123. 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	☐ Seldo	om 🗌 Al	most never	☐ Don	't know			
Q24.	24. 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?										
	L		e citizens rovide input	Have citizens recommend decisions	Have o	gagement: citizens ake sions	Don't Know				
	The majority of your jurisdiction's citizens believe the role of citizen engagement is to	informed									
	You personally believe the role of citizen engagement is to					[					
Q25.	Now thinking about particularly controversial issu	ues, who do you	u think sh	ould have the	final say on the	e most contro	versial issue	es in			
	your jurisdiction?  Citizens Public officials Don't know										
Q26.	Overall, how satisfied are you regarding citizen en	ngagement in y	our jurisd	ction's policy		operations to	day?				
	Very Satisfied □	Somewhat Satisfied		er Satisfied bissatisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied		ery itisfied	Don't Know □			
Q27.	7. 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										
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	What is your gender?										
	In what year were you born? 1 9 High school graduate or GED Master's degree Some college, no degree Professional/Doctorate or How many years have you served in your current position? Associate's degree						torate degre				
	Are you of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino descent?	lo <b>Q34.</b>	Q34. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ?								
Q32.	Please check one or more categories below to indicate what race(s) you consider yourself to be. (check all that apply)  White Black or African American American Indian or Alaskan Native Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander  Don't know			Republicar		ependent please specify)	☐ Democr				
					very strong Re						
	Q36. (if Independent or something else) Would you consider yourself closer to?   the Democratic Party the Republican Party Neither							ourself  Neither			