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**To start, please confirm:**

What is your jurisdiction's name? _____

**Q1. What type of jurisdiction do you represent?**

☐ County ☐ City
☐ Township ☐ Village

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

**What position do you hold?** _____

**Q2.** First, please think overall about law enforcement in your jurisdiction, whether provided by your jurisdiction or by other entities. In your role as a local official, how satisfied are you with each of the following law enforcement agencies working in your jurisdiction?

| | Very satisfied | Somewhat satisfied | Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | Somewhat dissatisfied | Very dissatisfied | Not applicable | Don't know |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **State Police** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | | ☐ |
| **County Sheriff's Office** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | | ☐ |
| **County Prosecutor's Office** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | | ☐ |
| **Local police** *(if applicable)* | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

**Q3.** Now, how satisfied do you think the majority of your residents are with each of the following law enforcement agencies working in your jurisdiction?

| | Very satisfied | Somewhat satisfied | Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | Somewhat dissatisfied | Very dissatisfied | Not applicable | Don't know |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **State Police** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | | ☐ |
| **County Sheriff's Office** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | | ☐ |
| **County Prosecutor's Office** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | | ☐ |
| **Local police** *(if applicable)* | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

**Q4.** *(County officials please skip)* **There can be many complex intergovernmental arrangements for law enforcement services. Which of the following best describes your jurisdiction's <u>primary</u> service delivery arrangement, if any, for law enforcement?**

☐ **DIRECTLY:** your jurisdiction directly provides this service for itself, for itself and other jurisdictions, or jointly with other jurisdictions

☐ **INDIRECTLY:** this service is provided by a special authority/district, another municipality, or County Sheriff through a contract

☐ **NONE:** your jurisdiction does not provide or contract for this service (i.e., it relies on the County Sheriff or State Police to respond)

☐ **Don't know**

**Q5.** Overall, do you believe the size of the workforce in the law enforcement agencies working in your jurisdiction is sufficient to deliver the needed law enforcement services?

| | Workforce size is completely sufficient | Somewhat sufficient | Somewhat insufficient | Completely insufficient | Not applicable | Don't know |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **County Sheriff's Office** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | | ☐ |
| **Local police** *(if applicable)* | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **County Prosecutor's Office** *(county officials only)* | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | | ☐ |

**Q6.** *(Please skip if your jurisdiction does not provide or contract for police services)* **To the best of your knowledge, how much of a problem, if at all, are the following personnel issues for the <u>primary</u> law enforcement agency serving your jurisdiction?**

| | Not a problem at all | Not much of a problem | Somewhat of a problem | A significant problem | Don't know |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Recruiting qualified officers** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **Retaining current officers** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **Poaching (i.e., officers leaving for positions with other local agencies)** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **Officer morale** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **Negative public interactions or perceptions** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **Lack of professional development and/or ongoing training** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **Too much required training** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **Other** *(please specify)* _____ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

**Q7.** *(Please skip if answered "not a problem at all" for recruitment or retention in Q6)* **If additional resources were available, which of the following, if any, do you think would most help your primary law enforcement agency recruit additional personnel and/or retain current personnel?** *(check all that apply)*

- ☐ **Revising hiring standards to produce a larger field of candidates**
- ☐ **Streamlining the hiring process (e.g., rolling testing opportunities, accelerated background checks, conditional offers, etc.)**
- ☐ **Increasing pay rates**
- ☐ **Increasing benefits**
- ☐ **Increasing nontraditional incentives (e.g., more paid time off, flexible schedules, childcare, tuition reimbursements, etc.)**
- ☐ **Professional development opportunities for officers' career advancement**
- ☐ **Creating or expanding "pipeline" programs (e.g., youth or cadet programs, apprenticeships, academy sponsorships, etc.)**
- ☐ **Investing in community trust and relationship-building**
- ☐ **None of the above**

- ☐ **Don't know**

**Q8.** *(Please skip if your jurisdiction does not provide or contract for police services)* **Please briefly share approaches your jurisdiction is currently pursuing, if any, that you think have been particularly successful in addressing law enforcement personnel issues.**

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**Q9.** *(For cities, villages, and townships)* **Whether or not law enforcement services are currently provided by your jurisdiction, do you think your jurisdiction appropriates too much, about the right amount, or too little funding to meet its current law enforcement needs?**

| Too much | About the right amount | Too little | Don't know |
|:---:|:---:|:---:|:---:|
| ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

**Q10.** *(For counties)* **Do you think your county appropriates too much, about the right amount, or too little funding to meet the needs of the …**

| | Too much | About the right amount | Too little | Don't know |
|---|:---:|:---:|:---:|:---:|
| **… Sheriff's Office?** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **… County Prosecutor's Office?** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

**Q11.** **Would you, in your role as a local official, support or oppose your jurisdiction pursuing additional local funding for law enforcement services through either a new millage or special assessment?**

| Strongly support | Somewhat support | Neither support nor oppose | Somewhat oppose | Strongly oppose | Don't know |
|:---:|:---:|:---:|:---:|:---:|:---:|
| ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

**Q12.** *(Please skip if your jurisdiction does not provide or contract for police services)* **If new state or federal funding for law enforcement became available to your jurisdiction, which of the following, if any, would be a priority for your Board/Council for allocating those funds?**

| | A very high priority for additional funding | Somewhat of a priority | Not much of a priority | Not a priority at all for additional funding | Don't know |
|---|:---:|:---:|:---:|:---:|:---:|
| **Hiring new law enforcement officers** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **Increasing pay or benefits for current law enforcement officers** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **Other recruitment/retention efforts** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **Mental health support for officers** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **Additional or improved training for officers** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **Updating current equipment** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **Investing in new technologies** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **Crisis response teams (i.e., trained mental health professionals that work with police to help with de-escalation in crises)** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **Addressing law enforcement pension or OPEB liabilities** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **Other** *(please specify)* _____ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

**Q13.** To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about crime and law enforcement in your jurisdiction?

| | Strongly agree | Somewhat agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Somewhat disagree | Strongly disagree | Don't know |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Public perceptions of crime in my jurisdiction have a negative effect on economic development and/or tourism. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| People in my jurisdiction generally feel confident that law enforcement will arrive in time to handle an emergency. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| The primary law enforcement agency that serves my jurisdiction is more effective now than it was five years ago. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Law enforcement policies have recently been a topic of discussion within my jurisdiction's government. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

**Q14.** To what extent, if any, would you say the following are currently (or have recently been) problems in your jurisdiction?

| | Not a problem at all | Not much of a problem | Somewhat of a problem | A significant problem | Don't know |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Violent crimes (e.g., rape, assault, homicide, etc.) | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Domestic violence / intimate partner violence | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Property crimes (e.g., burglary, vandalism, identity theft, embezzlement, etc.) | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Drug crimes | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Public-order offenses (e.g., DUI, weapons violations, disorderly conduct, traffic violations, etc.) | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Crime overall in your jurisdiction | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

**Q15.** Now, to the best of your knowledge, how likely or unlikely is it that the primary law enforcement agency working in your community will use the following practices in the near future, or are they already being used?

| | Already being used | Likely to adopt in the future | Unlikely to adopt in the future | Don't know |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Community policing (i.e., assigning officers to particular areas to build relationships with residents) | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| A civilian oversight board that advises the law enforcement agency | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Proactively making policing policies available for public review (e.g., on department or local government website) | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Policies mandating independent investigations into officer-involved injuries or deaths | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training for law enforcement officers in any of the following: de-escalation tactics, cultural understanding, and/or bias awareness | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Policies for recruiting or retaining a law enforcement workforce that reflects the racial and/or ethnic composition of your jurisdiction | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

**Q16.** To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about the relationship between community members and law enforcement officers that serve your jurisdiction?

| | Strongly agree | Somewhat agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Somewhat disagree | Strongly disagree | Don't know |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Most people in my jurisdiction trust our law enforcement officers. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Inappropriate use of force by law enforcement in my jurisdiction is (or has recently been) an issue. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| I'm concerned that a major incident of civil unrest connected to police use of force could happen in my jurisdiction in the near future. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Most law enforcement officers in my jurisdiction treat all people professionally regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender, or other characteristics. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Most people in my jurisdiction want fewer law enforcement officers patrolling their neighborhoods. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

**Q17.** Now, overall, how would you describe the relationship today between your jurisdiction's Board/Council and…

| | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Don't know |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| … the County Sheriff's Office? | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| … local police departments? *(if applicable)* | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| … the County Prosecutor's Office? *(if county)* | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

**Q18.** What do you think could be done, if anything, to improve the relationship between your jurisdiction's Board/Council and law enforcement agencies that work in your jurisdiction?

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Next, we're interested in your thoughts on alternative approaches to traditional policing that might involve other professionals such as mental health professionals or trained social workers in some circumstances (e.g., a substance abuse crisis, wellness checks, etc.).

**Q19.** Which of the following arrangements, if any, would you support for your community? *(check all that apply)*

☐ **Co-response** teams that involve mental health professionals, but are **led by law enforcement**
☐ **Alternative response** teams that involve mental health professionals **led by other departments** within local government (such as the fire department or public health department), but do not include police
☐ **Alternative response** teams that involve mental health professionals **administered by independent community groups,** and do not include police
☐ **Do not support these types of approaches**
☐ **Don't know**

**Q20.** Thinking about the introduction of co-responders or alternative responders as part of local policing, do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

| | Strongly agree | Somewhat agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Somewhat disagree | Strongly disagree | Don't know |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alternative crisis response options could save our jurisdiction money. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Civilian responders would not be safe responding to emergency calls. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| I trust 9-1-1 dispatchers to determine which professional should respond to an emergency. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding for co-responders or alternative responders will leave less funding for our primary law enforcement agency. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| An alternative responder program would help address law enforcement staffing challenges. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| People in our community would like another option to call in a crisis beyond law enforcement. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| We have too many 9-1-1 calls for police that do not require law enforcement attention. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Our community doesn't have enough qualified mental health professionals to implement a co-responder or alternative responder model. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

**Q21.** In your opinion, how difficult would it be to implement a co-responder or alternative responder program in your community?

| One has already been implemented | Not difficult at all to start a new program | Not very difficult | Somewhat difficult | Very difficult to start a new program | Don't know |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

**Q22.** *(If selected "already implemented" in Q21)* What advice would you give to other local governments that might be interested in adopting a co-responder or alternative responder program?

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**Q23.** *(If selected "do not support" in Q19)* **Would significant additional funding make you more likely to support the introduction of a co-responder or alternative responder program in your community?**

| It would not make any difference | Somewhat unlikely to make a difference | Somewhat likely to make a difference | It would make me much more likely to support a program | Don't know |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

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**Q24.** **The Michigan Legislature recently enacted an "Extreme Risk Protection Order Act" — sometimes referred to as a "red flag" law. This law provides for the issuance of Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs), which temporarily prohibit individuals judged to be at high risk of harming themselves or others from purchasing or possessing firearms.**

**How familiar would you say you are with this new law?**

☐ Very familiar — I know a great deal about it
☐ Somewhat familiar — I have heard of it, and understand it fairly well, but don't know many details
☐ Mostly unfamiliar — I have heard of it, but know very little about it
☐ Completely unfamiliar — I have never heard of it before
☐ Don't know

**Q25.** *(Please skip if "completely unfamiliar" in Q24)* **The Extreme Risk Protection Order Act allows several different categories of people—including family members, mental health professionals, and law enforcement officers—to file an ERPO petition. When thinking about the new ERPO Act, how confident are you that…**

| | Very confident | Somewhat confident | Not very confident | Not confident at all | Don't know |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| … local law enforcement officers have sufficient training to decide when an ERPO is appropriate? | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| … local officers have sufficient training on the process for petitioning the court for an ERPO? | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| … local non-law enforcement petitioners will use the ERPO process correctly? | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| … judges in your county will make appropriate decisions regarding ERPOs? | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| … local law enforcement officers will be safe when serving an ERPO in your county? | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| … ERPOs are likely to reduce gun violence? | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

**Q26.** *(Please skip if your jurisdiction does not provide or contract for police services)* **Next, thinking about the policing equipment and technology used by the primary law enforcement agency serving your jurisdiction, to the best of your knowledge, how likely or unlikely is it that law enforcement will use the following types of equipment in the near future, or are they already being used?**

| | Already being used | Likely to adopt in the future | Unlikely to adopt in the future | Don't know |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Unmanned aerial vehicles (i.e., drones) | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Dashboard cameras | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Body cameras | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Other public surveillance cameras (e.g., on buildings, streetlights, etc.) | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Automated license plate readers | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Facial recognition technology | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Predictive policing tools (e.g., using AI to help anticipate or assess crime) | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

**Q27.** *(Please only answer for those technologies that are currently in use in your jurisdiction)* **Thinking about the positives and negatives of using these policing technologies or equipment (e.g., financial impacts, reduced crime, community opposition to a technology, etc.), do you agree or disagree that they have been <u>a worthwhile investment</u> for your community?**

| | Strongly agree | Somewhat agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Somewhat disagree | Strongly disagree | Don't know |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Unmanned aerial vehicles (i.e., drones) | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Dashboard cameras | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Body cameras | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Other public surveillance cameras (e.g., on buildings, streetlights, etc.) | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Automated license plate readers | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Facial recognition technology | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Predictive policing tools (e.g., using AI to help anticipate or assess crime) | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

**Q28.** In some places, automated tools make assessments about public safety risks that in the past were made by people. For example, keyword tracking software may be used to monitor social media for events where a crime might happen. In your opinion, are the assessments made by these tools generally more or less accurate than those made by humans?

| More accurate | About the same | Less accurate | Don't know |
|:---:|:---:|:---:|:---:|
| ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

Now, we have a few questions about accountability in law enforcement.

**Q29.** Some people believe that law enforcement officers whose actions cause harm or violate individuals' civil rights should be held legally accountable. Others think they should be protected due to the nature of their job. Although every case is unique, in general, do you agree or disagree that law enforcement officers should be held legally accountable if they are found to have engaged in misconduct?

| Strongly agree | Somewhat agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Somewhat disagree | Strongly disagree | Don't know |
|:---:|:---:|:---:|:---:|:---:|:---:|
| ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

**Q30.** In your opinion, overall, how confident are residents in your community that instances of law enforcement officers' misconduct will be dealt with effectively?

| Residents are very confident | Somewhat confident | Not very confident | Residents are not confident at all | Don't know |
|:---:|:---:|:---:|:---:|:---:|
| ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

**Q31.** Regardless of whether or not various systems are currently in place to address law enforcement misconduct, to what extent would you support or oppose the following policies?

| | Strongly support | Somewhat support | Neither support nor oppose | Somewhat oppose | Strongly oppose | Don't know |
|---|:---:|:---:|:---:|:---:|:---:|:---:|
| **A nationwide and/or statewide database identifying law enforcement officers with misconduct charges or job terminations, <u>accessible only to law enforcement agencies</u>** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **A nationwide and/or statewide misconduct database, <u>accessible to the public</u>** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **Formal penalties for law enforcement agencies that fail to review a potential hire's history of misconduct with previous department(s)** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **A formal decertification process for officers in Michigan found to have engaged in felonies or other illegal acts** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

**Q32.** *(Please skip if your jurisdiction does not provide or contract for police services)* **Regardless of whether or not the primary law enforcement agency serving your jurisdiction currently has a formal civilian oversight commission or board that can review issues or complaints regarding its operations, do you support or oppose having one for your primary law enforcement agency?**

| Strongly support | Somewhat support | Neither support nor oppose | Somewhat oppose | Strongly oppose | Don't know |
|:---:|:---:|:---:|:---:|:---:|:---:|
| ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

**Q33.** Now, thinking about sources of information on policing strategies and practice, in general, how much do you <u>trust</u> the following sources?

| | Very much | Somewhat | Not much | Not at all | Don't know |
|---|:---:|:---:|:---:|:---:|:---:|
| **Examples from law enforcement agencies in neighboring or similar communities** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **Michigan local government organizations (e.g., MML, MTA, MAC)** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **Michigan law enforcement associations (e.g., Michigan Sheriffs Association, Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police)** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **National law enforcement associations (e.g., National Police Association, International Association of Chiefs of Police)** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **Non-profits or advocacy organizations (e.g., Center for Policing Equity, ACLU, MADD)** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **Universities or academic research** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **Feedback from residents** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **Policing technology manufacturers (e.g., Shotspotter, Lexipol, Flock Safety)** | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

**Finally, if you have just a few more minutes to spare, the following six questions are ones that the MPPS asks every year, so that we can continue to report on important trends over time and across the state.**

**Q34.** Thinking about the financial needs of your jurisdiction, would you say that your unit of government is <u>less able</u> or <u>better able</u> to meet its financial needs in...

| | Significantly less able | Somewhat less able | Neither less nor better able | Somewhat better able | Significantly better able | Don't know |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| … <u>this</u> fiscal year compared to the last fiscal year? | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| … the <u>next</u> fiscal year compared to this fiscal year? | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

**Q35.** Thinking about your jurisdiction's fiscal needs, overall, do you consider your jurisdiction's unreserved/unassigned general fund balance to be too high, about right, or too low?

☐ Too high ☐ About right ☐ Too low ☐ Don't know

**Q36.** In your opinion, is your jurisdiction's cash flow and its ability to pay bills in a timely manner a significant fiscal problem, somewhat of a problem, not much of a problem, or not a problem at all?

☐ A significant problem ☐ Somewhat of a problem ☐ Not much of a problem ☐ Not a problem at all ☐ Don't know

**Q37.** Now, thinking about the overall fiscal stress in your jurisdiction today and what you expect it to be down the road — including any future financial obligations it may have — on a scale from 1 to 10, where <u>1 is the best: perfect fiscal health</u> and <u>10 is the worst: fiscal crisis</u>, how would you rate your jurisdiction's overall fiscal stress…

| | The best: Perfect fiscal health | | | | | | | | | The worst: Fiscal crisis | Don't know |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| … today? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | ☐ |
| … as you expect it to be five years from now? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | ☐ |

**Q38.** We'd like to ask more broadly about your opinion of the state of our democracy as a system of government. Think about things like free and fair elections, rule of law, an unbiased free press, balanced relationships between levels and branches of government, ethical and transparent governance, an informed and engaged electorate, etc.  On a scale from 1 to 10, where <u>1 is a total breakdown of democracy</u> and <u>10 is perfectly functioning democracy</u>, how would you rate the functioning of democracy today in…

| | Total breakdown of democracy | | | | | | | | | Perfectly functioning democracy | Don't know |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| … your jurisdiction? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | ☐ |
| … the state of Michigan? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | ☐ |
| … the United States? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | ☐ |

**Q39.** We are interested in learning more about policy issues according to whether communities are rural, urban, or somewhere in between. How would you characterize your jurisdiction?

☐ Rural ☐ Mostly rural ☐ Mostly urban ☐ Urban ☐ Don't know

**Q40.** 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. <u>Your personal information will not be shared with any outside sources</u>. As with all of the questions in this survey, these are optional.

Your name _____     Your email address _____

We would like to ask some demographic questions. As with all of the questions in this survey, these are optional. Responses will be reported in aggregate form only so that your individual responses will remain confidential.

**Q41. Are you…?**

☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Self-describe _____

**Q42. In what year were you born?** _____

**Q43. How many years have you served in your current position?**
_____

**Q44. Are you of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino descent?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

**Q45. 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
☐ Asian
☐ Multiracial
☐ Other
☐ Don't know

**Q46. What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?**

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

**Q47. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a… ?**

☐ Republican ☐ Independent ☐ Democrat
☐ Something else *(please specify)* _____

**Q48.** *(if Republican or Democrat)* **Would you consider yourself a strong or not very strong Republican/Democrat?**

☐ Very strong ☐ Not very strong ☐ Don't know

**Q49.** *(if Independent or something else)* **Would you consider yourself closer to… ?**

☐ the Democratic Party ☐ the Republican Party ☐ Neither