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PERCEPTIONS OF CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY FOR THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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One of the District's paramount concerns is for student safety and security on campus. We are conducting a brief survey on perceptions of campus safety and security now and in the future. We are trying to collect data from the broadest possible sample of the campus community. Your voice matters and we want to hear from everyone. **Your responses are kept confidential** and the results will only be used to guide future decision making by the District on matters of campus safety and security. The survey should take less than 15 minutes.

I. Which LACCD campus is your HOME college or PRIMARY work location? (Required Field)

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| <input type="radio"/> East LA | <input type="radio"/> Harbor | <input type="radio"/> Valley |
| <input type="radio"/> East LA - Corporate Center | <input type="radio"/> Mission | <input type="radio"/> West LA |
| <input type="radio"/> East LA - South Gate Educational Center | <input type="radio"/> Pierce | <input type="radio"/> ESC |
| | <input type="radio"/> Southwest | <input type="radio"/> Van de Kamp |
| | <input type="radio"/> Trade-Tech | |

II. Which best describes your primary role in the LACCD community? (Required Field)

- Student
- Faculty
- Classified Staff
- Administrator

1. Prior to the pandemic limiting on-campus experiences, generally how safe have you felt in the following situations? (Mark one response for each item)

- A. On campus during the daytime
 - B. On campus during the evening
 - C. In campus parking lots
 - D. In other campus facilities
- Very Safe
 - Somewhat Safe
 - Not Very Safe
 - Not At All Safe

2. Prior to the pandemic limiting on-campus experiences, has fear of crime or victimization: (Mark one response for each item)

- A. Interfered with your campus experience
 - B. Made you less willing to come campus or specific campuses
 - C. Made me not participate in something that I wanted to do on campus
- Yes
 - No

3. Thinking about your experiences when you were on campus at [College Name], please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements. (Mark one response for each item)

- A. The college adequately invests in the safety of the campus community
- B. The college adequately provides for the safety of the campus community
- C. There are an adequate number of armed LASD personnel on campus
 - Strongly Agree
 - Agree
 - Neither Agree or Disagree
 - Disagree
 - Strongly Disagree

4. Please rate the following problems on campus. Put the most serious problem at the top of the list and the least serious problem at the bottom of the list. You can drag the items by clicking on each item and pulling it to the desired place in the list. (The most serious problem should be on top)

- Presence of weapons
- Presence of drugs
- Presence of gangs
- Moving violations
- Sexual harassment
- Violent crime (e.g., assaults, robbery)
- Property crime (e.g., theft of personal property, vehicle break-ins or thefts, vandalism, graffiti)
- Parking problems (e.g., parking in no parking zone or sidewalks, illegally parking in disabled parking space)
- Homelessness/Panhandling
- Sexual violence

5. Prior to the pandemic limiting on-campus experiences, in general, how effective do you feel that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) has been at doing the following things at [College Name]? (Mark one response for each item)

- A. Preventing property crime (e.g., theft of property, theft of vehicles, vehicle break-ins)
- B. Preventing violent crime
- C. Addressing the needs of the campus community
- D. Responding to calls for help in a timely manner
- E. Building positive relationships with broader campus community
- F. Being a resource for the campus community
 - Extremely Effective
 - Very Effective
 - Moderately Effective
 - Slightly Effective
 - Not Effective At All
 - I Don't Know

6. Prior to the pandemic limiting on-campus experiences, please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements. *(Mark one response for each item)*

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) at [College Name]:

- A. Can be counted on to do the right thing on campus
- B. Treat people fairly regardless of who they are
- C. Act professionally in the performance of their duties
- D. Make me feel safer when I am on campus
- E. Make me feel at ease when I see them
- F. Are a necessary part of the campus community
- G. Respect people's rights when interacting with them
- H. Treat people with dignity and respect
- I. Listen to all sides before making a decision
- J. Have trustworthy motives for their decisions
- K. Would help keep me safe in the event of an emergency
- L. Are a resource I feel comfortable using if needed
- M. Care about the safety of everyone in the campus community
- N. Provide quality service to the campus community

7. Prior to the pandemic limiting on-campus experiences, please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements: *(Mark one response for each item)*

- A. I would help LASD personnel solve a crime if asked
 - B. I would comply with LASD personnel directives, even if I disagree with them
 - C. I know how to contact/where to find LASD personnel on campus
 - D. There are too many LASD personnel on campus for my liking
- Strongly Agree
 - Agree
 - Neither Agree or Disagree
 - Disagree
 - Strongly Disagree

8. Have you had contact with a member of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD) while at [College Name]? *(Required Field) (If Yes, the survey continues. If No, the survey skips to question 14.)*

- Yes
- No

9. Approximately how many contacts have you had with LASD personnel at [College Name]?

- 1
- 2 - 3
- 4 -5
- 6 -10
- More than 10

10. Approximately, when was your most recent contact with LASD personnel at [College Name]?

- Within the last 6 months
- More than 6 months ago, but less than a year
- 1 -2 years ago
- More than 2 years ago

11. Please describe the reason for your most recent contact with LASD personnel at [College Name].

- As a victim of a property crime (e.g., theft of property, vehicle broken into)
- As a victim of a violent crime
- As a witness to a crime
- As a suspect of a crime
- During a traffic stop
- During a pedestrian/bicycle stop
- Due a parking issue/infraction
- Request for assistance (e.g., building/room access, escort)
- Due to an injury
- Due to a disturbance in the classroom
- During classroom presentation or training
- During a community meeting or event
- During an evacuation or emergency event
- Other type of contact (*Please Specify:*)
[Textbox]

12. Thinking about your most recent contact with LASD personnel at [College Name], please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following statements. (*Mark one response for each item*)

- A. The LASD personnel responded in a reasonable amount of time
 - B. The LASD personnel treated me with dignity and respect
 - C. The LASD personnel listened to my side of the story
 - D. The LASD personnel made decisions based on the facts and not personal biases
 - E. The LASD personnel clearly explained the reasons for his/her actions
 - F. The LASD personnel explained what--if anything--would happen next in the process
 - G. The duration of my encounter was reasonable
 - H. I would feel comfortable dealing with this member of the LASD again in the future
 - I. I was satisfied with the outcome of the contact
- Strongly Agree
 - Agree
 - Neither Agree or Disagree
 - Disagree
 - Strongly Disagree

13. During the course of your last contact with LASD staff, did any of the following occur?

- A. The LASD personnel spoke to me in an inappropriate manner
 - B. The LASD personnel searched me, my possessions, or my vehicle
 - C. The LASD personnel confiscated property from me
 - D. The LASD personnel raised their voice to me
 - E. The LASD personnel threatened to use physical force against me
 - F. The LASD personnel actually used force against me (e.g., baton, Taser, punch, kick)
 - G. I asked to speak with a supervisor from the LASD
 - H. I thought about filing a complaint against LASD personnel
 - I. I actually filed a complaint against LASD personnel
- Yes
 - No

14. If LACCD were to re-envision public safety on campus moving forward, please rate the following potential options for the future of public safety. Please drag the items into the order you prefer from 1 (most preferred option) to 6 (least preferred option). *(The most preferred option should be on top)*

- The continued presence of LASD--deputies and security guards--on campus
- Unarmed private security
- Armed private security
- Non-LASD public police--armed with firearms
- Non-LASD public campus security--unarmed
- No campus security/police

15. As public safety at [College Name] is reimagined in the future, how much emphasis should be placed on the following? *(Mark one response for each item)*

- A. Being approachable to members of the campus community
- B. Being accessible to member of the campus community
- C. Having more casual interactions with member of the campus community
- D. Enforcing traffic laws
- E. Being highly visible on campus
- F. Providing relevant education and training to the campus community
- G. Gathering feedback from the campus community
- H. Providing escorts on campus
- I. Reducing the presence of homeless or transients on campus
- J. Stopping and questioning suspicious people on campus

- A Great Deal
- Somewhat
- Minimal
- Not At All

16. In your opinion, how much money should the District spend on campus safety and security per student per year? Please enter whole numbers between 0 and 1,000. There is no need to include the dollar sign (\$).

[Textbox]

17. Is there anything else that you would like to tell us about your perceptions of campus safety and security that have not been addressed previously? We are especially interested if you have thoughts about what you would like to see in the future.

[Textbox]

Finally, we will ask you some basic demographic questions. These questions will be used to ensure that we have sufficient responses for all members of the campus community and to provide opportunities to examine potential differences in the perceptions and experiences of different constituencies.

III. Which of the following racial/ethnic groups do you most identify with?

- Asian
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Black or African American
- Filipino
- Hispanic/Latino
- Multi-Ethnicity/Multi-Racial
- Pacific Islander
- White, non-Hispanic/Latino
- Decline to Answer

IV. Which of the following gender do you most identify with?

- Female
- Male
- Non-Binary
- Decline to Answer

V. What is your age?

- 19 and Under
- 20 -24
- 25 - 34
- 35 – 39
- 40 – 49
- 50 and Over
- Decline to Answer

Thank you very much for completing this survey!

If you have any questions about this survey, please e-mail researchsurvey@email.laccd.edu.

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